



**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF VALLEY PARK
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
7:00 PM – MARCH 20, 2023**

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

Mayor Chandra Webster called the meeting of the Valley Park Board of Aldermen to order at 7:02 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken:

Mayor:	Chandra Webster	Present		
Aldermen:	Dave Rose	Present	Eddie Walker	Present
	Stephanie Reynolds	Present	Jon Young	Present
	Randy Bowen	Present	Mike White	Present
	Betty Halker	Present	Tommy Rauls	Present

Others present: Tim Engelmeyer, City Attorney
Nathan Schauf, City Administrator
Matt Roskowske, Community Development Director
Gil DeNormandie, Parks/Communication Coordinator
Ofc. Mike Castellano, St. Louis County Police Department

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Walker made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Alderman Reynolds. The motion passed on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2023 Board of Aldermen meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Halker. The motion passed on a voice vote.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Glenn Carlson (154 Wynstay Avenue) indicated he is not in favor of the new trash cans. Mr. Carlson stated that the City should resume streaming its meetings online, the City should allow residents to comment virtually, and the City should support a resident’s submitted request to the Missouri State Auditor to audit the City’s financial records.

City Attorney Tim Engelmeyer responded to Mr. Carlson indicating that the City’s financial information is available for inspection at any time.

Alderman Walker responded to Mr. Carlson and said that the City is using ARPA funds for the new trash cans and that they will keep our employees from getting injured.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Poll of the Board Vote authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Easement, on Behalf of the City, Granting Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri Access to Install Electric Service Located Along a Roadway Commonly Known as Cal Hedrick Way in the Meramec Levee Recreation Park.

City Administrator Nathan Schauf informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that this vote would ratify the emailed Poll of the Board regarding an easement for Ameren in the Meramec Levee Recreation Park. The emailed votes received are as follows:

Bowen:	Yes	Walker:	Yes
Halker:	Yes	White:	Yes
Rauls:	Yes	Young:	Yes

Alderman White made a motion to ratify the poll of the board vote authorizing the Mayor to sign an easement, on behalf of the City, granting Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri access to install electric service located along a roadway commonly known as Cal Hedrick Way in the Meramec Levee Recreation Park. The motion was seconded by Alderman Reynolds. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Yes:	Reynolds, Rose, Halker, Bowen, Young, Walker, Rauls, White
No:	None
Absent:	None

Ratification of Poll of the Board Vote Authorizing the City Administrator to Offer Matt Roskowske the Wage of \$68,640 per annum for His Acceptance of a Promotion to the Position of Community Development Director.

City Administrator Nathan Schauf informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that this vote would ratify the emailed Poll of the Board regarding establishing Matt Roskowske's wage upon his acceptance of a promotion to Community Development Director. The emailed votes received are as follows:

Bowen:	No	Walker:	Yes
Halker:	Yes	White:	Yes
Rauls:	Yes	Young:	Yes

Alderman Walker made a motion to ratify the poll of the board vote authorizing the City Administrator to offer Matt Roskowske the wage of \$68,640 per annum for his acceptance of a promotion to the position of Community Development Director. The motion was seconded by Alderman White. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Yes:	White, Rauls, Walker, Young, Bowen, Halker, Rose, Reynolds
No:	None
Absent:	None

Ratification of Poll of the Board Vote Authorizing the Public Works Director to Purchase an Exmark ZS5260 Spreader/Sprayer from Lawn Care Equipment Co. for \$14,234.00.

City Administrator Nathan Schauf informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that this vote would ratify the emailed Poll of the Board regarding approving the purchase of an Exmark

spreader/sprayer from Lawn Care Equipment Co. He reminded the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the City was receiving pricing through the Omnia Partners cooperative purchasing firm. The emailed votes received are as follows:

Halker:	Yes	Walker:	Yes
Rauls:	Yes	White:	Yes
Reynolds:	Yes	Young:	Yes

Alderman Walker made a motion to ratify the poll of the board vote authorizing the Public Works Director to purchase an Exmark ZS5260 spreader/sprayer from Lawn Care Equipment Co. for \$14,234.00. The motion was seconded by Alderman White. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Yes:	Reynolds, Rose, Halker, Bowen, Young, Walker, Rauls, White
No:	None
Absent:	None

Application for Special Event – Sue Smith, Applicant

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen discussed the Application for Special Event submitted by Sue Smith to hold a kids/dog pet parade and toy hunt in the parking lot at Rub-A-Dub Doggie. Alderman Walker made a motion to approve the Application for Special Event as long as the organizers informed the nearby businesses of their plans to hold the event. The motion was seconded by Alderman Rose. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Application for Special Event – Bobby’s Place

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen discussed the Application for Special Event submitted by Bobby’s Place to hold Bike Night events from April through October. Alderman Walker made a motion to approve the Application for Special Event as long as the restaurant submitted proof of insurance before the events began. The motion was seconded by Alderman Reynolds. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Application for Special Event – CB’s Chop House

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen discussed the Application for Special Event submitted by CB’s Chop House to have a tent in the parking lot of their restaurant for the St. Louis Cardinals opening day on March 30th from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. Alderman Reynolds made a motion to approve the Application for Special Event as long as the business informed the nearby businesses of their plans to hold the event. The motion was seconded by Alderman Walker. The motion passed on a voice vote.

