

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS MISSOURI

HELD ON May 12, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri met in regular session via Zoom, on Tuesday May 12, 2020. The meeting convened at 6:03 p.m.

The meeting began with those present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Patricia Fribis	-Mayor
Dee Baebler	-Alderman Ward I
Ann McMunn	-Alderman Ward I
Steve Bersche	-Alderman Ward II
Casey Wong	-Alderman Ward II
Kurt Krueger	-Alderman Ward III
Nathan Lipe	-Alderman Ward III
Mark Colombo	-Alderman Ward IV
Thompson Price	-Alderman Ward IV
Eric Sterman	-City Administrator
Susanna Messmer	-Finance Director
Bryson Baker	-City Engineer
Stephen Dodge	-Chief of Police
Gerald Brown	-Director of Parks & Recreation
Robert E Jones	-City Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Price made a motion to approve the minutes of the 3/10/20 regular meeting as read. Alderman Lipe second the motion and it was unanimously approved.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclaim the first Thursday in May as "A Day of Prayer" in Sunset Hills, Missouri

Mayor Fribis read the proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bills to be approved

Alderman Krueger made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Alderman Price seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION FROM CBB ON THE ST. LOUIS BOMBERS TRAFFIC STUDY

Mr. Lee Cannon a traffic engineer, presented a short power point on the traffic study findings. A recommendation was to add a southbound right turn lane from West Watson onto Route 30.

Aldermen Price had some questions about the findings of the traffic study.

Mayor Fribis read an email sent to all Aldermen and the City Attorney from September 10, 2019.

Alderman Baebler stated that MoDOT was contacted about a stop light at this intersection. Their reply was that an evaluation could not be done this quickly, and it would take two years to receive a final determination.

PUBLIC HEARING: none

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Sterman read the public comments submitted to him via email.

Mr. Don McNutt's concern is the lease given to the Rugby team.

Mr. & Mrs. John Hunzeker's concern is the traffic study and the lease for the Rugby field. They feel that Weber Hill Road is not safe with added traffic due to the curving road and no sidewalks.

Mr. Mark Benz concern is also Weber Hill Road, with no sidewalks, and no shoulders extra traffic would not be hazardous.

Ms. Sandra Jo Ankney addressed several topics, State Grant for resurfacing, Floodplain Management on Rugby field and Resolution # 524 Amendment to the budget (Deer Hunting).

Ms. Amy Wingerter concern is the increase of traffic around the Rugby fields.

Ms. Jenna Hnilo stated she would like to see this Rugby complex denied. She also feels this Rugby complex will create more traffic problems.

Ms. Raina McNutt stated the traffic will create problems in the Tapawingo Subdivision.

Ms. Gena Stephens her concerns are floodplain ordinance, traffic study for the Bombers project.

Ms. Cathy Friedmann's asked what the status was regarding the new Zoning Code. She specified Section 8.

Mr. Lee Cannon stated some of the residents' comments are very valid concerns. He clarified some of the concerns of the traffic study.

Mayor Fribis asked Mr. Cannon his thoughts on two additional routes, the Maurer Industrial area, and the Nolan property. Mr. Cannon stated he was not asked to check those two. He gave his opinion on these two areas.

Alderman Baebler asked about the outer road, and who would pay for that. Mr. Cannon stated that would be a decision from the board. Alderman Baebler suggested maybe Minnie Ha Ha park might be a better place for the rugby field.

Alderman Colombo directed a question to Mr. Cannon regarding the right turn lane on Route 30. Mr. Cannon said this additional right turn lane would help with traffic. Alderman Colombo asked Mr. Baker if there was room for this turn lane. He answered it is possible.

More discussion on other routes that could be used.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill No. 92 – An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for roadway improvements on West Watson from Gravois Road (MO 30) to Weber Hill Road
SECOND READING

Alderman Lipe read Bill No. 92.

Alderman Krueger made a motion to approve Bill No. 92. Alderman Price seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 8)

Yes: Dee Baebler, Ann McMunn, Casey Wong, Steve Bersche, Thompson Price, Nathan Lipe, Kurt Krueger, Mark Colombo

Mayor Fribis declared Bill No. 92 to become Ordinance # 2168.

Bill No. 93 – An Ordinance revising the Floodplain Management Program for the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri
SECOND READING

Alderman Bersche read Bill No. 93.

Alderman Krueger made a motion to approve Bill No. 93. Alderman Price seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 8)

Yes: Dee Baebler, Ann McMunn, Casey Wong, Steve Bersche, Thompson Price, Nathan Lipe, Kurt Krueger, Mark Colombo

Mayor Fribis declared Bill No. 93 to become Ordinance # 2169.

