## CITY OF WELDON SPRING REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN APRIL 13, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER**: The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Weldon Spring was held on Thursday April 13, 2023, at approximately 7:33 PM. The meeting was held at the Weldon Spring City Hall, which is located at 5401 Independence Road. The meeting was called to order by **Mayor Donald Licklider**.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All present stood, and the Mayor led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: The following Alderman were present in person: Alderman Baker, Alderman Clutter, Alderman Conley, Alderman Kolb, Alderman Martiszus, and Alderman Yeager. A quorum was declared. Also present in person were Mayor Don Licklider and City Administrator Michael Padella.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alderman Clutter pointed out a typographical error in the minutes from the previous Board of Aldermen meeting, and the Deputy City Clerk noted same to be corrected. Alderman Clutter then moved to approve the minutes of the minutes as corrected from the Board of Aldermen meeting on March 23, 2023. Alderman Yeager seconded. A voice vote was taken, all voted to approve, and the minutes were approved.

PUBLIC HEARING: There was no public hearing.

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT: Alderman Clutter moved to accept the Treasurer's packet of paid bills from March 17, 2023, to March 31. 2023. Alderman Yeager seconded the Motion, and a voice vote was taken. All voted in favor of accepting the packet as presented, and the motion was carried. The paid bills were unanimously accepted by acclamation. There was discussion led by Alderman Kolb regarding payment of bills with multiple checks to the same vendor and asked why this was. The City Administrator stated he would check into this and report back.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** There was no unfinished business.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Alderman Baker read the Ordinance to Repeal Section 505.040 known as Permitting Provisions in its Entirety and Enacting in its place a New Section in the City of Weldon Spring, Missouri, Municipal Code and matters relating thereto. After the reading, Mayor Licklider called for the proposal to be named a Bill and was given Bill Number 1197. Discussion ensued. City Attorney Wohler noted that there were changes that he had recommended that were not included in the proposed Bill. Alderman Martiszus also stated that he had proposed changes on Page Two that were not evident. Due to the

myriad of desired changes to the language of the Bill, **Mayor Licklider** stated that the Bill would be reworked by City Staff before the next regular Board of Aldermen meeting on April 27, 2023 and further discussion of the Bill would be held at that time prior to a vote by the Aldermen.

- B. Alderman Baker made a motion to approve Supplemental Agreement #1 with Cochran Engineering allowing them to move forward with additional Pedestrian Crossing Evaluations at Rodelle Woods/Independence Rd. and Pitman Hill/Towers Rd intersections and begin engineering design work for the Walking Facility Improvements along Westwood Dr. Alderman Yeager seconded. A voice vote was taken, and all voted in favor of the Motion.
- C. Surplus Property List Public Sale: There was discussion regarding the City holding a Public Sale of Surplus City Property. City Administrator Padella spoke about the large items that will be available, and also the smaller items that will be offered for sale. The sale of the items in question will be held on the day of the City's Shredding and Electronic Recycling Day, April 29, 2023. City Administrator Padella said that it would be the best time to have the sale due to increased traffic at City Hall for the shredding event.

In addition, to be offered in the sale will be the old log cabin that has been on the City property for years.

After discussion, it was agreed that the formal review and approval of the proposed surplus property list would be considered at the next regular Board of Aldermen. It was also agreed by consensus to allow the public sale to be advertised in the meantime.

## **REPORTS AND COMMITTEES:**

- A.) Public Safety Report: Lt. Rick Luetkenhaus of the St. Charles County Police Department was present and presented his report. There was a discussion of the incident reports, and Mayor Licklider thanked Lt. Luetkenhaus for the increased visible police presence in the City. Lt. Luetkenhaus asked how the Mayor liked the re-decaled police car design that designated the Weldon Spring contract officers' cars.
- B.) PRAC (Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee) Alderman Martiszus discussed the current design layout for the "Siedentop" Pocket Park. He commented about the configuration of the walking trail and its apparent distance from the creek. There was discussion regarding clearing of invasive plant species as well as other debris in the creek area as part of the park improvement project.

Next, the PRAC also recommended naming this Pocket Park the "Weldon Spring Crooked Creek Park"; discussion ensued about the naming of the park and the consensus was to further consider the naming of the park at a later time.

Finally, he discussed the PRAC's desire to see the facility needs assessment for City Hall move forward as this is a project that was budgeted in FY 2023.

C.) City Administrator Michael Padella had previously presented much of his report earlier in the Work Session that preceded the regular Board of Aldermen meeting.

## **RECEIPTS & COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a) Alderman Clutter talked about the next Finance committee meeting on April 26, 2023, the day before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- b) Alderman Baker discussed the Marijuana Sales Tax that had passed at the St. Charles County general election on April 4<sup>th</sup> and expressed questions about Marijuana Sales Tax propositions for the City to consider.
- c) Alderman Conley had no report or communications.
- d) Alderman Martiszus had no report or communications.
- e) Alderman Yeager had no report or communications.
- f) Alderman Kolb had no report or communications.
- g) Mayor Licklider discussed having communications with representatives from i3 Broadband a fiberoptic company, and also spoke about the loss of Los 3 Compadres restaurant over the past week.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Tom Szlazi was present and spoke about the Pocket Park and expressed his desire to acknowledge John Weldon in the naming of the new Park. Mr. Szlazi's comments led to a discussion of the cleanup needed at the actual source of the original John Weldon Spring at Highway 94 near Highway 40.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Alderman Kolb moved to adjourn the meeting and Alderman Clutter seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Brown, CCA

Deputy City Clerk