

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, MISSOURI
HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010

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, March 9, 2010. 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
	Frank Hardy	-Alderman – WARD I
	William Nolan, Jr.	-Alderman – WARD I
	Scott Haggerty	-Alderman – WARD II
	Thomas Hrastich	-Alderman – WARD II
	Stephen Webb	-Alderman – WARD III
	Jan Hoffmann	-Alderman – WARD III
	Frank Gregory	-Alderman – WARD IV
	Patricia Fribis	- Alderman – WARD IV
	Laura A. Rider	-City Clerk
	William LaGrand	-Chief of Police
	Anne C. Lamitola	-City Engineer
	Ted Schuessler	-City Collector
	Robert C. Jones	-City Attorney
	Gerald Brown	-Director of Parks and Recreation

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the February 9, 2010 Board of Aldermen meeting were distributed to the members for their review. Alderman Haggerty amended the second to last sentence under the City Engineer's report to note that he and Alderman Gregory attended the ground breaking ceremony for the new bridge over the Meramec River into Fenton.

Alderman Hardy amended the last sentence of the second paragraph on Page 2 under Bill #19 to read "It is not necessarily the height; it is the time frame to follow up for those who are not mowing their grass."

Alderman Hrastich made a motion to accept the Minutes as amended. Alderman Webb seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

REQUESTS TO BE HEARD

- A) Request from Helen Fitzgerald's for permission to place covered tents on their outdoor patios from March 3 – March 18, 2010.

Ms. Robin Pleur, representative, was present and stated the tents are for the annual St. Baldrick's charity event and for St. Patrick's Day. She stated the tents have been erected as approved by the Board of Aldermen last week and expressed appreciation as the St. Baldrick's event raised \$260,000 for kids with cancer.

Alderman Hardy made a motion to approve the above request. Alderman Fribis seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

- B)** Request from O'Leary's to place a covered tent over their outdoor patio from March 16, 2010 to March 18, 2010 for their St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Mr. Kevin O'Leary, owner, was present and stated the tent would be the same as last year and would be erected March 16, 2010 and removed March 18, 2010.

Alderman Fribis made a motion to approve the above request. Alderman Webb seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

- C)** Request from Growler's Pub to place a covered tent over their outdoor patio from March 16, 2010 through March 18, 2010 for their St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Mr. Pepe Vantreece, Director of Operations, was present and stated the tent would be erected March 16, 2010 and removed March 18, 2010.

Alderman Fribis made a motion to approve the above request. Alderman Gregory seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

- D)** Request from the Chamber of Commerce to display three banners over Watson Road to promote a car cruise event.

Mr. Brown explained that Sunset Hills/Crestwood Chamber of Commerce would like to place one banner in Sunset Hills; however, the exact location for the banner has not been identified. There will be two banners located in Crestwood. Once permission has been received from the Board of Aldermen, permission would then be requested from the utility companies.

Alderman Nolan made a motion to approve the above request. Alderman Gregory seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

- E)** Request from Laumeier Sculpture Park for a "picnic license" to serve alcohol at the annual Art Fair.

Mayor Svoboda stated that the above request also includes a request for one-way traffic on Rott Road.

Ms. Marie Oberkirsch, Art Fair Director, was present.

Alderman Gregory made a motion to approve the above request for a picnic license and for one way traffic on Rott Road during the annual Art Fair. Alderman Nolan seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

- F)** Request from Laumeier Sculpture Park for consideration of city sponsorship of the Annual Art Fair.

Alderman Hardy suggested considering Option I.

Alderman Hoffmann asked if the 50 tickets to the fair were for any time during the weekend. Ms. Oberkirsch replied that the tickets are for the Jazz Festival on Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Alderman Hoffmann stated in the past the Board has received tickets to the wine tasting event on Friday evening. She then asked if the Board would receive tickets to the wine tasting. Mrs. Oberkirsch replied that they would take wine tickets in addition to tickets to the Jazz Festival into consideration.

Alderman Gregory asked the amount contributed last year. Mrs. Rider replied \$7,150.

