

**CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI  
REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
MINUTES**

**City Hall  
Council Chambers**

**February 7, 2011  
7:00 pm**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Alderwoman Clements, Alderman Leahy, Alderwoman Krewson, Alderman Kramer, Alderman Robertson, Alderman Wynn and Alderman Harper.

Absent: Alderman Marshall.

Staff present: City Attorney Albrecht, City Clerk/Administrator Seemayer, Director of Planning and Development Rottjakob and Executive Secretary Williams.

Alderman Robertson stated that Alderman Marshall had a heart attack a week ago Sunday. The prognosis is very good. He is awake and talking, after being kept sedated for several days, with minimal damage to his heart. He is in the recovery stage now.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2011 BOA AGENDA**

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Wynn to approve the BOA meeting agenda of February 7, 2011. All in favor none opposed.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 3, 2011 BOA MINUTES**

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Leahy to approve the January 3, 2011 BOA meeting minutes. All in favor none opposed.

**BIDS** – None

**HEARING OF ANY MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST UPON REQUEST OF ANY PERSON PRESENT**

Martin Pion, resident at 6 Manor Lane, Ferguson, MO came before the Board to address the issue of second-hand smoke. The City of Brentwood Board of Aldermen is taking a leadership role and he would like to see the City of Ferguson follow their example. They were strong supporters of the measures passed by St. Louis City and the St. Louis County's smoke free ordinances. As you know, both City and County ordinances were significantly flawed and it was simply because they could not overcome some of the opposition, like the gaming industry and the casinos. They were strongly opposed and a number of bars were opposed as well, and were given exemptions. Exemptions are not a good idea. The so-called level playing field should apply here. Why make exemptions when it is a public health issue. You do not make exemptions by saying that some people will be protected and others will not. He would like to see the Board stick to its guns on the smoking issue and not look to add exemptions to weaken the ordinance, but if possible, look to improving it. Brentwood has one of the strongest ordinances in the nation, so Ferguson should copy Brentwood's ordinance. He applauded the

Board for their effort and advised them to stand firm. There is no reason why anybody should have to be involuntarily exposed to second hand smoke. In 1986, they were saying that second-hand smoke kills approximately 3,000 non-smokers a year. It took a long time to do something about it. He suggested that the Board not go backwards, but go forward.

Leo Lang, Goff Moll Post 101 came before the Board and stated that the City of Brentwood to his knowledge has given no exemptions to the ordinance. After having done a significant amount of research, he would challenge Mr. Pion to show one study accepted by the federal government that states that second hand smoke is bad for you. The only one that was offered to the FDA was rejected as flawed. The Goff Moll Post has tried to comply with everything that the Board has asked. They are asking that the Board allow them their freedom of choice as ex-service members to choose what they want to do and not run the last service facility in the city of Brentwood out of town. They can last financially another month and a half without allowing smoking. January was a disaster, financially. Yesterday they had fifteen people, which is less than 1/3 of what they had last Super Bowl Sunday. It is really a matter of their survival and they would appreciate it if the Board would allow them to survive after 70 something years in Brentwood.

Dan Moushey, 2215 St. Clair Avenue came before the Board and stated that he is a past commander, co-building manager, a past building treasurer and a lifetime member of the American Legion Post, Brentwood Missouri. He thanked the Mayor for his leadership and the majority of the aldermen for passing the Clean Air Act. He could only assume that they were trying to protect the people of Brentwood from the insidious effects of second-hand smoke. He is sure that the Board would not want to protect just the Italians, Irish or any other group of people. Tonight the Board will be asked to vote on a bill to allow second-hand smoke to work its insidious magic on our veterans. The rhetorical question he would ask is why the Board would want to protect everyone else except our veterans.

