

**VALLEY PARK BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 4, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Valley Park, Missouri, was called to order at 7:02 PM on March 4, 2019, by Mayor Chandra Webster, at the Valley Park City Hall at 320 Benton Street, Valley Park, MO 63088. On a roll call, the following members were present:

Ward 1:	Alderdwoman Reynolds	
Ward 2:	Alderdwoman Halker	Alderdwoman Henderson
Ward 3:	Alderdman Young	Alderdman Walker
Ward 4:	Alderdman Drake	Alderdman White

Also present was:      Dusty Hosna, City Clerk      Tim Engelmeyer, City Attorney  
                                 Gil DeNormandie, Community Development Director  
                                 Lt. John Bielefeld, St. Louis County Police

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PUBLIC PORTION**

**Dana Hockensmith, 428 Redwood Drive, Manchester Missouri:** Hockensmith stated that he is the owner of Lakeside Children's Academy. He expressed his support for the Dougherty Ferry improvement process but was disappointed the trees near his business were removed. He asked the city to work with himself and other area businesses to develop a plan to re-beautify the street and surrounding areas.

**Jeff Whitteaker, 79 Guylyn Drive:** Whitteaker stated that the law firm that is working on the Tree Court Annexation project is the same law firm that is leading the charge on the Better Together proposed merger. Whitteaker was concerned that this would be considered a conflict of interest.

**BUSINESS PORTION**

MINUTES

**February 4, 2019 Board Meeting minutes** – A motion was made by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderdwoman Reynolds to approve the minutes as written. **Motion carried** with 7 ayes.

**February 6, 2019 Police Committee Meeting minutes** – A motion was made by Alderman Walker, seconded by Alderdwoman Reynolds to approve the minutes with one correction. **Motion carried** with 7 ayes.

Alderdwomen Reynolds wanted the minutes to reflect that it was a Police Committee discussion since there was not a quorum present at the meeting.

**February 11, 2019 Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting minutes** – This item was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

**Presentation – Pat Kelly – Municipal League of Metro St. Louis** – Pat Kelly presented information about the proposed Better Together city county merger.

**Bill 2211/Ordinance 2029** – An ordinance partially vacating an alley at the 3 block of Valley Park, Missouri

Alderman Walker made a motion to put Bill 2211 on its first reading by title only. Alderman White seconded the motion. All in favor and none opposed. **Motion carried** with 7 ayes.

Alderwoman Walker made a motion to put Bill 2211 on its second and final reading by title only, seconded by Alderman White. All in favor and none opposed. **Motion carried** with 7 ayes.

Alderman Drake asked if the City would receive compensation for the vacated alley. City Attorney Engelmeyer stated that the City does not own in alley that the City holds in trust.

Alderwoman Reynolds stated that she was concerned that business owners might have restricted access once the alley is vacated. Discussion followed.

Discussion was held regarding the St. Louis County's process of splitting the alley

Alderwoman Halker made a motion to send Bill 2211/Ordinance 2029 back to the Planning and Zoning Commission to review potential access issues from surrounding businesses, seconded by Alderwoman Reynolds. **Motion Carried** with 7 ayes.

AYES: 7 – Halker, Walker, Young, White, Reynolds, Drake and Henderson  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

**Bill 2213/Ordinance 2031** – An ordinance amending section 500.090 regarding building permits and the fees associated with those permits.

Alderwoman Halker made a motion to put Bill 2213 on its first reading by title only. Alderman White seconded the motion. **Motion carried** with 6 ayes and 1 Noes.

AYES: 6 – Halker, Walker, Young, White, Drake and Henderson  
NOES: Reynolds  
ABSENT: 0

Alderman Walker made a motion to put Bill 2213 on its second and final reading by title only. Alderman White seconded the motion. **Motion carried** with 6 ayes and 1 Noes.

AYES: 6 – Halker, Walker, Young, White, Drake and Henderson  
NOES: 1 Reynolds  
ABSENT: 0

Alderwoman Halker made a motion to approve Bill 2213, seconded by Alderman Walker. On a roll call vote, the bill was placed as an ordinance as followed:

AYES: 6 – Halker, Walker, Young, White, Drake and Henderson  
NOES: 1 Reynolds  
ABSENT: 0

**Motion carried** with 6 ayes and 1 Noes.

#### **Discussion on Reichhold Chemical – 249 St. Louis Avenue**

Alderwoman Reynolds opened discussion on Reichhold Chemical and was concerned about the recent fire. She also expressed concern about Reichhold Chemical's emergency evacuation plan, notification process, list of chemicals in the plant, EPA regulations, contaminants produced and their compliance during flooding. Alderman Drake asked for clarification on the recent fire.

City Attorney Tim Engelmeyer suggested that the Board of Aldermen reach out to Reichhold representatives. Community Development Director Gil DeNormandie suggested that the Fire Department be involved. Mayor Webster explained that she was in contact with the plant manager during the recent fire event and suggested that the Board of Aldermen tour the facility.

Alderman Reynolds stated that she would like information about a recent spill, a foam line leak and more information about the chemicals that are required to be listed on MSDS sheets. Alderman Drake added that he would like to see the amount of times the Fire Department has been dispatched to the area.

Alderman Reynolds expressed that she would communicate with the Board of Aldermen to establish a date for the proposed meeting with Reichhold Chemical representatives.

#### **Ratification of Board of Aldermen Poll Vote on 2/19/19**

Alderman Halker made a motion to ratify the Board of Aldermen Poll Vote that was conducted on February 19, 2019 seconded by Alderman White. On a roll call vote, the bill was placed as an ordinance as followed:

AYES: 7 – Halker, Walker, Young, White, Reynolds, Drake and Henderson  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

**Motion carried** with 7 ayes.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### **Walk Through Metal Detector for City Hall**

Alderman Walker made a motion to approve the purchase of a metal detector for city hall and amend the monthly police contract to allow for the addition of two officers during court nights. On a roll call vote, the motioned passed as follows:

AYES: 7 – Halker, Walker, Young, White, Reynolds, Drake and Henderson  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

##### **eCode 360 Update Quote (General Codes)**

Alderman Drake made a motion to approve the purchase of a metal detector for city hall and amend the monthly police contract to allow for the addition of two officers during court nights. On a roll call vote, the motioned passed as follows:

AYES: 7 – Halker, Walker, Young, White, Reynolds, Drake and Henderson  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

#### REPORTS

Alderman Reynolds asked City Attorney Engelmeyer about ligation against the city. City Attorney Engelmeyer stated that the issue involving Lake Hill Speedway had been resolved. Discussion was held. Alderman Young asked about the Vance Trails project and Engelmeyer stated he was working to complete it.

Community Development Director Gil DeNormandie gave a brief report on inspections.

Public Works Director Gerald Martin was absent.

Lt. John Bielefeld gave a brief report.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Halker made a motion to go into executive session according to Missouri State Statute 610.021 and 610.023 at 8:27 PM, seconded by Alderman Drake and the **motion carried** on a roll call vote:

AYES: 7 – Halker, Walker, Young, White, Reynolds, Drake and Henderson  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0

Alderman Walker made a motion to go into open session at 8:41 PM, seconded by Alderwoman Halker. **Motion carried** with 7 ayes.

AYES: 7 – Halker, Walker, Young, White, Reynolds, Drake and Henderson

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

#### ADJOURNMENT

Alderwoman Henderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 PM, seconded by Alderwoman Halker. **Motion carried** with 7 ayes.

AYES: 7 – Halker, Walker, Young, White, Reynolds, Drake and Henderson

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

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Dusty Hosna, City Clerk