

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

**City Hall
Council Chambers**

**July 18, 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 Marshall, Alderman Leahy, Alderwoman Krewson, Alderman Kramer, Alderman Robertson, and Alderman Harper.

Staff present: City Attorney Albrecht, Executive Secretary Williams and Treasurer Reynders.

Absent: Alderman Wynn and Director of Planning and Development/Interim City Administrator/City Clerk Rottjakob.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE JULY 18, 2011 BOA MEETING AGENDA

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Robertson to approve the BOA meeting agenda of July 18, 2011 as submitted. All in favor none opposed.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 20, 2011 BOA MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Alderman Marshall, second by Alderwoman Clements to accept the June 20, 2011 BOA meeting minutes as submitted. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Marshall, yes; Alderman Leahy, abstain; Alderwoman Krewson, abstain; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

BIDS – None

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

In commenting on the information that has been in the press lately, Mayor Kelly stated that a few weeks ago, former City Administrator Seemayer pled guilty to embezzling funds from the City of Brentwood, and his sentencing will be in September of this year. Mayor Kelly stated that flags were already raised through the City's internal controls and staff had started looking into the matter when they were notified by the bank. Most people think that they found the information out through the bank, but staff had been alerted of the situation and was working on it. When it was brought to his attention by staff and the police department, they immediately contacted the authorities, took the matter to the federal prosecutor, and proceeded with the investigation. With respect to the article that was in the paper this past weekend, and through the investigation, it was determined that a program for the maintenance of the trucks was taking place in the fire department. The men were being paid for ten hours

when they were working, according to the fire chief, a minimum of six hours once every quarter. When it was brought to his attention in May, and after consulting with legal counsel, they immediately stopped the program and proceeded to make the changes in the fire department. It is important, with both of the situations that they move forward. With respect to internal controls, he has suggested to the Board that once the new City Administrator starts on August 1, they should hire a new independent accounting firm to make sure that they are using the best practices and are doing everything possible to protect taxpayer's revenues. He also thinks it would be good for the new City Administrator, once she is grounded, to look at all departments, evaluate all programs, and make sure that they are running fairly for all employees. He thinks that the entire Board is very excited about A. Bola Akande the new City Administrator. Her expertise and professionalism will bring a new light to the City of Brentwood. They are looking forward to her starting on August 1 and getting to the next level.

Earl Finger, resident at 8764 Brentwood Place came before the Board and stated that in the May minutes, which were recently published in the Pulse newspaper, there was considerable discussion about overweight containers and collection of yard waste and such. As part of that discussion, Mr. Wilson suggested that the City no longer use containers for yard waste. This concerns him for several reasons. He has a large oak tree in his relatively small back yard. Each fall, he places about four plastic cans of leaves at the curb weekly, and it takes about eight weeks to get rid of the leaves. He has estimated that the substitute bags would cost him around \$25.00 each fall. There are some environmental concerns also. Manufacturing, transporting, and purchasing those bags, all have an environmental impact. He has considered mulching, but the volume of leaves in his yard makes this impractical. There is also an environmental impact in using a gasoline mower to mulch leaves. He hopes that the containers will not be banned. He is 82 years old and he carries the containers out from the back by himself, so he is sure they are not too heavy for the employees to lift. Since the weight of the containers seems to be a big problem, he suggested that the City provide "overweight" stickers to the collectors, and when they encounter a heavy container, they could put a sticker on it and leave it at the curb. That should get people's attention.