### **INTRODUCTIONS, READINGS, AND PASSAGE OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Bill No. 5580 – Amendment to Smoking Ordinance**

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy, second by Alderwoman Clements to remove Bill No. 5580 from hold. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

#### **Bill No. 5586 – Signage Plan at 2244 S. Brentwood**

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Robertson to remove Bill No. 5586 from hold. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

First and Second Readings of Bills

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy, second by Alderwoman Krewson to give Bills No. 5580, 5586, 5587 and 5588 first and second readings. All in favor none opposed.

Bill No. 5580 – Amending Chapter 13

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5580, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE XII OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI BY DELETING SECTION 13-251 (a) (6), AND ENACTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 13-251 (a) (6), ADDING A NEW PARAGRAPH (7) TO SECTION 13-251, AS IT RELATES TO DEFINITIONS, AND ADDING A NEW PARAGRAPH (e) TO SECTION 13-254, AS IT RELATES TO PLACES WHERE SMOKING IS NOT REGULATED; PROVIDING FOR THE CURRENT MAINTENANCE OF THIS CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, its first and second readings.

Alderman Kramer read a synopsis of Bill No. 5580 as a Bill that amends Ordinance #4243, which prohibits smoking in designated locations. The amendment changes the definition for “places of employment”, adds a definition for “private clubs” and adds a Section to locations where smoking is not regulated. If approved, this Ordinance would become effective on January 1, 2011. THIS BILL WAS PLACED ON HOLD AT THE DECEMBER 6, 2010, BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING.

Alderman Leahy asked the Board to support Bill No. 5580. For the benefit of the audience, he stated that in order for a bill to pass in the City of Brentwood, five yes votes must be affirmed to the bill. The first contention to ask in the original ordinance that the City of Brentwood passed is an action of smoking legal and authorized in the United States. There is an age limit for purchasers but it is a legal product, same as alcohol. Both of those products have dangers or adverse affects in society, but it is up to the individual to make the choice. He does not think government has the position to stand in the way of allowing the individual choice of freedom. He asked the Board to consider exempting the Post from the smoking ordinance and establish the exemption, both as a place of employment and as a private club; to allow the owners of the premises and the group itself to do what they think is right for their members. They have come twice to the Board and communicated that they have done internal voting and polling of their members. One poll was done with a sixteen-member group at a board meeting and the results were 15 to 1. The second poll went out to the members and it came back 59 to 4. The Post came in a month ago and identified to the Board that it is a non-profit organization that do great work for the city of Brentwood, its residents and different organizations within the Brentwood area. The Post is not a commercial enterprise. They have been advised and are under the understanding that if amended Bill No. 5580 passes that the Post would have to apply for and secure a private club liquor license. They are very much willing to do that if such would be authorized by the Board to classify them as a private club. Prior to that, there is no sense in going after such a license if this Board has not established that identification for them. It is a chicken and egg argument as to what should come first and what follows. They have given the

promise to the Board that they will comply. They have complied with the City of Brentwood's ordinance since January 1 mainly as good citizens and secondly to get an idea of how this bill affects their actions. As Mr. Lang explained this evening, they are going through a learning curve and it is hurting their business. This group has gone out of their way to protect this country and these rights. They should have the ability to make individual decisions and do not need this government to tell them how to get there.

Alderman Wynn stated that he has never smoked and he does not want to. Two of his sons went to the military. One served in both Gulf Wars. The other one is working at Walter Reed Hospital and never smoked. A veteran approached them recently that caused his attitude to change. He began thinking about when he was younger and a man went into the military he was given free cigarettes. Many people that were in the war started smoking because they were under stress and many elderly men are smokers because their government provided them with cigarettes. His heart says that the veterans who have given so much for this country ought to have a place where they can go and be able to enjoy a cigarette. There is second-hand smoke, but he is supporting the veterans.

Alderwoman Krewson reiterated her reasons against smoking and her support of the smoking ban. As she said before, her brother and father both smoked heavily and died of lung cancer. Her ex-husband also died of lung cancer. She has had cancer, so she is very much against smoking in all forms.

