

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, MISSOURI
HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri met in regular session at City Hall Quarters, 3939 S. Lindbergh Blvd., in said City on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

Present:	R. Michael Svoboda	-Mayor	
	William Nolan, Jr.	-Alderman – WARD I	
	Scott Haggerty	-Alderman – WARD II	
	Thomas Hrastich	-Alderman – WARD II	
	Stephen Webb	-Alderman – WARD III	
	Frank Gregory	-Alderman – WARD IV	<i>arrived at 7:30 p.m.</i>
	Patricia Fribis	- Alderman – WARD IV	
	Laura A. Rider	-City Clerk	
	Anne C. Lamitola	-City Engineer	
	Robert C. Jones	-City Attorney	
	Gerald Brown	-Director of Parks and Recreation	
Absent:	Frank Hardy	-Alderman – WARD I	
	Jan Hoffmann	-Alderman – WARD III	

The members addressed *A Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting* as their first order of business.

Mr. Brown stated that per the budget execution process, any contract over \$20,000 is to be approved by the Board of Aldermen. He explained that he would like to proceed with the bid received from Born Electric to update the City Hall building, Public Works building and the Park building with more energy efficient lighting. The City was awarded a grant from Ameren UE for \$4,000 to upgrade the facilities. Four bids were received and Born Electric is the best bid for the City. The amount of the contract would be \$23,500, which does not include the \$4,000 grant received.

Alderman Hrastich made a motion to accept the bid submitted by Born Electric. Alderman Webb seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Svoboda asked the Board if it was desired to hold an open house at City Hall in December as the annual business reception for \$4,000.

Alderman Fribis made a motion to hold an open house at City Hall on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. Alderman Haggerty seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of additional components for the new community center.

Mayor Svoboda stated that Mr. Brown has submitted information on three options. A decision needs to be made whether or not to proceed with plans for a fitness center and/or a gymnasium. Even if they are not constructed now, the plans would be ready for future construction.

Mr. Brown stated that the plans for the fitness center and gymnasium would be \$179,000.

Mr. Brown clarified that the current plans do not include the stair tower or elevator. The finalized plans would include construction documents for the gymnasium, fitness center, the stair tower, elevator and to finish the lower level.

Mrs. Lamitola explained that currently, the floor in the basement would be rock. The only portion of the basement that would be poured is the mechanical room; the only way to get to the basement would be through the side door. The elevator shaft will be framed, but there will not be an elevator.

Alderman Hrastich stated that he is in favor of proceeding with the finalized plans; however, he would like to make sure there is a reserve for debt service. He stated the Finance Committee would like to have a budget prepared for the community center that includes overhead, personnel, etc.

Alderman Nolan asked how long it would take for the plans to be completed. Mrs. Lamitola stated the plans would take six weeks or more to complete.

Mrs. Lamitola stated that she feels the Board should not authorize the design to go forward if a gym and/or fitness center is not going to be constructed.

Alderman Nolan stated he feels fitness is a private industry and is a private business. He also commented that he did not vote to borrow over \$14 million as he does not feel the City should build a community center. He stated he also feels that all of the funds collected in 2009 should be reserved for future debt payments.

Mr. Jones stated that in order to use the excess construction funds for debt service, the City will need to submit a Certificate of Completion to the bank, which includes storm water projects.

Mr. Brown stated that when the proposition was passed by the voters in 2007, the purpose was to build a community center and a new pool. He also stated that Proposition P passed with over 70% of the vote.

Alderman Haggerty stated that although he supports saving money to make sure the payment can be made; however, he feels the residents have stated that they desire a community center with a gymnasium and a fitness center as well as a new pool. The Board of Aldermen requested Hastings & Chivetta to scale back the community center as it was felt there would not be sufficient funds. The bids were much lower than anticipated.

Alderman Nolan stated that if the residents had voted on the matter rather than submitting a survey, he would support the matter. It was pointed out that the residents voted on Proposition P.

Alderman Haggerty stated he would like to find out how much a gymnasium and fitness center will cost. Even if it is determined to wait a few years to finish the community center, the plans would be completed.

Mayor Svoboda stated that he feels the gymnasium should be completed. Alderman Hrastich stated that he feels the plans should be completed for the gymnasium and the fitness center.

Mr. Brown explained that if it is determined to complete only the gymnasium, the plans would include the gymnasium and a corridor to the locker rooms.

Alderman Gregory arrived at this point of the meeting.

Mrs. Lamitola stated the costs to design the gymnasium and fitness center is \$179,000 and the cost to design the gymnasium only is \$146,000.

There was discussion regarding revenue generated from a gymnasium and a fitness center.

Mr. Brown stated that a gymnasium could be utilized for many different activities such as basketball, volleyball, open space, yoga classes, etc. However, a fitness center will attract memberships. Mr. Brown estimated there would be 700 memberships to a fitness center per year; 475 family memberships and 225 individual memberships. The fitness center could be constructed and equipment could be purchased in the future when the economy improves.

Alderman Nolan expressed concern of the expenses exceeding the revenue from the community center.

Alderman Fribis stated she feels the City may be letting the residents down somewhat if the community center is not completed due to the costs potentially increasing in the future. She added that she has had many residents contact her about a gymnasium and a fitness center. She would like to see the plans move forward at this time.

Alderman Haggerty made a motion to move forward with the full design of the community center, implementing the gymnasium and fitness components at a cost not to exceed \$179,000 with Hastings & Chivetta and to bid this work out for the Board of Aldermen's approval. Alderman Fribis seconded the motion, and the members voted:

Alderman Fribis	AYE
Alderman Nolan	NAY
Alderman Haggerty	AYE
Alderman Hrastich	AYE
Alderman Webb	AYE
Alderman Gregory	AYE

There being 5 AYE votes and 1 NAY vote the motion passed.

A MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED MEETING

Alderman Haggerty made a motion to hold a closed meeting with closed votes and records immediately after adjournment of this meeting. Alderman Hrastich seconded the motion, and the members voted:

Alderman Hrastich	AYE
Alderman Nolan	AYE
Alderman Haggerty	AYE
Alderman Webb	AYE
Alderman Fribis	AYE

There being 5 AYE votes and 0 NAY votes, the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hrastich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Alderman Fribis seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Recording Secretary,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Sanneman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Laurie Sanneman