



**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF VALLEY PARK
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
7:00 PM – JULY 17, 2023**

**CITY HALL
320 BENTON STREET
VALLEY PARK, MISSOURI 63088**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Chandra Webster called the regular meeting of the Valley Park Board of Aldermen to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken:

Mayor:	Chandra Webster	Present		
Aldermen:	Stephanie Reynolds	Present	Jon Young	Present
	Dave Rose	Present	Eddie Walker	Present
	Betty Halker	Present	Mike White	Present
	Randy Bowen	Present	Elijah Braswell	Present
Others present:	Tim Engelmeyer, City Attorney			
	Nathan Schauf, City Administrator			
	Matt Roskowske, Community Development Director			
	Gil DeNormandie, Parks/Communication Coordinator			
	Lt. Gregg Flinn, St. Louis County Police Department			

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Young made a motion to approve the agenda, but to move the Citizen Comments portion up to immediately following Roll Call. The motion was seconded by Alderman White. The motion passed on a voice vote.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tom Kaiman (970 Meramec Station Road), the owner of 44 West Luxury Living, expressed his thanks to the elected officials and City staff who were involved in the project and development. Mr. Kaiman stated his company is planning another development on the east side of Route 141 south of Interstate 44 and that he is very proud to be here. He invited the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to visit 44 West if they are ever interested.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Halker made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2023 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman White. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Alderman Halker made a motion to amend the minutes from the June 29, 2023 Special Board of Aldermen meeting to indicate that Alderman Braswell abstained from all three votes pertaining to Bill No. 2023-07, and to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Alderman White. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Alderman Halker made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 3, 2023 Special Board of Aldermen meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman White. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Alderman Halker made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 3, 2023 Emergency Board of Aldermen meeting. Alderman Braswell stated his preference that, in the future, meetings should go into recess and then reconvene at a scheduled time instead of adjourning and calling an emergency meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Walker. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Alderman Halker made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 4, 2023 Emergency Board of Aldermen meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman White. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Alderman Halker made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2023 Special Board of Aldermen meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman White. The motion passed on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

New City Hall Update – Roy Mangan, Archimages

Roy Mangan with Archimages provided an update regarding the progress of construction at the new City Hall. He stated that drywall and tape have been installed on the office side of the building at that on the chambers side, the ceilings are up and drywall is getting ready to be installed.

Mr. Mangan stated that the truss issues have added time to the project. The new date of substantial completion is now sometime in the middle of November. He stated that the date of substantial completion is the date when the City takes ownership of the building and when we can begin moving in.

Mr. Mangan stated that the drawings for the rear parking lot has been submitted to the Metropolitan Sewer District and that they will soon be sent to the contractor for pricing.

Resolution No. 04-2023 – A Resolution of the City of Valley Park Authorizing the Submission of a Construction Grant Application to the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County for Round 24

Alderman Halker made a motion to approve Resolution No. 04-2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman White. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Resolution No. 05-2023 – A Resolution of the City of Valley Park Authorizing the Mayor to Execute, on Behalf of the City, an Easement Agreement with BNSF Railway Company Pertaining to a Particular Piece of Land Located Near the Intersection of Marshall Road and Beckett Memorial Drive

Alderman Halker made a motion to approve Resolution No. 05-2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Reynolds. Alderman Reynolds inquired about the price of the easement and the size of the piece of land. The motion passed on a voice vote.

JULY BILLS

Alderman Walker made a motion to approve payment of the July bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Rose. The motion passed on a voice vote.

REPORTS

Mayor's Report – Chandra Webster

Mayor Webster recommended appointing Kathy Smith to the Parks Board. Alderman White made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Kathy Smith to the Parks Board. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bowen. The motion passed on a voice vote.

City Attorney's Report – Tim Engelmeyer

Alderman Braswell stated he believed the City should post another public notice stating that City Hall is back open and that a budget has been approved.

City Attorney Tim Engelmeyer stated that he has followed up with the various news media sources to tell them that a budget was approved.

City Administrator's Report – Nathan Schauf

Recent Vandalism at Leonard Park

City Administrator Nathan Schauf explained his memo and the recent vandalism experienced at Leonard Park. He sought feedback on if there is any interest making Facebook posts about vandalism and other similar damages to the parks. There was discussion on this matter.

Alderman Walker inquired if the City could enhance our social media presence and information distribution. He stated information about new businesses would get residents excited about new developments. There was discussion on increasing our social media and public information efforts.

Public Works Report – Gerald Martin

No report.

Community Development Report – Matt Roskowske

June 16 thru July 13 Report

Community Development Director Matt Roskowske informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that his monthly statistics were included in the packet and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Roskowske informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the Fishpot Landing project would go back before the Planning & Zoning Commission in September.

Mr. Roskowske provided updates on various other projects and developments.

Parks Report – Gil DeNormandie

Parks/Communication Coordinator Gil DeNormandie thanked the Board of Aldermen for approving the resolution pertaining to the Municipal Park Grant Commission construction grant application. He stated the total maximum amount we could receive this round is \$410,000 and that he is planning to have the grant application finished for submission by the end of the month.

Mr. DeNormandie informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the tower for the new lights at the Meramec Levee Recreation Park had been installed and that we are now waiting for the light poles, fixtures, and bulbs. There was additional discussion on this matter.

Police Report – Lt. Flinn

June Monthly Report

Lt. Gregg Flinn informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that his monthly report was included in the packet and asked if there were any questions.

Lt. Flinn informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the St. Louis County Police Department is hosting a Tip a Cop event on Tuesday and Wednesday at two local restaurants.

Lt. Flinn provided additional information about the Leonard Park vandalism and the two suspects.

Alderman Walker informed Lt. Flinn that juveniles who are charged with crimes cannot participate in events sanctioned by the Missouri State High School Activities Association for one year, inquired about two vehicles parked along Boyd Avenue without license plates, and stated there would likely be a Police Committee meeting scheduled for August.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to consider, Alderman Halker made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman White. The motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Minutes approved August 21, 2023.


Nathan Schauf
City Administrator