Alderwoman Clements stated that she has spoken to Mr. Lang about establishing a smoking area outside the building. She thinks that is the best solution. She appreciates everything our veterans have done and she respects and honors them. She is not telling them that they cannot smoke but she is going to stick with the original ordinance, which leveled the playing field.

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy, second by Alderman Wynn to approve and adopt Bill No. 5580. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, no; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, no; Alderman Kramer, no; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

Bill No. 5580 failed.

Bill No. 5586 – Signage Plan 2244 S. Brentwood

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5586, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR A SIGNAGE PLAN FOR 2244 S. BRENTWOOD BOULEVARD; PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND, ESTABLISHING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, its first and second readings.

Director of Planning and Development Rottjakob stated that the applicant is requesting a new wall sign to indicate the price point of the Dry Clean Spot to be located between the clock and the existing wall sign as depicted in the rendering. It will be a \$2.50 button sign. As a condition of the sign plan amendment the clock is to be repaired in good working order and maintained.

Alderman Wynn stated that there is a Dry Clean Spot in Ballwin and their price is \$2.75.

Mayor Kelly stated that the sign is inappropriate and it looks cheap. A signage is for the name of the company, so people can find the location. It is not to put the prices on the walls. One of the questions at the last meeting was if the \$2.50 was part of their signage or their business. Obviously if different locations have different prices then it is not part of their name.

Alderman Wynn asked if the price goes up would the sign be changed.

Alderman Leahy stated that in the minutes from last month's meeting on page 6, he asked Mrs. Rottjakob if they could possibly get a clarification because the true name of the establishment was not clear. The question was is the price point part of the name registered with the City on the business license.

Mrs. Rottjakob responded no.

Alderman Leahy stated that he would hesitate to post pricing as an advertisement. Walgreens asked them if they could post their electronic sign for the same purpose of advertisement and they respectfully requested that they consider other means of advertisement. It is more conducive to the community to have the business, but not the signage with pricing as a discount shop.

Alderman Kramer read a synopsis of Bill No. 5586 as a Bill that would amend the Conditional Use Permit/Site Plan for Dry Clean Spot, located at 2244 South Brentwood Blvd. The applicant has requested to amend the signage plan to add a wall sign between the existing wall sign and the clock and to add a third tenant panel to the existing ground sign. The Planning & Zoning Commission has reviewed the request and is recommending approval with the condition that the clock be repaired and maintained in working order. THIS BILL WAS PLACED ON HOLD AT THE JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2011, BOARD OF ALDEERMEN MEETING.

Alderman Kramer stated that he concurs with the comments that were made. He felt the same way at the last meeting when they spoke about it. It was the topic of whether or not this pricing was part of their name. Going back to the days when he was on the Planning and Zoning Commission, this kind of thing came up and it was always received negatively. You can set up a situation with several other Dry Cleaners or other businesses in town who also want the same type of opportunity and it could get to be a polluted type of a signage arrangement. He is against the bill.

Alderman Leahy stated that he does not oppose the business wishing to put the third panel up for the monument sign but as he understands it, they vote on the bill as a full package.

Mayor Kelly responded that the Board could amend the bill.