Maureen Saunders, resident at 2326 Parkridge Avenue came before the Board and stated that this is a sad day for Brentwood to have those two articles in the paper. She prays for Mr. Seemayer and anyone else involved in wrongdoing. Her concern is that they need to understand what happened in the past in order to move forward, so that it does not happen again. She has a copy of the auditor's opinion from the 2009 financial statement, which shows that the City did not do an audit of the internal controls. The City chose not to. She has spoken to Mayor Kelly about the concerns that he just addressed and she understands that the 2010 opinion is not going to address the internal controls either. In a time of technology, electronic changes, and changes in the way that things are processed, like debit cards and so forth, it is important that the City look at its internal controls. Her background is in accounting, so she is not sure why the City chose not to look at the internal controls during the audit process. In 2009, the auditors addressed some changes that needed to be made in the management letter, as opposed to doing it in the auditor's opinion, but that letter is not included in the report. She has requested to see the letter dated June 24, 2010, and she would like to make sure going

forward that the City has the internal controls in place. It is the City's duty and obligation to do it. She asked when the audit report and the opinion would be available.

Mayor Kelly responded that he would have to go back and review the 2009 letter, and also the auditor's notes on the internal controls. He has received a copy of the 2010 audit last week, which has not been presented to the Board yet.

Mrs. Saunders asked why the internal controls were not looked at in 2009 and 2010. Was the omission made for budget reasons? Is an audit going to be performed by the County or State auditor?

Mayor Kelly responded that he does not know of any County or State audit at this time.

Andy Cross, resident at 8527 Eulalie Avenue came before the Board and stated that he does not know if the events, such as Mr. Seemayer's, are instances in errors of judgment or isolated instances, but now it looks like it might be more of a pattern. With government crisis and economic difficulties throughout the world, there is a need for transparency and accountability at every level of government. To address the discovery of Mr. Seemayer's malfeasances, he believes it created a general and legitimate crisis of confidence in government. There are good people on the Board and good people that live in the community. It raised some concerns in his mind and it took a couple of months to figure out why Mr. Seemayer resigned. It then came out that he resigned because of his gambling issues. Is that the tip of the iceberg? Is there going to be another shoe to drop? What other things might he have been involved in and responsible for? How do they know that the Board is being forthright and transparent? Mr. Cross asked the Mayor and the Board to let the residents know the extent of the problems. He is wondering if an audit might be justified to ascertain exactly where the money is going. As these events happened in recent weeks, he has learned of a lawsuit in which the City of Brentwood is involved in, which has to do with the Meridian. He is wondering why the City has chosen to litigate rather than resolve the issue amicably for the parties. They would like to know how much the City is paying in legal fees for that litigation. He encouraged the Mayor and the Board to adopt a culture of transparency and accountability for the residents because they need to know that they can trust the Board.

Jim Fiete, resident at 2201 Parkridge Avenue came before the Board and stated that he was in a meeting Saturday evening when his wife called him and said that the City of Brentwood made the front page of the Post Dispatch again. He has two concerns after reading the article. The first concern is with the comment the Mayor made that the overtime pay was not a burden on Brentwood finances. Mr. Fiete stated that it amazes him how the Mayor could be so nonchalant about the taxpayers' dollars that the citizens of the community are giving to him to spend wisely. The second concern is that Mr. Kurtz's salary is \$108,000. On retirement, he will immediately collect a pension of \$86,400. He has already found another job; our Mayor has named him Brentwood's new building commissioner with an annual salary of \$83,000. The Asst. Fire Chief will retire from a \$108,000 salary job, and then he will be given Brentwood

taxpayer money of about \$170,000. He stated that he wishes the Mayor would come slap his wrist.