FEBRUARY BILLS

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

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

No action taken.

REPORTS

Mayor's Report – Chandra Webster

Alderman Walker asked for an executive session at the conclusion of the open session.

City Attorney's Report – Tim Engelmeyer

City Attorney Tim Engelmeyer stated that the Valley Park Municipal Court had a large docket recently and that it is clear that the police officers assigned to Valley Park are working.

City Administrator's Report – Nathan Schauf

New City Hall Update

City Administrator Nathan Schauf stated that the City is now under contract with LCS, LLC for the new City Hall at 55 Crescent. He stated that he would be inviting the contractor to attend the Board of Aldermen meeting in April.

Meramec Levee Recreation Park Lighting

City Administrator Nathan Schauf presented updated information from Musco Lighting pertaining to 600-amp service at the park. There was discussion on this matter.

Alderman Bowen made a motion to accept the quote from Musco Lighting to install 800-amp service in the Meramec Levee Recreation Park. The motion was seconded by Alderman Reynolds. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Yes:	Rose, Halker, Bowen, Young, Walker, Rauls, White, Reynolds
No:	None
Absent:	None

Alderman Walker made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement, on behalf of the City, for the purchase and installation of the lights from Musco Lighting. Alderman Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Public Works Report – Gerald Martin

Public Works Director Gerald Martin informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that he and his employees have been working to repair sidewalks and have been performing asphalt repair in Ward 3 and will soon move to Ward 1 and Ward 2.

He also informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that summer sports leagues have begun playing at the Meramec Levee Recreation Park and Brignole Park.

He informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that he recently conducted a controlled burn with permission from the Valley Park Fire Protection District.

He informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that he is planning to discuss purchasing a new wood chipper during the next meeting of the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee.

Alderman White inquired about whether we have contracts in place with all groups who use our fields.

Alderman Bowen stated that he has seen our Public Works employees doing a lot of hard work the past couple of weeks and he asked Gerald Martin to let his employees know that he appreciates it.

Community Development Report – Matt Roskowske

Community Development Director Matt Roskowske provided an update to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen regarding the number of code violation reports were generated last month and how many were abated without further action. He also provided an update regarding the number of building inspections were performed last month.

Parks Report – Gil DeNormandie

Parks/Communication Coordinator Gil DeNormandie gave a brief report about the St. Louis County Parks Grant Commission and upcoming timeline for the next round of grants.

Alderman Young inquired about an update regarding the surface matting at the Brignole Park playgrounds. Gil DeNormandie indicated he would be getting in contact with contractors about providing quotes to install a new surface due to the issues with the current surface.

Alderman Young made a motion to solicit bids to fix the surface beneath the playgrounds at Brignole Park. Alderman Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Yes:	Reynolds, Rose, Halker, Bowen, Young, Walker, Rauls, White
No:	None
Absent:	None

Police Report – Officer Castellano

Officer Castellano provided the monthly police activity report because Lieutenant Flinn was out of town. He informed the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen that the final Flock camera had been installed along Route 141.

Alderman Young inquired about whether the ATV is prepared and ready to be operated. Officer Castellano informed him that the ATV is ready and there are numerous Valley Park officers who are certified to operate the ATV.

Proposition M Mailer

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen discussed plans to create and distribute a mailer informing voters about Proposition M. Alderman White made a motion directing the City Administrator to create and distribute a mailer to inform voters about Proposition M which would appear on the April 4th ballot. The motion was seconded by Alderman Reynolds. The motion passed on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Walker made a motion to enter a closed meeting pursuant to RSMo. Section 610.021, Paragraph 1 regarding confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body and its attorney. The motion was seconded by Alderman White. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Yes: White, Rauls, Walker, Young, Bowen, Halker, Rose, Reynolds
No: None
Absent: None

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen entered closed session at 8:01 pm.

Alderman Walker made a motion to resume open session. Alderman Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Yes: Reynolds, Rose, Halker, Bowen, Young, Walker, Rauls, White
No: None
Absent: None

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen resumed open session at 8:17 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Minutes approved April 25, 2023.



Nathan Schauf
City Administrator