

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY
1011 MUNICIPAL CENTER DRIVE, 63131
MAY 23, 2022**

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Town and Country was held at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 23, 2022 at the Municipal Center.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rehm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The 7:00 PM roll call indicated Aldermen Allen, Even, Francisco, Holman, Hughes, Mortland, Parrotte and Wiesehan to be present.

Mayor Rehm presided.

Attorney Ed Sluys was present to represent the City.

MINUTES – 05/09/22

Alderman Hughes moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Holman.

Mayor Rehm called for any corrections or amendments.

Hearing none, the minutes of 05/09/22 were approved by voice vote.

HEARING FROM CITIZENS

Nancy McLaughlin, 13008 Pembroke Valley Court, spoke regarding the condition of the berm between the BJC Children's Specialty Care facility and Pembroke Court Subdivision. She described the landscape plan presented during the facility's approval and noted that the berm's current state is a nuisance. Ms. McLaughlin distributed a packet of documents to the Board and outlined its contents to include: Chapter 215-Nuisances of the Municipal Code, Board of Aldermen minutes from 01/13/14, 01/27/14, 02/09/15, and also Planning & Zoning Commission minutes from 07/30/13 and 12/11/13.

Michael Heinz, 13043 Pembroke Valley Court, spoke regarding the condition of the berm between the BJC Children's Specialty Care facility and Pembroke Court Subdivision. Mr Heinz displayed several photos depicting the berm's current state from both sides, as well as the berm located at Missouri Baptist Hospital. He described the photos and unsightly condition of the residential side of the existing berm.

Alderman Allen noted that this issue was brought forward in the fall but now that vegetation is present the inconsistency with neighboring yards is more prevalent.

Mayor Rehm thanked the residents for their comments and stated that City Administrator Bob Shelton would follow up with BJC.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

APPOINTMENTS

- Parks & Trails Commission-David Murphy

Mayor Rehm sought a motion to approve his appointment of David Murphy to the Parks & Trails Commission. Alderman Hughes moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Francisco.

A voice vote was held and carried.

- Ways & Means Commission-Mohammad Agha

Mayor Rehm sought a motion to approve his appointment of Mohammad Agha to the Ways & Means Commission. Alderman Parrotte moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Francisco.

A voice vote was held and carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Alderman Mortland

Alderman Mortland announced that the Police, Fire & EMS Commission would hold its next meeting at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, May 24, at the Municipal Center.

Alderman Parrotte

Alderman Parrotte reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission met on May 18 to review a proposal from BJC for a rehab hospital. He noted that a good exchange was held regarding the overall project and its intended uses. He added that a Boundary Adjustment, Zoning Text change, Preliminary Site Development Plan, and Conditional Use Permit would be forthcoming for consideration by the Board.

Mayor Rehm noted for the record that rehabilitation hospitals do not accept overflow from regular hospitals.

Alderman Allen

Alderman Allen stated that the next meeting of the Veterans & First Responders Task Force would be held at noon on June 1 at Longview Farm Park.

She also noted that the Ways & Means Commission had a great meeting on May 20 and new member Mohammad Agha was present to observe.

Alderman Francisco

Alderman Francisco reported that the next Summer Concert Series event will be held June 10 and invited all to attend. She detailed the event offerings to include music by Volcanic Ash, beverages from Steampunk Brew Works, and food from Blues Fired Pizza.

She also encouraged residents to sign up for the Family Campout at Longview Farm Park taking place on Friday, June 3. She noted that spots were available and outreach is expanding to invite the community to participate.

Finally, she noted the the Parks & Trails Commission met on May 16 and held a discussion with SWT Design regarding the Drace Park Playground Project. She added that finalized drawings should be received soon so that proposals can be solicited for construction.

Alderman Holman

Alderman Holman announced that the Public Works Commission would next meet at 6:30 PM on June 20 at the Municipal Center.

City Administrator

City Administrator Bob Shelton informed the Board that a summer intern, Julia, has started in the Public Works Department. He noted that she is a Rolla civil engineering student and will help conduct a city-wide evaluation of streets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILL NO. 22-30, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE AND AUTHORIZING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE, A PAVILION, LOCATED AT 12051 GAILCREST LANE IN THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY (sponsored by Aldermen Even, Holman & Hughes) (1st reading 05/09/22)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 22-30 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Holman moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Even.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Even, Francisco, Holman, Hughes, Mortland, Parrotte and Wiesehan; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, none.

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 22-30 became Ordinance No. 4511.

BILL NO. 22-31, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FEE AMENDMENT WITH REITZ & JENS IN RELATION TO THE 21 BROOKMILL AND 1839 WOODMARK STORMWATER PROJECTS (sponsored by Aldermen Mortland & Holman) (1st reading 05/09/22)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 22-31 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Mortland moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Allen.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Even, Francisco, Holman, Hughes, Mortland, Parrotte and Wiesehan; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, none.

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 22-31 became Ordinance No. 4512.

NEW BUSINESS

BILL NO. 22-32, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH GERSHENSON CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2022 LONGVIEW AND DRACE TRAIL RESURFACING PROJECT AND AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET BY INCREASING EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS IN THE PARKS & STORMWATER FUND AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO COVER THE INCREASES (sponsored by the Board as a Whole)

Mayor Rehm called for a first reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 22-32 was read for the first time by title only.

Mayor Rehm declared Bill No. 22-32 continued to the meeting of Monday, June 13, 2022 for the second reading and consideration.

Alderman Allen recused herself from the following item and left the dais.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL LIQUOR LICENSES

Alderman Holman moved for approval of the below list, seconded by Alderman Hughes.