Jim Malone, resident at 60 Middlesex Drive came before the Board and stated that this is a very painful proceeding. Many of the people on the Board and the Mayor are considered friends. This is a very small and tight knit community. He has been bothered in the last three to four months that people in the community have had to rely on rumors and whispers. To date, other than the Mayor's statements at the beginning of the meeting, the City has said absolutely nothing about Mr. Seemayer and the theft from the City. He has said nothing about the crisis with the fire department. Mr. Malone said that he has heard rumors about the Meridian lawsuit. There has been no mention of that. He thinks that if the Post Dispatch had not written the article on Saturday night, they would have never heard anything about the fire department issue. He has looked at the financial statement, and the City's auditor/accounting firm stated that they did not look at the internal controls of the City. His guess is that if you go back ten years or so that letter will be in every one of those financial statements. The City simply dropped the ball. Brentwood police did the investigation and it looks like they did a good job. According to the Post Dispatch, the investigation began on January 1 of 2010 and went through the spring of 2011. He asked if anyone has investigated the years before that. Are there other areas where money has been stolen or misappropriated? He thinks an outside auditor, and he does not just mean a new accounting firm, should look at what has happened up to this point. He welcomes the new city administrator but he thinks it will be very difficult for Ms. Akande to come into the City and all of a sudden have to be sort of the bad person on the block with all of the departments. There is a fine line between mutual cobbling and corruption. He thinks that Brentwood has stepped over that line. It is nice to take care of your friends and be a good neighbor, and he has no problem with that, but he thinks that if the new city administrator now goes up against the police, fire, and building departments, and says there are things going on here that cannot go on, there is going to be pushback. He hopes this Board and the Mayor will stand up to that.

Maureen Saunders stated that this is an example of a problem with the four-year terms. If something happens at this level, the idea with the two-year term is that in two years they could change. She is not saying that to cast blame or anything. She realized that because Brentwood is a Fourth Class city, they could not do a referendum or petition if they wanted the four-year term removed. She asked if there is any way to change the term and pointed out that she is not just saying that because of this situation, but if something happens at this level, they are stuck for four years because they can't do a petition or referendum.

Alderman Leahy stated that currently under state statute third and fourth-class cities could extend election terms to three or four years. That change in state statute did not address a recall petition.

Karen Smith, resident at 8930 Harrison Avenue came before the Board and stated that it is nice to have the information out in the open, although, it is bad that they had to learn about it from the newspapers instead of from the individuals that they voted into office to represent them.

Firefighters do good work. They have some of the finest in Brentwood. There is an element of risk to their job and she is eternally grateful and appreciative for what they do. They deserve to be justly compensated and Brentwood's are. They are one of the highest paid. They have a new state of the art facility, updated equipment, and recent increase in their pension. Her hope is that they could be grateful without expecting additional pay through some sort of fraudulent activity. She is concerned about the abuse of power and what she sees as fraudulent activity and she thinks there has been a pattern over the years. She thinks it is sad because they have tarnished an honorable profession. Firefighters do have an honorable profession. There has been inappropriate use of public dollars. She works hard to support herself and earn an honest living and does not appreciate it when she learns that the people that are supposed to be overseeing public tax dollars are not honest about how it is being spent. She is really concerned about the number of individuals in leadership positions, both employees and elected officials that do not see anything wrong with what has happened, and the staff feels that they deserve it. What happened to earning an honest living? Instead of being grateful for having a well-paid position in a great community in a time of economic distress they feel that it is deserved. She is saddened by that. Many firefighters would love to have a position in Brentwood. If the firefighters feel that they have been slighted in any way, she hopes they would leave and not compromise their performance, which could result from low morale. Just because someone did a heroic act many years ago, and just because people do good things on their jobs, it is not okay to abuse a position. It is not okay to do fraudulent things. Just because a practice has been going on for 20 years, it does not make it right. In any other job, if people would have done what has been done in Brentwood, they would have been charged, fired and had their pensions taken away. Some feel it is appropriate to give individuals another job, allow others to stay on the job until they retire in September and receive pensions. The Board of Aldermen is supposed to hold the City employees accountable, not doing so adds to the problem. The people of Brentwood deserve better. Where are ethical standards? Who are good stewards of the taxpayer dollars and their city resources? Supposedly, this situation will not affect the City's finances because it is heavily supported by retail. Yet at many city council meetings that she has sat through, there had been discussions about how tight the budget is, and recently the City laid some employees off. She thinks they are at the tip of the iceberg. There have been questionable practices in the past that have never been fully answered. Citizens of Brentwood deserve more accountability, transparency, and she encourages those investigating the City to continue to investigate further. This includes the TDDs and TIFs that were referenced earlier. They are all acting as shadow governments that operate outside of the public view. She has been trying to figure out what has been going on with the Meridian for many months. There were questionable actions in the Strassner TDD as well that she does not think were ever fully explored and answered. She wonders if the recent embezzlement in the City is an isolated event. She does not know that it happened only one time, and others could have taken advantage of the City's lack of control. To have the bank call to inform the City of such large amounts being withdrawn is an embarrassment to the community. The Board is supposed to act as a check and balance for the actions of this city and provide oversight. Ms. Smith expressed concern about ethical violations and wrongdoing. She stated that she did not think that the four-year term was a good thing to do, but the residents voted to approve it. As Alderman Leahy has stated, they do not have a recall provision.