Kris Ramji, Dry Clean Spot located at 2244 S. Brentwood Boulevard came before the Board and stated that the DBA registered with St. Louis County is \$2.50 Dry Clean Spot. He realizes it is inconsistent with the business license because of a clerical mistake. The Manchester Road location is registered with the DBA of \$2.75 Dry Clean Spot. The price of their business has always been the name. The only way they distinguish themselves is through their price point. In doing so, they try to bring a balance of things which is a good environmentally friendly product and a value to the people of the community. They focus on being a community-oriented business. They have built multiple locations in different areas and all of them have the price exactly how it was shown on the renderings. There are times when the price changes. The reason for the difference in price between Brentwood and Manchester was a difference in cost in getting the operation up and running. In order for them to justify the cost of the rent in the Ballwin location, the price had to be a little bit higher. They were able to have a lower price in Brentwood because of the cost of equipment, solvents and things like that when they opened. There may be a time in the future where the Brentwood location may require a price increase but that would be extremely rare. If the price increases, it is usually once in three to five years. The reason they did not apply for the \$2.50 signage when they originally went through the Planning and Zoning Commission was because of a mistake. He was not a part of those meetings, it was the first time he had done a location in the city, state and county, and they simply missed it. When it came time to apply and put their sign up was when they realized it. They are having some trouble at the Brentwood store because people have no idea why they are different. The price is what gives them the opportunity to gain the business. A significant amount of money has been spent on advertising, triple what has been spent at any other location. The problem is he is spending money on advertising and discounting his price to get people in the door but it is still not working like they want it to and that is why he went to the Planning and Zoning Commission again. He was not opposed to compromising on the look of the sign. The idea is to find something that can please everyone and produce a good long-term result. The sign that is depicted below the clock with the price in it was a suggestion from one of the Planning and Zoning members. He had originally put a smaller button circle with the price in it and the P&Z Commission member proposed something different. He wanted to replace the clock and display the button sign. They felt that they would rather have the clock and then add the sign on top of it. He even offered at one time to put the background of the clock as the price and maintain the clock with a different background. What everyone sees in front of them is not what he wanted. It creates a significant amount of additional expense for him, but he is willing to make it work for everybody. His plan is to hold the price stable as long as possible. Mr. Ramji said that he has maintained the \$2.50 price for two years and is willing to make an agreement to maintain the price for a period-of-time to accomplish a goal.

Alderwoman Clements asked for clarification if the \$2.50 is already a part of the monument sign.

Mr. Ramji responded yes.

Alderman Kramer stated that the bill references the monument sign as it is currently depicted. He does not have a problem with the monument sign. His only problem would be the portion

that is depicted on the clock tower, so if Alderman Leahy's suggestion were to parse that out he would be agreeable to it.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Kramer to eliminate the \$2.50 price from the clock tower sign.

Alderman Leahy asked for clarification, if they were they looking to remove what is stated in the second bullet point in Sections 1 and 2.

Alderwoman Clements responded that is correct.

Alderman Harper stated that the owner agreed to maintain the clock with the addition of the \$2.50 price. He does not know that it would be fair for Mr. Ramji to change the agreement and have them vote on it if it is not what he originally thought was going to happen.

Mayor Kelly stated that when they originally approved the site plan the owner agreed to maintain the clock, so that is not part of these negotiations.

Alderman Leahy asked Mr. Ramji if the amendment that is being proposed is acceptable to him.

Mr. Ramji stated that in the two years that he has been in Brentwood, he has made sacrifices to do certain thing and the clock has been a nightmare for him. The way that it is wired and the age of it makes it next to impossible to maintain. So far, he is the only person that is able to go up there and set the clock. He has to climb up on the roof, through a crawl space, turn a switch on and hold two wires to get it to move. It does not keep proper time and loses about one minute a day. He would have to replace the clocks to get them to work properly. He cannot have the sign to help him improve his revenue but he has to spend about \$3,500 to replace the clocks, which he does not have because he is spending so much money on advertising.

Alderman Leahy stated as the motion is currently presented it gives Mr. Ramji the ability to go to his third tenant and get signage. He will agree with Mr. Ramji that he has a business dilemma as to how to get people in the door. Location is nice but getting people in the door is hard. Alderman Leahy asked Mr. Ramji if he would like them to move forward on the bill as it currently sits or would he like to withdraw the proposal and come back with an alternative.

Mayor Kelly stated that he does not think anybody has a problem with the monument sign, so the Board can go ahead with the amendment of the bill. Mr. Ramji would have to go back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further recommendation.