Mrs. Oberkirsch explained there are two options: Option I would be \$5,950 and Option II would be \$5,600; the difference between the options pertains to entertainment venues.

Alderman Hardy made a motion to approve Option I at a cost not to exceed \$5,950 for sponsorship of the annual Art Fair. Alderman Haggerty seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Ms. Oberkirsch stated they would like to request permission for temporary signs. Mrs. Lamitola stated the signage will be the same as it has been in previous years.

Alderman Haggerty made a motion to approve the request for temporary signs. Alderman Webb seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill #22 An ordinance approving the Amended Development Plan for 10989 Gravois Industrial Drive to construct a freezer addition and vestibule. **SECOND READING**

Alderman Hardy read Bill #22 by title only.

Alderman Gregory made a motion to approve Bill #22. Alderman Hrastich seconded the motion, and the members voted:

Alderman Nolan	AYE
Alderman Webb	AYE
Alderman Gregory	AYE
Alderman Hardy	AYE
Alderman Hoffmann	AYE
Alderman Haggerty	AYE
Alderman Hrastich	AYE
Alderman Fribis	AYE

There being 8 AYE votes and 0 NAY votes, the motion passed.

Mayor Svoboda declared Bill #22 adopted and placed in the custody of the City Clerk and entered as Ordinance #1769 of the City of Sunset Hills.

Bill #23 An ordinance amending Subsection 5.13-6(B) of Appendix B of the Code of Ordinances relative to installation and maintenance of landscaped areas. **SECOND READING**

Alderman Hrastich read Bill #23 by title only.

Alderman Hrastich made a motion to approve Bill #23. Alderman Gregory seconded the motion, and the members voted:

Alderman Haggerty	AYE
Alderman Fribis	AYE
Alderman Hoffmann	AYE
Alderman Hardy	AYE
Alderman Gregory	AYE
Alderman Hrastich	AYE
Alderman Nolan	AYE
Alderman Webb	AYE

There being 8 AYE votes and 0 NAY votes, the motion passed.

Mayor Svoboda declared Bill #23 adopted and placed in the custody of the City Clerk and entered as Ordinance #1770 of the City of Sunset Hills.

Bill #24 An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Sec. 17-99 relative to speed limits on certain streets and Sec. 17-314 relative to prohibited parking on certain streets. SECOND READING

Alderman Gregory stated he would like to amend Bill #24 by deleting the reference to Section 2 regarding the Sunset Greens parking situation and consider this as a separate bill.

Mr. Bruce Studer, resident of Sunset Greens, was present and stated he opposes prohibiting parking on both sides of the street. He commented that he has lived in his home for 31 years and there has not been a parking situation that has been so congested that he has had to back up to let a vehicle through. It is an infrequent occurrence when there are vehicles parked on Sunset Greens. He does not believe there is a problem with safety.

Ms. Pat Menzel, resident of W. Watson Rd., was present and stated she opposes an increase in the speed limit on W. Watson Road as the street is narrow, there are not shoulders, the street is frequently utilized by bikers, there are narrow bridges and visibility is limited. A speed limit of over 30 mph would be dangerous. She stated she feels the speed limit of 40 mph on any section of W. Watson Rd. is unacceptable. Most vehicles traveling on W. Watson Road are by-passing the I-270 and Gravois intersection.

Mr. Robert Menzel, resident of W. Watson Rd., was present and stated he feels 40 mph on this section of W. Watson Road is dangerous. He gave an example of it being very difficult to back a trailer into his driveway due to vehicles being directly behind him not giving ample space to back in his driveway with a 25 mph speed limit. He commented that he has been cutting the grass and people driving by have thrown bottles and cans at him and it would be more of a significant impact at 40 mph. He added that he feels 30 mph would be more reasonable.

Ms. Nellie Szkutah, resident of Sunset Greens, was present and stated the weekends are the biggest problem with the parking. She feels it is difficult to drive on the street with cars parked on both sides of the street and the vehicles parked on the street frequently leave debris behind. She is in favor of no parking, at least on one side of the street. She suggested contacting the fire department for their comments. There have been situations in the subdivision that require fire trucks and/or ambulances to respond to a call in the subdivision.