John Geppert, resident at 9360 Pine Avenue came before the Board and stated that he is the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission where he has served for a long time. It is with a very heavy heart that he is here tonight. His family moved into Brentwood in the early 1950's. He was raised in Brentwood, he has raised his three children here, and all of them graduated from Brentwood School District. He has always spoken with great pride about being from Brentwood, and now he is embarrassed. With all due respect to Mayor Kelly, whom he has had a good working relationship with, he is embarrassed. He does not see any action coming from the Board to end the embarrassment, and does not know what they are doing to get the citizens confidence back, where there will be financial management, and confidence that their tax dollars are well managed.

Mayor Kelly stated that with respect to the timing and the announcements of what has taken place, the investigation limited their ability to speak about it openly to the public until charges were filed and the investigation was completely finished. To a certain extent, their hands were tied as far as being able to make the announcements regarding the details of the investigation. Once Mr. Seemayer pled guilty, they were able to release some of the information. He still thinks that there is additional information that they are not allowed to give out until Mr. Seemayer's sentencing takes place. He thinks that the police department did a good job in their research and investigation, making sure that all of the funds are accounted for. With respect to the Meridian lawsuit that was mentioned, the City has been very open about the lawsuit. The City did not file the lawsuit. The developer filed the lawsuit against the City, as well as the bank that supplied them with a letter of credit. The City has tried to work with the developer to come up with a solution and has been very open about the expense for the attorneys on the case. The last warrant list had bills from Thompson Coburn LLP, legal counsel hired to help them with the lawsuit. Mayor Kelly stated that some of the issues are dealing with personnel matters. As hard as it is, they are required to keep certain personnel records and information private when dealing with individuals. It sometimes put elected officials in a bad situation because they cannot necessarily talk about individual personnel matters. The article that was in the paper over the weekend was mostly correct, but not everything in there was correct. Going forward, he agrees with many of the sentiments that were said tonight. They want to be as open as possible. He has sent an email to the Board of Aldermen that the internal controls should be a top priority of Bola's once she starts. It is not going to happen overnight, but they need to work together to make sure that those things happen. With respect to many of the issues, they have been as open as they can be given the limitations of either their legal counsel or the ongoing investigation.

Alderman Marshall stated that as part of the investigation, a forensic audit was done to look at the extent of what happened.

Alderman Leahy stated that he cannot and will not speak for the whole Board. He can only speak for himself. In addressing the residents, Alderman Leahy apologized. He stated that he has a reputation for asking questions and digging into things, but he missed it. He will give Mr. Seemayer a great deal of credit for running the City as the administrator for 22 years. He has a

credibility and trust, and things worked out well for this city year in and year out. Alderman Leahy stated that it put him to sleep. He did not raise issues until the Board was approached and they started getting educated on some of the issues. They missed it, and for that, he apologized. The City is working towards finding better ways of doing things. They do not want to be on the front page of the newspapers, nor do they want to blow it for the residents. Some of the information is not available instantaneously to the residents because of state laws and requirements for personnel issues, which gives them the time to get the information right before they make decisions without all the facts. The fire department staff is good. He cannot think of a single incident, in the last 20 years, where the crew and the equipment was not available and did not perform to expectations. They get weekly and monthly letters from the citizens telling them how good the departments are, and they are. A mistake in judgment was made and they are in the process of correcting it. How did it come about and to what extent? They are still working on getting that information fully into place. Until they know it, they too could just feed the rumor mills and that is not good government. In doing his job, Mr. Hampel wrote an article. He is not a villain. Did all the information come out correctly? As the Mayor pointed out, some of the information is not fully out or correct, but they will work on getting it right. Will they do better? He cannot tell you of a single Board member that do not have the best interest of Brentwood at heart. They do not always have to agree with each other but nobody has a hidden agenda or good ole boy handshake network to line anybody else's pocket. They are honestly giving of their time and talent to give the residents the best city possible. Mr. Geppert is right. Sunday morning's news article was a big embarrassment to the city of Brentwood. They let the residents down, but they will do better. If they are given more time, they will get all the answers and all the right information out there for the residents to look at.

