

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

HELD ON JULY 14, 2020

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Alderman of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri met in regular session held via Zoom on July 14, 2020. The meeting convened at 6:02 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

Pat Fribis	-Mayor
Dee Baebler	-Alderman Ward I
Ann McMunn	-Alderman Ward I
Casey Wong	-Alderman Ward II
Steve Bersche	-Alderman Ward II
Nathan Lipe	-Alderman Ward III
Cathy Friedmann	-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
Robert E. Jones	-City Attorney

Absent: Gerald Brown -Director of Parks & Recreation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Lipe made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2020 regular meeting. Alderman Price seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bills to be paid

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

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Sterman read public comments via emails from residents.

Ms. Sandra Jo Ankney has two concerns with Bill No. 2. Her first is the developers demand to stop paying Real Estate Tax increases and the second is the developers demand for unilateral power to levy their own private sales tax and hotel fees.

Mr. Gary Vincent stated he is opposed to the designation of this property as "blighted", and would like the board to reject this tax abatement and CID.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill No. 2 – An Ordinance approving the Petition for the 3650-3660 S. Lindbergh Community Improvement District and establishing same
SECOND READING

Alderman Lipe read Bill No. 2 for a second reading.

Mr. Ruben spoke on the CID and suggested to table the vote on Bill No. 2 as several questions have surfaced since the last meeting and need to be addressed. It was decided to have a Special Meeting on July 28, to discuss the questions raised.

Mr. Jones stated a second paragraph has been added to Bill #2 since its first reading. He stated a motion should be made to amend the Bill and then read the Bill as amended.

Alderman Wong stated the blight finding language is a little broad and needs to be clarified.

Alderman Wong made a motion to amend Bill No. 2 to include the two items just discussed.

Alderman Lipe seconded the motion.

A voice vote was taken and the results were 8 ayes. Bill No. 2 is tabled as amended.

Alderman Wong suggested that Mr. Jones and Mayor Fribis oversee the negotiations.

Mr. Sheevam spoke on the restaurant's front entrance and the hotel side designs.

Alderman Wong made a motion to give board approval for the City Administrator to give notice on the public hearing for the 353 abatements.

Mr. Sterman addressed this motion.

Alderman Lipe seconded the motion. The motion passed with 8 ayes.

Several Aldermen had questions for Mr. Sterman.

Alderman Colombo would like to see the plans for this beautification.

CITY OFFICIAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

City Administrator, Eric Sterman stated nothing to report.

Finance Director, Susanna Messmer stated nothing to report.

Chief of Police, Stephen Dodge stated our COVID 19, is holding steady at 30.

City Attorney, Robert E. Jones stated nothing to report.

City Engineer, Bryson Baker stated nothing to report.

Director of Parks & Recreation, Gerald Brown no report given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Alderman Colombo stated the audit went well and the City is in good shape.

Economic Development Committee – Alderman Price stated they had a meeting on June 30, with discussion regarding Jimmy Johns, the Tidal Wave progress, Days Inn, The LaQuinta Hotel, Jubilee Church's construction, Peace Haven, Subaru Dealership and the Spine Center. They also discussed the proposed CID and Chapter 353. Next meeting is August 3 at 6 p.m.

Parks & Recreation Commission – Alderman Bersche stated Maker's Mart is scheduled for October 10.

Police Advisory Board – Alderman Bersche stated nothing to report.

Public Works Committee – vacant

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 528 – A Resolution Amending the City of Sunset Hills Personnel Policy Manual

Alderman Friedmann read Resolution No. 528. Alderman Price made a motion to approve. Alderman McMunn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 529 – A Resolution approving an amendment of the 2020 City of Sunset Hills budget.

Alderman Bersche read Resolution No. 529. Alderman Price made a motion to approve. Alderman Columbo seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

APPOINTMENTS

- A) Erin Kelley – Parks & Recreation Commission term expires 7/14/23
- B) Shelia Sanders – Parks & Recreation Commission term expires 7/14/23
- C) Nathan Lipe – Public Works Committee Chairman, term expires 4/6/21
- D) Laura Davidson – Art Committee

Alderman Bersche made a motion to accept the appointments. Alderman Price seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Re-APPOINTMENTS

None

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chapter 353 Public Hearing notification was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Alderman Friedmann addressed several questions from a resident. The resident's concerns are with the Rugby field pertaining to sidewalks, the sewer district and their lease payments.

Mr. Baker stated the sidewalk payments are usually not due until the completion of the project. He stated the Bombers would be contacting the sewer district. He stated he will get the sidewalk calculation to Alderman Friedman.

Alderman Friedman made a motion to have the Bombers submit an update on their project and have this put on the next agenda. Alderman Baebler seconded the motion. Voting results 3 ayes - 5 nays.

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.

Mayor Fribis thanked Mr. Sterman for his four years of service to the City of Sunset Hills, and he will be greatly missed. Mr. Sterman thanked everyone for their help and support.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Colombo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman McMunn seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Recording Secretary