Alderman Leahy stated that if they accept the amendment then they have already forced the owner to go back to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Before they go through that arrangement, he would like to make sure that the business owner is working in the same direction as they are and that they are not at odds with each other.

Mayor Kelly stated that he does not think that Mr. Ramji would be happy with the decision but either way he will have to go back to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Alderman Kramer stated that he is very sympathetic to Mr. Ramji's plight. He is a customer of the Brentwood Dry Clean Spot. He has found it to be very well run. The clothes are always done well and the price is very effective. Businesses up and down Brentwood Boulevard have had a tough time the last few years because of the economy. They are all hopeful that things will get better. In a situation like this, perhaps as some more time passes things will get better for Mr. Ramji and it will not be as tight financially. He understands that it is difficult and challenging.

Alderman Robertson asked if the owner would be permitted to have the price point sign in the window to add to his visibility.

Mrs. Rottjakob responded that up to 20% of the window area could be covered with the window sign and they do not need a permit for that.

Mr. Ramji stated that he has requested a window sign with one solid color and a star burst with the price that states "same day service" but that was not approved either. He is frustrated. He has put blinds up to cover the windows from the sunlight.

Mrs. Rottjakob stated that since the Dry Clean Spot is in the Planned Development District, Mr. Ramji could include his request in an application.

Roll call on amending Bill No. 5586 to remove the \$2.50 portion from the sign package: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

Mayor Kelly stated that they would try to come up with another solution. The business has been a great addition and they will do everything they can to help.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderwoman Krewson to approve and adopt Bill No. 5586 as amended. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

The Mayor thereupon declared Bill No. 5586 duly passed and signed same into approval thereof. Said Bill was given Ordinance No. 4268.

#### Bill No. 5587 – Mosquito Control Services

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5587, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A

CONTRACT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICES, its first and second readings.

Alderman Kramer read a synopsis of Bill No. 5587 as a Bill that would authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with St. Louis County for allowing the County to provide mosquito larviciding services in Brentwood. This is a service where the County treats standing pools of water to prevent the hatching of mosquitos. The fee for this service is \$45 per hour. The City provides mosquito-spraying services in house.

Alderman Leahy stated that he was under the impression that the treatment of standing water was \$72.00 an hour rate.

City Administrator Seemayer stated that the bill states in Section 2, a., that St. Louis County is to be paid for mosquito control services, including adulticiding at the rate of \$72.00 and for other mosquito services, including larviciding, at \$45.00 per hour.

Alderman Leahy stated that the synopsis is using the \$45.00 figure because that is the only portion of the service that they have elected to use. Would it be an extra expense for the City to accomplish this task on its own by spraying or is that something the City is not equipped to accomplish.

City Administrator Seemayer stated that it is not that it is terribly expensive because the cost is typically between \$500 and \$600 per year. The County will test the creek for problems and the City does not have the equipment or training to do that. It is worth it to pay what they consider a small amount for the testing and treatment services.

Alderman Leahy stated that in the past residents have asked about the timing for getting the spraying done. He gets complaints of the running of the truck past the school as all of the soccer games and the evening programs are breaking up when everybody is standing along the roadway. Is that the only and best time to get it done?

City Administrator Seemayer stated that the ideal time is around dusk.

Alderman Leahy stated that the City is very much attuned to what is going on in schedules and trying to accomplish what is best for the citizens. Unfortunately, there is a give and take.

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy, second by Alderwoman Clements to approve and adopt Bill No. 5587. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

The Mayor thereupon declared Bill No. 5587 duly passed and signed same into approval thereof. Said Bill was given Ordinance No. 4269.

Bill No. 5588 – Dispatch and Holding Services

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5588, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI FOR DISPATCH AND HOLDING SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY OF ROCK HILL FOR POLICE, FIRE AND AMBULANCE CALLS BY THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI, its first and second readings.