INTRODUCTIONS, READINGS AND PASSAGE OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

First and Second Readings of Bills

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Kramer to give Bills No. 5610, 5611 and 5612 first and second readings. All in favor none opposed.

Bill No. 5610 – STP-Urban Program Agreement

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5610, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN STP-URBAN PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH MODOT RELATING TO THE LITZSINGER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, its and first second readings.

Alderman Kramer read a synopsis of Bill No. 5610 as a Bill that authorizes an STP-Urban Program agreement with MoDOT to provide grant funds for resurfacing, ADA improvements, lighting, and storm sewer improvements on Litzsinger Road from McKnight Road to Brentwood Boulevard.

Alderman Leahy pointed out that page 4 of Bill No. 5610 establishes that there is acquisition of right of way potential. He is not aware that they are looking to widen the road or even do any acquisition. Alderman Leahy asked if it is just a boilerplate clause that is in the MoDOT agreement.

Mayor Kelly responded yes, because whenever roadwork is being done, they are not always sure where property boundaries are. They are not planning to widen the roadway, but there could be a sidewalk issue or something along those lines.

Alderman Leahy asked if they would be resurfacing the entire east and west lanes of the roadway.

Mayor Kelly responded yes.

Alderman Leahy asked if the contractor will be looking at closing off that stretch of the road, doing both lanes simultaneously, or will they do one side, and then the other?

Mayor Kelly responded that the answer to that question would come later.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Leahy to approve and adopt Bill No. 5610. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Marshall, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

The Mayor thereupon declared Bill No. 5610 duly passed and signed same into approval thereof. Said Bill was given Ordinance No. 4291.

Bill No. 5611 – Residential Energy Efficiency Loan Program

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5611, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY LOAN PROGRAM COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, its first and second readings.

Alderman Kramer read a synopsis of Bill No. 5611 as a Bill that authorizes the mayor to enter into an agreement with St. Louis County to allow Brentwood residential property owners to apply for low interest loans through St. Louis County's energy efficiency program.

Alderman Leahy stated that the Bill does not establish what the interest rates would be. Are the rates still open for discussion with St. Louis County?

Mayor Kelly responded that it is the County's program and they are setting the rate, not the City of Brentwood.

Alderman Leahy stated that there is a neighborhood improvement program, which is used to help low-income residents improve their property. He is wondering if the SAVES program has the same arrangement which is for every year you maintain the house there is a forgive part or is it strictly a loan program where the County is going into the loan business to compete with local banks.

Mayor Kelly responded that he does not know.

Alderman Leahy stated that the agreement only establishes that the City help with the advertising of the program.

Mayor Kelly mentioned that the agreement allows Brentwood residents to take part in the program.

Motion was made by Alderman Kramer, second by Alderman Marshall to approve and adopt Bill No. 5611. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Marshall, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

The Mayor thereupon declared Bill No. 5611 duly passed and signed same into approval thereof. Said Bill was given Ordinance No. 4292.

Bill No. 5612 – Agreement with GBA

City Attorney Albrecht gave Bill No. 5612, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI WITH GEORGE BUTLER ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE ROSE AVENUE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, its first and second readings.