Alderman Gregory made a motion to delete Section 2 of Bill #24 relative to prohibited parking on Sunset Greens. Alderman Nolan seconded the motion, and the members voted:

Alderman Webb	AYE
Alderman Hoffmann	AYE
Alderman Gregory	AYE
Alderman Fribis	AYE
Alderman Nolan	AYE

Alderman Hardy AYE
Alderman Haggerty AYE
Alderman Hrastich AYE

There being 8 AYE votes and 0 NAY votes, the motion passed.

Alderman Hardy stated there was a traffic study on several streets in the City. He commented that he has concerns regarding the speed limit on W. Watson Rd. between Highway 30 and Weber Hill Rd. being increased to 40 mph as the 40 mph recommendation was conditioned on shoulder work that will be done on future projects. The remainder of W. Watson Rd. from Weber Hill Rd. to Highway 270 is recommended to be increased to 35 mph. He suggested considering amending Bill #24 and increasing the speed limit on W. Watson Rd. between Highway 30 and Weber Hill Rd. to 35 mph instead of 40 mph.

Alderman Nolan stated perhaps 35 mph is still a little too fast. Unless it is very obvious that the speed limit is decreasing, motorists continuing on Rott Rd. will travel even faster than they currently do.

Alderman Gregory commented that the Public Works Department commissioned a traffic study by a recognized engineering firm and recommendations were made to the City. He added that he feels that at some point, people have to rely on the information that has been presented by the professional that was hired to provide the information.

Mrs. Lamitola stated that on W. Watson Rd. between the golf courses, the 85th percentile speed was between 44 and 48 mph; southbound was 44 mph and northbound was 48 mph. Therefore, 95% of the vehicles were exceeding the speed limit of 25 mph. In the residential section of W. Watson Rd., near Bond Place, the 85th percentile speed was 39 mph northbound and 38 mph southbound.

Alderman Gregory stated that many years ago there was an effort to reduce the speed limit on W. Watson Rd. to discourage traffic cutting through from Highway 30 to Rott Rd. There might have been a proposal to prohibit left turns on northbound Highway 30 onto W. Watson Rd. as it was desired to reduce the traffic from cutting through. Mrs. Lamitola stated that W. Watson Rd. is considered an arterial road.

Alderman Fribis stated she finds it very hard to travel 25 mph on Weber Hill Rd. going down the hill towards W. Watson Rd. She added that she has had a vehicle pass her on Weber Hill Rd.

Alderman Webb stated he is generally opposed to increasing the speed limit. However, he found it nearly impossible to travel 25 mph in the area Alderman Fribis spoke of.

Alderman Hardy made a motion to amend Bill #24 and make the section of roadway on W. Watson Road from Weber Hill Road to Highway 30, 35 mph and not 40 mph. Alderman Hrastich seconded the motion, and the members voted:

Alderman Nolan AYE
Alderman Haggerty AYE
Alderman Hrastich AYE
Alderman Webb AYE
Alderman Hoffmann AYE
Alderman Gregory AYE
Alderman Fribis AYE
Alderman Hardy AYE

There being 8 AYE votes and 0 NAY votes the motion passed.

Alderman Gregory read amended Bill #24, which includes the two approved amendments, in its entirety. FIRST READING

Alderman Gregory made a motion to suspend the rules and read amended Bill #24 for a second time. Alderman Hardy seconded the motion, and the members voted:

Alderman Fribis	AYE
Alderman Webb	AYE
Alderman Nolan	AYE
Alderman Hoffmann	AYE
Alderman Hardy	AYE
Alderman Haggerty	AYE
Alderman Hrastich	AYE
Alderman Gregory	AYE

There being 8 AYE votes and 0 NAY votes, the motion passed.

Alderman Gregory read amended Bill #24 in its entirety. SECOND READING

Alderman Hardy made a motion to approve amended Bill #24. Alderman Webb seconded the motion, and the members voted:

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

There being 7 AYE votes and 1 NAY vote the motion passed.

