

Board of Alderman Minutes
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OPEN MEETING

Roll Call taken by Mayor Stephen Short
Jeffrey Danderson PRESENT, Dennis Roe PRESENT, Ben Lord PRESENT, Sherry Veach
PRESENT, Richard Icenhower PRESENT, Leon Beaty PRESENT

Call to order at: 6:30 p.m.

Approve Agenda. Motion by Roe to approve amended agenda. Seconded by Veach
Danderson AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Icenhower AYE, Beaty AYE

Public Forum

Old Business

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING AND ZONING APPROVING SWAN ESTATES SITE PLAN

Danderson said he was questioning the width of the streets and no sidewalks. He was told it was private property so it doesn't matter. He isn't sure if that is legally correct or not. If that is the case though, why is this before Aldermen? If this is a private drive and we can't tell Karla to widen it, he isn't sure we even have to approve a plat. Sherry thinks as long as all of the codes have been met, it should be approved. Danderson doesn't agree that we can't tell her what she can and can't do on private property. Icenhower agrees and disagrees. He doesn't have a problem with the street but he would like to see a sidewalk. It would be an asset to the development. Karla would like exterior sidewalks in the shade.

Motion by Veach to approve the site plan of Swan Estates. Seconded by Icenhower
Danderson NAY, Roe, AYE, Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Icenhower AYE, Beaty AYE

Roe would like to add that he has worked on sidewalks in the city. It is a continued request from the citizens and he encourages them to pursue that. Dale (Swan Estate Contractor) said it is figured in. Icenhower says this isn't the final plan. Danderson stated the Engineer said last meeting that the full intent needs to be reflected on the site plan that the board is approving. Once it is approved, intentions of doing things are no longer required. If they want the sidewalks to be added to the site plan, then the motion needs to be contingent upon that.

New Business

DISCUSS PREFERRED HAULER LIST (ICENHOWER)

Icenhower says he brought this up some time back over the trash trucks. Rather than 4 or 5 running through town, he would have one or two. Danderson asks if there are other representatives for trash companies in the room. Pendergrass, Ozark Mountain Sanitation and GFL Environmental are present. It is open for discussion. Danderson doesn't understand how that would be put in place. Would it be an ordinance or are we suggesting that people don't do it. Icenhower says that he suggests it be an Ordinance. Beaty asks if all companies have been notified. Danderson asks what the difference is between preferred hauler. He is all for free enterprise. He doesn't agree with telling people in town who they can or can't use for trash service. Veach agrees. Some trash companies offer more than others would.

Mayor said a few years ago he was sitting in Richards spot and wanting to start the 2 year notification process and you have a council in favor of it and then 2 years later, the new Aldermen are not in favor of it. If we contracted preferred hauler we could negotiate curbside recycling. The senior citizen bill in Strafford is \$11.25 which is considerably lower than charged in Fair Grove. In the comprehensive plan, the community continues to show support for the local school and park system, improve utility services and have a single hauler trash service. Mayor asks if we need to vote on the 2 year notification process. Danderson and Veach said they are no.

Icenhower says he is a yes and that there are 4 trucks in his neighborhood. He would only have one truck. Veach stated that she doesn't like being told who she can do business with. Karla said that corporate companies have taken all the bids. Pendergrass says that corporate trucks will be bigger trucks. Lord sees both sides of it. Pendergrass says that Fair Grove has been in the trash family for 45 years and they do the best they can to help out any way. Danderson guesses that the majority of people in this town use Pendergrass and Ozark Mountain. Lord asks for Karla to explain the list. Willard has one and its 3 companies and pick which one would like. It is limited to 3 haulers. Done by Ordinance. Veach says that you could still have two or three trucks still going up the road. Roe says he has been listening to a lot of conversation about this. Springfield News stated that there was a problem with their trash not getting picked up. If we have a single hauler, it will be a mess if a truck goes down. He also gets complaints so he would like to see a few companies in town. Beaty asks how the preferred hauler list is determined. Danderson says that it would have to be done by bids otherwise you are just picking companies and putting it an ordinance. If we voted to go to single company, we would have to authorize city clerk to send a letter to all of the citizens. But that is only for single hauler. Chris (Ozark Mountain Sanitation) said it's not about the roads if they are worried about the roads. Danderson says it isn't about the roads.

Motion by Beaty to do research to find out what is required for a preferred hauler list.
Motion dies for lack of a second.

PARK BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor recommends Stacey McCormick

Motion by Icenhower to appoint Stacey McCormick to the Park Board for a term to expire 06/2025. Seconded Roe
Danderson AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Icenhower AYE, Beaty AYE

DISCUSS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (LORD)

Lord said Emergency Management is on here to name the Assistant Emergency Management Director.

Motion by Lord to appoint Mark Steward as Assistant Emergency Director effective 8/8/2023
Second Danderson
Danderson AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Icenhower AYE, Beaty AYE
Icenhower says that we have another alternative but he isn't going to bring it up now.

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Mark Stewart introduces himself. He has worked for Springfield Police Department for 15 years. Now works in the administrative department supporting officers in whatever they need. Moved to Fair Grove this summer.

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE TAP SIDEWALK GRANT (ROE)

Roe was contacted by City Engineer that MoDot has opened up applications for TAP grants for sidewalks. Reached out to committee and they are interested. A proposal was put together. Up off of Willow, a lot of kids walk to school and it would make it safer for them. Meadwoods and Waterfield would all like sidewalks to get to the park. Those two together one \$125,000 and the other \$115,000 20% match would be about \$45,000. Thinks we can get it in the budget. We need to approve the Mayor to sign to apply for the Grant. Icenhower thinks both would be a great asset.

RESOLUTION 23-04 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND IF AWARDED ACCEPT A TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) GRANT FROM THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MODOT)

Motion by Roe to approve Mayor to sign applying for the Grant. Seconded Veach
Danderson AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Icenhower AYE, Beaty AYE

Mayor Report

Treasurer needs approval from the Board to prepay our General Obligation Bond in the amount of \$25,000. Currently, we have too much in Debt Service to do a levy this year but the prepayment would allow for the levy to continue. Consensus of the Board to approve prepayment of \$25,000 bond.

Icenhower thinks that next April we need to put the use tax on the ballot. Roe is in favor of it.

Adjournment

Motion by Danderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm. Seconded Veach
Danderson AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Icenhower AYE, Beaty AYE

Adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Sara Davis, City Clerk