

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY
1011 MUNICIPAL CENTER DRIVE, 63131
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**

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, September 25, 2023 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, Murphy, Schwoerer, and Wiesehan to be present. Aldermen Francisco, Hughes, and Kinsella were absent.

Mayor Rehm presided.

Attorney Ed Sluys was present to represent the City.

MINUTES-09/11/23 Regular Meeting

Alderman Allen moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Even.

Mayor Rehm called for any corrections or amendments.

Hearing none, the minutes of 09/11/23 were approved by voice vote.

HEARING FROM CITIZENS

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

APPOINTMENTS

- Commission Chairmen

Mayor Rehm sought a motion to approve his appointment of Alderman Francisco to the Public Works Commission and Alderman Murphy to the Parks and Trails Commission.

Alderman Schwoerer moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Even. A voice vote was held and carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILL NO. 23-41, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE AND AUTHORIZING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR OUTSIDE DINING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS BLACKSMITH GROVE LOCATED AT 13360 CLAYTON ROAD IN THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY (Sponsored by Aldermen Wiesehan and Even) (1st reading 09/11/23)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 23-41 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Wiesehan moved to continue Bill No. 23-41 to the meeting of October 9, 2023 for further consideration.

Alderman Even seconded and a voice vote carried.

BILL NO. 23-42 , AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL RATE OF TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2023 ON PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF SAID TAXES ON THE BOOKS OF THE COUNTY COLLECTOR BY THE COUNTY CLERK AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION AS PROVIDED BY LAW
(Sponsored by the Board as a Whole) (1st reading 09/11/23)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 23-42 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Schwoerer moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Wiesehan.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Even, Murphy, Schwoerer, and Wiesehan; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, Francisco, Hughes, and Kinsella.

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 23-42 became Ordinance No. 4587.

NEW BUSINESS

BILL NO. 23-43, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH GAMMA TREE EXPERTS FOR 2024 ON-CALL TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL SERVICES (sponsored by the Board as a Whole)

Mayor Rehm called for the first reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 23-43 was read for the first time by title only.

Mayor Rehm declared Bill No. 23-43 continued to the meeting of Monday, October 9, 2023 for second reading and consideration.

RESOLUTION NO. R14-2023, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPROVING THE USE OF TEMPORARY LIGHTS FOR A FOOTBALL GAME ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 AT THE PRINCIPIA LOCATED AT 13201 CLAYTON ROAD

Alderman Even moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Murphy.

Alderman Wiesehan inquired about whether the request for temporary lights would be ongoing or for one occurrence. Merry Sorrells, Head of School, explained that the request was solely for the homecoming game to support increased attendance from alumni. She added that the field typically used for such events was currently experiencing turf issues.

Hearing no further, a voice vote was taken and carried.

BILL NO. 23-44, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OATES ASSOCIATES FOR PRE-PLANNING SERVICES RELATED TO THE CONWAY ROAD AND MASON ROAD SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
(sponsored by the Board as a Whole)

Mayor Rehm called for the first reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 23-44 was read for the first time by title only.

Mayor Rehm declared Bill No. 23-44 continued to the meeting of Monday, October 9, 2023 for second reading and consideration.

WARRANT LIST-09/25/23

Alderman Allen moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Wiesehan.

Mayor Rehm called for discussion or amendments.

Alderman Allen inquired about the engineering expenses for HR Green. Public Works Director Michael Zeltmann explained the cost to be for engineering related to Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant applications on two stormwater projects.

Alderman Murphy asked if consideration had been given to direct lab testing for pre-employment analysis. Mr. Shelton explained that testing is currently done through a business in the City with fixed pricing and direct one-on-one customer service in reporting.

Alderman Murphy requested further information about escrow refunds noted on the Warrant List. Mr. Shelton noted that three of the refunds were for new swimming pools. He further explained that the related ordinance requires a builder to pay a \$5,000 deposit which is refunded post-project completion if area streets are found to be in the same condition after inspection.

Hearing none, a voice vote was taken on the September 25, 2023 Warrant List in the amount of \$203,770.13 and carried.

OTHER

Alderman Allen expressed excitement to see Bill No. 23-44 come forward supporting potential trail projects and connectivity in Ward 4. She inquired about whether insurance coverage for the Drace Park pavilion fire would extend to design services. Mr. Shelton explained that property insurance would cover the cost of replacement and defendants in the case would be held responsible for certain fines to the extent possible.

Alderman Even noted appreciation for the Town & Country Police Department and Sergeant Duddleston for going above and beyond to assist a motorist earlier in the month.

Alderman Murphy announced that Town & Country's Night Out with police and fire would be held on October 3, 2023. He further reported that Fall Fire & Ice would be held from 5-8 PM on October 7 and encouraged all to attend to enjoy music, food trucks, and a raffle with items from community businesses.

ADJOURN

On motion of Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Schwoerer, and unanimously confirmed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.


Ashley McNamara
City Clerk