Mayor Svoboda declared amended Bill #24 adopted and placed in the custody of the City Clerk and entered as Ordinance #1771 of the City of Sunset Hills.

Alderman Gregory proposed the issue of no parking on Sunset Greens Drive from Weber Hill Road to 250 feet from Weber Hill Road be considered as a separate bill and presented as Bill #25. The bill would prohibit parking on Sunset Greens on the ingress side from Weber Hill Road to 250 feet from Weber Hill Road and on the egress side from Weber Hill Road to approximately 125 feet from Weber Hill Road. Alderman Fribis stated she feels no parking 125 feet on the egress side would be adequate.

Alderman Gregory suggested reading Bill #25 for the first time at this meeting and reading the Bill for the second time at the next Board of Aldermen meeting. This would allow time for the residents of the subdivision to discuss the proposed Bill. Alderman Fribis agreed with this approach.

Alderman Gregory read Bill #25 in its entirety. FIRST READING

Bill #25 will be held over.

CITY OFFICIAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (A) TREASURER/COLLECTOR – Mr. Schuessler presented these reports.
- (B) CITY CLERK – Mrs. Rider reported that due to the election, the April Board of Aldermen meeting will be held on the fourth Tuesday, April 27, 2010.
- (C) CHIEF OF POLICE – Chief LaGrand had nothing to report.

- (D) CITY ATTORNEY – Mr. Jones had nothing to report.
- (E) CITY ENGINEER – Mrs. Lamitola reported the Street Department has responded to a few snow removal operations over the past month; they have also been crack sealing and patching potholes throughout the City. There will be several matters presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission in April. The striping has been completed on Old Gravois Road and there are several storm water projects that are in the design phase.
- (F) PARKS DIRECTOR – Mr. Brown reported there will be roof decking, insulation, parking lot extension and retaining walls on the community center over the next few weeks. There will be work on the parking lot at the aquatics system, work on the gutter system as well as the landscaping walls.

(G) COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT – Alderman Webb had nothing to report.

FINANCE – Alderman Hrastich had nothing to report.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Alderman Hoffmann reported the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at Watson Trail Park.

POLICE ADVISORY – Alderman Hardy had nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS – Alderman Gregory reported one of the storm water projects involves a drainage channel behind 15 – 17 Oleander Dr. He then explained that the Public Works Committee unanimously approved accepting the proposal submitted by CDG Engineers for Engineering Design Services for the drainage channel at 15 – 17 Oleander in the amount of \$26,200.

Alderman Nolan made a motion to accept the proposal submitted by CDG Engineers for Design Services for the drainage channel behind 15 – 17 Oleander Dr. in the amount of \$26,200. Alderman Hrastich seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

REQUESTS TO BE HEARD (NON-AGENDA)

Ms. Mary Wymer, resident of Pagada Parkway, was present and stated she desired to introduce herself. She stated she is a candidate for the office of Mayor and has been a resident of Sunset Hills for over six years. She also stated she is a registered nurse at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclaim the month of April as “Arbor Month” in the City of Sunset Hills

Mayor Svoboda read the above Proclamation.

INVOICES TO BE APPROVED

Alderman Hardy made a motion to approve payment of the invoices. Alderman Hoffmann seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

A MOTION TO HOLD A CLOSED MEETING

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

Alderman Hoffmann	AYE
Alderman Gregory	AYE
Alderman Nolan	AYE
Alderman Haggerty	AYE
Alderman Webb	AYE
Alderman Hardy	AYE
Alderman Fribis	AYE
Alderman Hrastich	AYE

There being 8 AYE votes and 0 NAY votes, the motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

- a) Mary Anne Vitale, Swim & Dive Advisory Committee
to complete the term of Debbie Goodman

Alderman Fribis made a motion to approve the above appointment. Alderman Hoffmann seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hoffmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Alderman Gregory seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Recording Secretary,



Laurie Sanneman