Alderman Kramer read synopsis of Bill No. 5588 as a Bill that approves a contract between the City of Brentwood and the City of Rock Hill that allows Brentwood to provide dispatching services for police, fire and ambulance calls for Rock Hill at an annual rate of \$53,045. Brentwood also agrees to provide prisoner-holding services for Rock Hill at a rate of \$15 per day. The contract covers the period April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012.

Alderman Leahy stated that there is no increase to the cost of the services.

City Administrator Seemayer responded that is correct. They were able to do that with some restructuring they did in-house.

Motion was made by Alderman Kramer, second by Alderwoman Clements to approve and adopt Bill No. 5588. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

The Mayor thereupon declared Bill No. 5588 duly passed and signed same into approval thereof. Said Bill was given Ordinance No. 4270.

Resolution No. 974 – Supporting Application for Federal Funds

Mayor Kelly thanked Director of Planning and Development Rottjakob for putting together the grant application for the project that will improve the roadway and pedestrian access along Litzsinger from McKnight to Brentwood Boulevard, which will add appropriate sidewalks, as well as lighting. It will be a great improvement along that corridor. There is a lot of pedestrian traffic. Staff had applied once before and was turned down but they want to keep their foot-in-the-door even if it is denied again. Resolution No. 974 is in support of that application. The total project is estimated to be \$1.5 million. There would be a 20% match and the City is working with Rock Hill for their portion as well.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Wynn to approve Resolution No. 974. All in favor none opposed.

ACCOUNTS AGAINST THE CITY

Alderman Kramer asked if the expenditure for Onder Shelton O'Leary & Peterson is the last invoice for the McDonald vs. Kurtz legal fees.

City Administrator Seemayer responded yes.

Alderman Leahy asked if the expenditure for State Mechanical Services is for the work done at the Recreation Center or is it for something else.

City Administrator Seemayer responded that it is for the Recreation Center but it is the fee for the maintenance contract. There will be a separate bill for the refrigeration.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderwoman Krewson to accept the warrant list as submitted. All in favor none opposed.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

#### Mayor's Report

Mayor Kelly stated that the St. Louis County Municipal League is holding a press conference this Thursday at 10:30 am at the Richmond Heights Community Center. They are going to be rolling out a campaign this year called, "The Year of the City". They will try to educate the residents of St. Louis County in many of the efficiencies of local governments. For example, the City of Brentwood working with the City of Rock Hill to provide them with dispatching services, the parks agreement between Brentwood and Richmond Heights, and so forth. They are trying to point out that St. Louis County has good government and for the most part most of them run efficiently. Even though there are many local governments, our property taxes in St. Louis County are below the national average, especially given the quality of services provided. In fact, St. Louis County has some of the lowest property taxes in the country. One of the things they want to stress is best practices. The Municipal League and governments are working together to come up with a strategy to help municipalities that may not be using some of the best practices to meet those standards.

Public Safety Committee – No further report

Public Works Committee – No report

#### Director of Planning and Development

Alderman Kramer asked about the business that is moving into the White building, next to Double D.

Mrs. Rottjakob responded that it is a not-for-profit business. They are going to be marketing to a younger customer. It will be a resale, upscale shop with some interesting ways of attracting their customers. The executive director said that they received a grant for their business plan.

Alderman Kramer stated that occasionally they get questions about parking shortages in the Whole Foods Market, Nordstrom Rack area. There was talk in the past about Whole Foods contemplating valet parking or something like that. He asked Mrs. Rottjakob if she has heard anything about it.

Mrs. Rottjakob responded that no one has contacted her about it.

Ways and Means Committee – No report

City Attorney – No report

City Clerk/Administrator

Special Use Permit/Brentwood Parks & Recreation and Mid-County YMCA

City Administrator Seemayer stated that the Parks Department has submitted an application for a Special Use Permit. They are holding, in conjunction with the Mid-County YMCA, a kickball tournament on February 20. The request is to allow the kickball teams to bring coolers with beer for the event. They will not be selling alcohol just bringing it into Brentwood Park for consumption.

