



**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF VALLEY PARK
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
7:00 PM – DECEMBER 18, 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 7:06 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	Absent
	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 Roy Mangan, Archimages			

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Alderman Bowen made a motion to excuse Alderman Walker. The motion was seconded by Alderman Reynolds. The motion passed on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes from 11/20/2023

Alderman Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2023 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Rose. The motion passed on a voice vote.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

William Reynolds (336 Benton Street, Apt. A): Mr. Reynolds complimented the work the Mayor, the Board, and the City staff do. He expressed his concern about vehicles traveling on Benton Street and ignoring stop signs. He asked for additional enforcement on the roads.

NEW BUSINESS

New City Hall Update – Roy Mangan, Archimages

Roy Mangan, Archimages, informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the building is pretty much wrapped up and the contractor is addressing punch list items inside the building. He stated most of the furniture has been delivered, but we are missing some chairs. He stated the plans for the front parking lot, including the drain, should be drafted Tuesday or Wednesday.

Alderman Young expressed his concern about roof and parking lot drainage. He stated he feels the design was an afterthought and that he would like to see the engineered design.

Alderman Reynolds stated she also feels like the parking lot design was an afterthought and wondered why this design was not presented earlier in the process. There was discussion on this matter.

Bill No. 2023-23 – An Ordinance of the City of Valley Park, Missouri Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Documentation Necessary to Join the Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management Association, Approving the Form of Certain Documents Necessary to That End, and Fixing the Time When This Ordinance Shall Become Effective

City Administrator Nathan Schauf explained the bill. There was discussion on this matter.

Alderman White made a motion to put Bill No. 2023-23 on its first reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Alderman Reynolds. The motion passed on a voice vote. Mayor Webster read aloud the title of the bill.

Alderman Reynolds made a motion to put Bill No. 2023-23 on its second reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Alderman White. The motion passed on a voice vote. Mayor Webster read aloud the title of the bill.

Alderman White made a motion to approve Bill No. 2023-23. The motion was seconded by Alderman Reynolds. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

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

Bill No. 2023-23 is now Ordinance No. 2143.

Bill No. 2023-24 – An Ordinance of the City of Valley Park, Missouri Amending Section 225.290 – Park User Fees of the Municipal Code of the City of Valley Park

City Administrator Nathan Schauf explained the bill. There was discussion on this matter.

Alderman Reynolds made a motion to put Bill No. 2023-24 on its first reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Alderman Halker. The motion passed on a voice vote. Mayor Webster read aloud the title of the bill.

Alderman Reynolds made a motion to put Bill No. 2023-24 on its second reading by title only. The motion was seconded by Alderman White. The motion passed on a voice vote. Mayor Webster read aloud the title of the bill.

Alderman White made a motion to approve Bill No. 2023-24. The motion was seconded by Alderman Reynolds. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

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

Bill No. 2023-24 is now Ordinance No. 2144.

Resolution No. 09-2023 – A Resolution of the City of Valley Park Adopting Updated Policies Pertaining to Employee Footwear Reimbursement and Employee Travel and Training

City Administrator Nathan Schauf explained the resolution. There was discussion on this matter.

Alderman White made a motion to approve Resolution No. 09-2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Reynolds. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Request for Approval to Purchase New Sanitation Truck

City Administrator Nathan Schauf explained the memo and prices included in the packet. He informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that both of the two quotes provided in the packet are for rear-load trucks and both would be built on Freightliner chassis. Option One would purchase the body from Armor Equipment using MoDOT discount, and Option Two would purchase the body from Key Equipment using Sourcewell's discount.

Alderman Young inquired about City staff opinions. Alderman White expressed concern that a side-loader would not work in the levee protected area of the City.

Alderman Bowen indicated he believed the side-loader would be faster. Alderman Reynolds stated the side-load could do hundreds of can per hour. Alderman Halker stated the side-loader would not be as effective as what we think. There was further discussion on this matter.

Alderman Halker made a motion to approve the purchase of one new rear-load sanitation truck and to allow the Public Works Director to select which of the two presented options he prefers. The motion was seconded by Alderman White. The motion passed on a roll call vote:

Yes:	Braswell, Halker, Reynolds, White, Young
No:	Bowen, Rose
Absent:	Walker

Request for Approval to Sell Old Equipment – Dump Truck

City Administrator Nathan Schauf explained the memo seeking permission to sell the City's old dump truck. There was discussion on this matter.

Alderman White made a motion to approve selling the City's 2004 GMC C8500 dump truck. The motion was seconded by Alderman Reynolds. The motion passed on a voice vote.

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

No action taken.

DECEMBER BILLS

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

REPORTS

Mayor's Report – Chandra Webster

Mayor Webster wished everyone a Happy Holidays and a Merry Christmas.

Alderman Halker thanked Mayor Webster for planning and holding a nice Christmas party.

City Attorney's Report – Tim Engelmeyer

City Attorney Tim Engelmeyer thanked the Mayor for a nice Christmas party and provided an update on the criminal case filed from the recent theft of the Brignole Park playground equipment.

Alderman Braswell inquired about a recent rezoning request submitted to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mr. Engelmeyer indicated he is still accumulating information and will soon send it to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Rose inquired about the recent notice to rezone Simpson Park. There was discussion on this matter.

City Administrator's Report – Nathan Schauf

Project Status Update Report

City Administrator Nathan Schauf informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the Project Status Update Report was included in the packet and asked for any questions or comments. He also provided an update about the lights being installed at the Meramec Levee Recreation Park soccer fields.

Alderman Bowen inquired about the status of the Brignole Park playground. There was discussion on this matter.

Public Works Report – Gerald Martin

No report.

Community Development Report – Matt Roskowske

November 18th thru December 15th Report

Community Development Director Matt Roskowske informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that the monthly stats from his department were included in the packet. He provided updates on Missouri American Water's restoration plans and Spire's activity on St. Louis Avenue.

Mr. Roskowske provided updates on various businesses throughout the City. He also stated the new light poles for the parking lot at the new City Hall are supposed to be delivered by the end of December. There was discussion on this matter.

Parks Report – Gil DeNormandie

Parks/Communication Coordinator Gil DeNormandie informed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that Reinhold was on site preparing to install the light poles at the Meramec Levee Recreation Park. There was discussion about the plans for the light poles at the baseball fields.

Mr. DeNormandie provided an update on the City's awarded Round 24 grant from the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County and updating forms with our approaching move.

Police Report – Lt. Flinn

November 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. He also stated that the Valley Park detail has a designated traffic car that frequently locates in areas of great concern.

Alderman Rose inquired about drivers disobeying the speed limit.

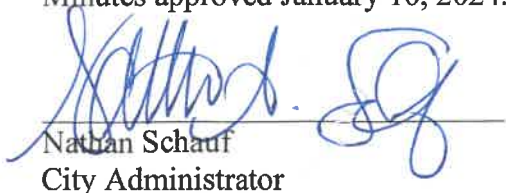
Alderman Reynolds inquired about homeless people in and around the city.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes approved January 16, 2024.


Nathan Schauf
City Administrator