Alderman Kramer read a synopsis of Bill No. 5612 as a Bill that authorizes the mayor to execute an agreement with George Butler Associates, Inc., to provide design services for the improvement of pedestrian access along Rose Avenue from Brentwood Boulevard to the west entrance of the Brentwood Promenade. The improvements will include new sidewalks, upgraded curb ramps and lighting.

Alderman Leahy recommended that the Bill should not be approved this evening because of the pending Drury Hotel project. He wonders if they could incorporate some of the improvements mentioned in the Bill into the Drury project at a reduced cost. The pricing for the engineering in the GBA agreement is a little high.

Mayor Kelly stated that if the agreement were not approved tonight the City would lose the grant. It is another TIP grant through East-West Gateway, using Federal funds to help do the project. It is a three-year process, and the first phase of the project is to enter into a contract

with the engineering firm. Mrs. Rottjakob and Mr. Nahmensen met with individual firms and selected GBA. Staff received an email today from Drury notifying them that MoDOT has accepted their contract. They hope MoDOT will approve it in September, and then they will have six months to close on the property. The rebuilding of Rose Avenue was never part of the scope of the Drury project. It was not considered as part of the improvements to the project.

Alderman Kramer stated that a topic was brought up a few months ago about the possibility of the creek becoming a roadway from Eager Road to Rose Avenue. That would maybe come into play in this area but he does not think that it would interrupt or have any effect on the pedestrian improvements. He thinks it is potentially a long shot right now any way.

Alderman Leahy stated that Drury Hotels would use Rose Avenue during the construction. He cannot foresee them not needing to do something on Rose Avenue to clean it up after construction.

Mayor Kelly stated that they would be entering off Eager Road and Brentwood Boulevard. They do not have access to their site from Rose Avenue. As part of their project, they are going to be negotiating with the owners of the Center 40 building in order to access to Rose Avenue. He does not know if they would be using it for their construction entrance. The other key component to the project, and the grant, was not only improving Rose Avenue from Brentwood Boulevard to the creek, but also the continuation of pedestrian access into the Promenade. Currently, the sidewalks end at the bridge and people have to walk in the drive lanes to get to the front of the stores in the Promenade. There is a big pedestrian component to the project, as well as widening and other things.

Motion was made by Alderman Marshall, second by Alderman Kramer to approve and adopt Bill No. 5612. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Marshall, yes; Alderman Leahy, no; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

The Mayor thereupon declared Bill No. 5612 duly passed and signed same into approval thereof. Said Bill was given Ordinance No. 4293.

ACCOUNTS AGAINST THE CITY

Motion was made by Alderman Marshall, second by Alderman Kramer to approve the warrant list dated 7/18/11. All in favor none opposed.

Alderman Kramer asked about the expenditure for Engraphix and State Mechanical's quarterly maintenance.

Mayor Kelly stated that the Engraphix expenditure is for new signage for City Hall, so that people will locate the main entrance. The State Mechanical expenditure is for the ice rink, but he is not sure what it entails.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kelly announced that an executive session is not needed this evening.

Alderman Harper asked if they could reconsider having an executive session, so he could get updates on personnel matters.

Mayor Kelly announced that an executive session would be held following the meeting.

Public Safety Committee – No report

Public Works Committee – No report

Director of Planning and Development – No report

Ways and Means Committee

Alderman Kramer stated that they were fortunate to be able to continue and further their discussion about the Recreation Center at the last W&M Committee meeting. The goal of the Committee is to make sure that the discussions are efficient. The Committee has requested contact with an architectural firm to put together a conceptual drawing of a Recreation Center building. They have had discussions regarding the operational fees, as well as the capital needs to construct such a building where the voters could approve a bond issue, which is still in conversation. It would appear that if they were to move forward a bond issue would be required. The amount of which is in the \$8 to \$9 million range. The reason he has brought it up is because they are spending money on an ongoing basis to keep the old building and the ice rink resuscitated. There are a number of integral systems in the building that if they were to get worse or reduce their life spans, as they have already exceeded them, the City would have to spend even more money before they get a chance to go towards a new building. He hopes that they do not have to do that. This maintenance program is something that allows them to keep the system in good shape. He hopes they can avoid a larger expenditure before they get the plans on the ballot for a bond issue which could come as soon as this fall or as late as next April.