Mayor Kelly stated that he has heard that the YMCA was having another function and needed a liquor license.

City Administrator Seemayer stated that is a different request. He has spoken to the YMCA and it is for a Trivia Night at St. Mary Magdalen in two weeks. They had not requested a liquor license, but he explained that they could obtain one through the City. They have had trouble with the state. He suggested that they use a caterer because they do not need a temporary liquor license.

Alderman Leahy asked for clarification of the kickball tournament and the players.

City Administrator Seemayer stated that it is not a youth tournament.

Mayor Kelly stated that there are adult kickball leagues throughout St. Louis.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Krewson, second by Alderman Harper to grant the Special Use Permit to the Brentwood Parks Department and the YMCA for the kickball tournament on February 20. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, no; Alderman Harper, yes.

Excise Commissioner

Temporary Liquor License Request/Gallery Motor Company

City Administrator Seemayer stated that Gallery Motor Company is holding a one-time fund raising event on February 19 in Hanley Industrial Court. They are requesting a temporary liquor license to serve alcohol on that day.

Mayor Kelly stated that it is for the non-profit organization, Good Sheppard Children and Family Services.

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy, second by Alderwoman Clements to approve the temporary liquor license for Gallery Motor Company. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Wynn, no; Alderman Harper, yes.

Library – No report

Municipal League – No further report

Communication – No report

Historical Society – No report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Kelly stated that the firefighters have finally moved into the new fire department and they are very excited to be there. A dedication ceremony will be held on March 13 at 2:00 pm. It is open to the public and they hope to have as many people attend as possible. People will be able to tour the facility after the ceremony. Another open house will be held the evening of Wednesday, March 16 for anybody who cannot attend Sunday.

Alderman Leahy stated that they had a police and fire trivia night at St. Mary Magdalen two weekends ago and there as a question about the liquor license. Was that resolved?

Mayor Kelly responded yes.

Alderman Robertson stated that they have the Recreation Center feasibility analysis of the existing facility coming back at the end of the month.

Alderwoman Clements thanked the street department for dynamite snow removal. She asked City Administrator Seemayer to remind the residents of the CodeRED service because some people in her neighborhood received calls and some did not.

City Administrator Seemayer stated that residents could register for the CodeRED service on the City's website. They just have to go to the CodeRED section and register the phone number on

which they would like to be notified in an emergency. An automated emergency notification system, when activated, will automatically ring the phone numbers listed with a notification message.

Mayor Kelly stated that when heavy snow is predicted he would like to request, if possible, that the residents park off the streets, which will greatly help with the plowing of the streets. With the recent snow and ice storms, they have had many complaints about businesses and residents not cleaning their sidewalks. The way the snow is packed down when the streets are plowed, unless you have a small bobcat or something to remove the ice and snow, there is no way to get it out and there is no place for it to go except for back in the streets. It has been a difficult couple of weeks and business people are doing the best that they can.

Alderman Wynn suggested that neighbors get together, form groups and help each other by making it a community effort.

Alderman Harper stated that as far as the snow, he believes there was a miscommunication about White Avenue and what can and cannot be cleaned. At one point, there was a 2 to 3 foot barrier of snow between the street and the parking area.

Mayor Kelly stated that he saw people plowing the snow and it was not City trucks.

City Administrator Seemayer stated that he has talked to Street Superintendent Nahmensen and he does not know if he has contacted the school district yet, but he knows there is a simple solution. The school district was plowing the snow from their parking spaces and then the City would come by and plow the streets and it would be piled up again, so they were going back and forth.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Leahy announced a Ward 3 meeting would be held on Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Alderman Wynn, second by Alderwoman Clements to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. All in favor none opposed.

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Pat Kelly, Mayor

Attest:

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Ellen Rottjakob, Asst. City Administrator