Retail Liquor By The Drink and Sunday By The Drink

Bellerive Country Club

Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant

First Watch

Hearth Room Café

Katie's Pizza and Pasta

Lutheran Senior Services-Mason Pointe

Gateway City Fondue d/b/a The Melting Pot

Missouri Athletic Club

Schnuck Market #142

St. Louis Wine & Beermaking (d/b/a Steampunk Brew Works)

Total Wine and More

Wild Crush
Woodsmill Tennis Club
Midwest Pasta Inc. d/b/a Yellowstone Cafe

Retail Liquor By The Drink
R & M Restaurant LLC d/b/a Massa's
TAVco Holdings I, LLC d/b/a The Wine and Cheese Place

Retail Liquor By The Drink and Manufacturer of 22% Alcohol or Less
St. Louis Wine and Beermaking (d/b/a Steampunk Brew Works)

Original Package Liquor & Sunday Package Liquor
Straub's

In response to Mayor Rehm, City Administrator Bob Shelton noted that outreach to all outstanding licensees will continue over the coming weeks to ensure renewals are obtained before the new license period.

A voice vote was held and carried.

Alderman Allen returned to the dais and served for the remainder of the meeting.

BILL NO. 22-33, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO REIMBURSE FOUR INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS DIRECTLY ABUTTING THE TWIN FARMS RETENTION POND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 IN TOTAL FOR BANK RESTORATION ON SPECIFIC PROPERTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESSEX POINT/SELLENRIEK ROAD RETENTION 2011-4D (UPPER) TWIN FARMS PROJECT AND AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET BY INCREASING A PARKS & STORMWATER FUND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO COVER THE INCREASE (sponsored by Aldermen Holman & Hughes)

Mayor Rehm called for a first reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 22-33 was read for the first time by title only.

Lynn Wright, 2478 White Stable, spoke in support of the reimbursement to several property owners in Twin Farms Subdivision. She provided a brief history of the project and its current state before requesting that the Board consider reimbursing residents for the full cost of restoration. Ms. Wright's statement is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Rehm declared Bill No. 22-33 continued to the meeting of Monday, June 13, 2022 for the second reading and consideration.

WARRANT LIST-05/23/22

Alderman Holman moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Allen.

Mayor Rehm called for discussion or amendments.

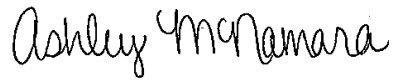
Alderman Allen referred to many services and programs included on the warrant list that cost the City but are not supported by property taxes including the Concert Series event, deer removal, salt delivery for the winter season, parks maintenance and programming, police and fire expenses, sidewalk and trail maintenance, etc.

Hearing no amendments, a voice vote was taken on the May 23, 2022 warrant list in the amount of \$323,498.61 and carried.

OTHER

ADJOURN

On motion of Alderman Hughes, seconded by Alderman Even, and unanimously confirmed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Handwritten signature of Ashley McNamara in cursive script.

Ashley McNamara
City Clerk

Mayor and Board of Alderman thank you for your service and all the hours you give to our community. My name is Lynn Wright and I live at 2478 White Stable Road I would like to speak on Bill 22-33. I appreciate that this bill has been brought before you tonight.

I want to invite each one of you over to the Twin Farms Retention pond not a drive by look but to get out of your car and walk back to the retention pond and look at what has been constructed regarding the banks. The Pearman's live at 2417 White Stable Road and they are happy to let you use their driveway to park and walk to assess the pond which is the easiest way to see.

Tonight I am not going to go into all the history of the retention pond only to say this was a Partnership between Town and Country and homeowners that owned property for the retention basin.

The 4 land owners that property are around the retention pond is who the ordinance is written for. This is the third stormwater project for this watershed. Partnership was the retention basin would hold water for Essex Subdivision and Town and Country Estates and all other residents down stream to help slow down an amazing amount of water that flows from this watershed. In turn the city would dredge out the pond that was needed adding aerators to help with algae. The banks needed to be higher for this project to hold water and let water leave the pond slowly just like Town Square and Longview pond is made to do. Those ponds are beautiful compared to this one. The city promised to leave the retention pond better than was found. Unfortunately this did not happen.

I want to bring to your attention the pond is left in worse state than started for those that have to take care of the banks regarding what was planted and how the banks were prepared.

The homeowners worked with getting 4 companies to come out and give quotes to them on repairing the banks after Town and Country felt this project was complete. They are giving you the proposal from the **least expensive company** to fix the banks.

As you would like them to partner with Town and Country to pay for half of the expense. **I ask you to reconsider and take on the full payment of this bill.** Which is coming out of the Storm water budget and not General fund.

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These 4 home owners still have to fix their property with trees that were damaged and have to be removed because the contractor did not place the protected fence around many trees. A retention wall in one homeowners yard had to be replaced because of the erosion was so bad they had to be rebuilt. This quote you have today is for seed on the banks instead of sod to be less expensive for the city. Home owners will then need to replace with sod to make sure erosion is stopped but felt this was too much to add to the quote to the city. They are picking up a great deal of expenses that they are not asking for.

If the city had left yards from the trail that the city partner with residents from the Clayton Road, Weidman, Bopp trail how this retention pond was left, I promise we would never be able to keep going forward with our trail system that you are working on today on Topping Road.

I am disappointed at what the retention pond looks like today and what these residents have to look at compared to before this project.

Many of you were not on the board when this was voted on but you are on the board today to vote. Please learn about the history of this stormwater project which Matt & Monica Pearman can supply you with all emails and meetings that were held.

I will be out of town when you vote on this bill and felt it was necessary to speak on this topic tonight I am one of the trustee for our subdivision. I worked with the city as a board member on this project and thought this project would be a wonderful partnership now it has been only a nightmare for these homeowners that look at it and deal with everyday and feel awful for them.

Thank you,

Lynn Wright

Ashley I would like you to add my letter to the minutes for tonight

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