Alderman Marshall stated that when they renegotiated the maintenance contract for this year, because of all the things they had to fix last year, the company had excluded several things. Freon was one of those things. It is getting to the point where it will cost the City more money to keep the ice rink running efficiently.

City Attorney – No report

City Clerk/Administrator – No report

Excise Commissioner

Liquor License Requests

Excise Commissioner Clements came before the Board and stated that there are two applications for approval. The first one is Applegate's Deli located at 1912 S. Brentwood Boulevard. They are applying for a beer and wine license by the drink and Sunday liquor license by the drink. The application is in order and he recommends approval. The second one is from Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar located at 1210 Strassner Drive. They are applying for restaurant liquor by the drink and Sunday liquor by the drink. Their application is also in order.

Alderman Kramer stated that he has noticed that one of the new restaurants, Taste Wood Fired Fare has recently changed their name. He asked if the City would have to amend their liquor license.

Excise Commissioner responded that he does not think they will need to amend the liquor license because of the name change. The liquor license has to be amended when the ownership or the management changes.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Marshall to approve the liquor licenses for Applegate's Deli and Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar. Roll call: Alderwoman Clements, yes; Alderman Marshall, yes; Alderman Leahy, yes; Alderwoman Krewson, yes; Alderman Kramer, yes; Alderman Robertson, yes; Alderman Harper, yes.

Library – No report

Municipal League – No report

Communication – No report

Historical Society – No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Leahy asked for an update on the McKnight Road resurfacing from Highway 64/40 to Litzsinger Road.

Mayor Kelly stated that they are working on it.

Alderman Marshall stated that he has gotten many compliments on the new fencing on the Litzsinger Bridge.

Alderman Kramer pointed out that not a day goes by that they do not get some residents who are upset about the condition of Brentwood Blvd. He thought the City had an arrangement with St. Louis County about the resurfacing. He asked the Mayor if they could put pressure on the County to come back and take care of the road. Clayton Road looks wonderful now. He thinks that Brentwood Boulevard has a higher traffic count than Clayton Road through Ladue.

Mayor Kelly responded that staff has talked to St. Louis County on multiple occasions about the condition of Brentwood Boulevard. The response they have gotten was that Brentwood Boulevard is not on the list for major maintenance, much less an overlay. He agrees with Alderman Kramer in that he thought the City had an agreement in place with St. Louis County Highway Department. Prior to the Highway 64/40 project, when they micro-surfaced the roadway and restriped it, the City was told that once the project was over they would come back and mill Brentwood Boulevard and do a complete overlay, and yet, in his opinion, they have reneged on that agreement. He suggested that the Board consider a resolution stating that they would like to see some activity on Brentwood Boulevard. Brentwood Boulevard has more traffic on a daily basis than Hanley Road. It takes a beating and it is time for it to be redone, but it is controlled by St. Louis County Highway, not by Brentwood.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Leahy announced a Ward 3 meeting would be held on July 25 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

The Police Department will hold its 28th Annual National Night Out Against Crime. The Brentwood Swim Club has kindly offered their facilities for the evening of Tuesday, August 2 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm.

Recess

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Leahy to recess the meeting at 8:05 pm. All in favor none opposed.

Motion was made by Alderman Marshall, second by Alderman Leahy to return to open session at 8:10 pm. All in favor none opposed.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Alderwoman Clements, second by Alderman Leahy to enter into an executive session on legal and personnel matters at 8:11 pm. All in favor none opposed.

After discussion, motion was made by Alderman Marshall, second by Alderman Kramer to return to open session at 8:39 pm. All in favor none opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Alderman Marshall, second by Alderman Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. All in favor none opposed.

Pat Kelly, Mayor

Attest:

Ellen Rottjakob
Interim City Administrator/City Clerk