Bill No. 94 – An Ordinance reappointing Robert E. Jones as City Attorney for the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri
SECOND READING

Alderman Wong read Bill No. 94.

Alderman Wong made a motion to approve.

Mayor Fribis asked for Bill No. 94 to be amended to reappoint Mr. Jones for a one-year term according to our ordinance.

Alderman Wong made a motion to amend Bill No. 94. Alderman Baebler seconded the motion.

Alderman Wong read Bill No. 94 as amended. Alderman Wong made a motion to approve. Alderman McMunn seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 8)

Yes: Dee Baebler, Ann McMunn, Casey Wong, Steve Bersche, Thompson Price, Nathan Lipe, Kurt Krueger, Mark Colombo

Mayor Fribis declared Bill No. 94 to become Ordinance #2170.

Bill No. 95 – An Ordinance amending the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri’s Code of Ordinances regarding medical marijuana and drug paraphernalia
SECOND READING

Alderman Price read Bill No. 95.

Alderman Price made a motion to approve Bill No. 95. Alderman Krueger seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 8)

Yes: Dee Baebler, Ann McMunn, Casey Wong, Steve Bersche, Thompson Price, Nathan Lipe, Kurt Krueger, Mark Colombo

Mayor Fribis declared Bill No. 95 to become Ordinance #2171.

Bill No. 96 – An Ordinance amending the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri’s Code of Ordinances regarding distribution of tobacco and tobacco products.
SECOND READING

Alderman McMunn read Bill No. 96.

Alderman McMunn made a motion to approve Bill No. 96. Alderman Krueger seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 8)

Yes: Dee Baebler, Ann McMunn, Casey Wong, Steve Bersche, Thompson Price, Nathan Lipe, Kurt Krueger, Mark Colombo

Mayor Fribis declared Bill No. 96 to become Ordinance # 2172.

CITY OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Administrator- Eric Sterman stated that the municipal election will be held on June 2, therefore the Board of Aldermen meeting will be on June 23. He gave an update on Covid-19 procedures and the precautions that will be in placed in our complex starting May 18, 2020. He stated on the agenda tonight is some budget amendments for the 2020 fiscal year.

Finance Director – Susanna Messmer stated the audit field work will begin on May 22, 2020.

Chief of Police – Stephen Dodge stated police operations have been going smoothly. He thanked the public and eateries for the donations of meals for our policemen, and other businesses that donated their services.

City Attorney – Robert E. Jones stated the first municipal court date is scheduled for June 11. This will be done in phases, and only 10 people in the court room at a time and by September at full capacity or earlier.

City Engineer – Bryson Baker stated he received an update from the Winter Brothers project. The two lots had additional 10 feet of fill, and has met that the criteria. The fill will now be removed.

Director of Parks & Recreation – Gerald Brown gave an update on Park facilities. The dog park, trails, tennis courts, driving range are now open. He stated the restrooms, drinking fountains, shelters and playgrounds are still closed until the county allows it. The pool is still closed and possibly will not be open this year due to other precautions that need to take place. Several surrounding municipalities pools are closed for this season.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Alderman Colombo stated the committee has proposed Resolution 524 for voting later on in the meeting.

Economic Development Committee – Alderman Baebler stated nothing to report.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Alderman Bersche stated nothing to report.

Police Advisory Board – Alderman Bersche stated nothing to report.

Public Works Committee – Alderman Krueger stated nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 98 – An Ordinance amended Section 17-99 with respect to the speed limit on Rott Road

FIRST READING

Some suggestions were to put the survey in the Horizon or the web site. Mr. Baker and Mr. Sterman will prepare additional information.

Alderman Baebler addressed Mr. Jones on the survey approach. He replied the more information will be better to make a decision.

Alderman Price suggested that city staff should investigate the actual cost on taking over a private street. This will be a cost factor for the city and residents input would be best.

Alderman Baebler would like to see the Rugby put on this survey. She suggested a flash vote that cities put on their website to vote on topics within their city. Mr. Sterman explained more about conducting surveys within the city.

Mayor Fribis stated residents can always check the website or call the staff.

More discussion on the cost of replacing sidewalk slabs at approximately \$2000.00 per slab.

REQUEST TO MEET IN CLOSED SESSION

Request to meet in closed session pursuant to 610.21.3 and 610.21.1 RSMo. To discuss legal matters.

No closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman McMunn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Recording Secretary,

