

**MINUTES**  
**DES PERES BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**DES PERES GOVERNMENT CENTER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Des Peres, Missouri was held at the Des Peres Government Center, 12325 Manchester Road commencing at 7:00 PM on Monday August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk took roll with the following board members present: Alderman Pound, Alderman Sansone, Alderman Kleinschmidt, Alderman Concagh, and Alderman Barrett. Mayor Becker was also present.

For the record, the City Attorney, Aldermen Kleinschmidt, Sansone, and Concagh attended the meeting remotely by video.

Staff members present included the City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, City Clerk, City Attorney, Director of Finance, Director of Parks & Recreation, Director of Public Safety and the Director of Public Works.

At this time the Board of Aldermen, staff and citizens rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AMENDMENT OF AGENDA - None**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*Deer Management*

Paul Horlacher, 1725 Fawnvalley Dr, spoke to the Board in favor of archery hunting on residential lots.

Nick Lape, hunter, stated that he has been archery hunting in surrounding municipalities such as Ladue for several years. Mr. Lape added that he has seen a 28% decline in Ladue's deer herds since allowing archery hunting. Mr. Lape stated that he believes the City would see success in eliminating some of the deer population, more so, if the City permitted archery hunting on both sides of the highway. Mr. Lape added that he is hired by residents to perform archery services on their lots.

Mr. Meyer stated that there appeared to be some confusion regarding where hunting would be permitted, and that the ordinance would be city-wide, not just west of 270.

Mayor Becker asked if baiting would be permitted. Mr. Lape stated that hunters are required to follow all MDC rules, and baiting is prohibited up to ten days prior to the start of the season.

*Request for Reimbursement – Residents of Ranch Lane*

Rick Lodewyck, 1 Ranch Ln, stated that in 2000 during street and curb improvements the water shut off valves were buried creating an unnecessary hardship to residents. Mr. Lodewyck requested that the City reimburse the residents due to this oversight.

City Administrator Harms stated that Mr. Lodewyck has submitted an invoice for \$2,100.00, the estimate cost to replace the valves. Mr. Harms added that two other homes are requesting similar reimbursement.

Alderman Sansone moved to reimburse the residents of Ranch Lane, with the Department of Public Works assisting with the curb work to minimize costs, second by Alderman Barrett. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Sansone, AYE; Barrett, AYE; Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Concagh, AYE; Pound, AYE. Motion passed 6-0.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES - None**

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR –**

Mayor Becker submitted the following members of Boards & Commission for re-appointment to new terms of office:

Audit & Finance Committee:

Katrina Pon – Term Expiring June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Ted McNulty – Term Expiring June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Board of Adjustment:

James Wilder (moved to regular member from alternate) – Term Expiring June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Parks & Recreation:

Mary Duggan – Term Expiring June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Bill Reeves – Term Expiring June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Planning & Zoning:

Molly Hartmann – Term Expiring June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Terry Gwinn – Term Expiring June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Tom Matheny – Term Expiring June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Mayor Becker submitted the following members be appointed:

Board of Adjustment:

Giuseppe Giardina, Ward II, serving the Board as an alternate – Term Expiring June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Alderman Concagh moved to approve the appointments, second by Alderman Sansone. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Pound, AYE; Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Concagh, AYE; Barrett, AYE. Motion passed 6-0.

Aldermen Fitzpatrick and Kleinschmidt presented Matt McGrath, for reappointment to the Public Safety Commission serving Ward II for a term to expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Alderman Concagh moved to approve the reappointment of Matt McGrath to the Public Safety Commission, second by Alderman Sansone. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Pound, AYE; Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Concagh, AYE; Barrett, AYE. Motion passed 6-0.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Becker stated that the Consent Agenda consisted of three (3) items. Alderman Fitzpatrick read a summary of the items on the consent agenda.

1. Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting of August 10, 2020
2. Warrant List Dated August 20, 2020
3. R20-3419 Authorizing Purchase of a Police Vehicle from Don Brown Chevrolet and Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation in the Amount of \$40,000 Relating Thereto

Alderman Concagh moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Alderman Pound. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Pound, AYE; Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Concagh, AYE; Barrett, AYE. Motion passed 6-0.

### **LEGISLATION (UNFINISHED)**

1. Bill 20-2879            An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5. Animal and Fowl of the Des Peres Municipal Code to Enact a New Section 5-17 To Provide Regulations Relating to Archery Hunting of Deer on Tracts of Land Greater than Two (2) Acres within the Des Peres City Limits and amending Section 16-82 Relating Thereto (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)

Alderman Sansone read Bill 20-2879 for a second time.

Alderman Pound recommended delaying the program until 2021 to work out the process. Assistant City Administrator Scott Schaefer stated that the ordinance presented pushed the opening date back to November 24<sup>th</sup> to allow staff more time to implement the program.

Alderman Barrett raised concern with novice hunters in a residential area, and questioned the effectiveness of the program.

Alderman Fitzpatrick stated that if the budget allowed for sharpshooting services moving forward how soon the program could they begin. Mr. Harms reminded the Board that the contract with White Buffalo was placed on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic and financial restraints, if the Board wishes to add sharpshooting to the 2021 budget, White Buffalo would be available in Fall 2021. Mr. Harms added that the cost is roughly \$1,000.00 per deer, with a cap of \$50,000.00.

Alderman Sansone moved to approve Bill 20-2879, second by Alderman Kleinschmidt. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Pound, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Barret, NAY; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Concagh, NAY; Fitzpatrick, NAY.

Pursuant to Section 2-41 of the Municipal Code, "in case of a tie vote the Mayor shall vote nay or aye on such bill". Mayor Becker voted AYE. Motion passed 4-3.

2. R20-3420 Authorizing a Five (5) Year Lease Agreement with Utility Associates Inc for Body Cameras and In-Car Video Systems for Use by the Department of Public Safety Utilizing a Cooperative Procurement Contract with St Louis County and Adopting a Supplemental Appropriation in the Amount of \$60,000 Relating Thereto

Alderman Kleinschmidt read Resolution 20-3420.

Alderman Pound asked if the body camera lease could be paid for out of capital improvement funds. Mr. Harms stated that similar lease agreements, such as for the tasers, are also paid out of the capital fund with no issue.

Alderman Concagh moved to approve Resolution 20-3420, second by Alderman Barrett. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Barrett, AYE; Sansone, NAY; Pound, AYE; Kleinschmidt, NAY; Concagh, AYE; Fitzpatrick, NAY.

Pursuant to Section 2-41 of the Municipal Code, "in case of a tie vote the Mayor shall vote nay or aye on such bill". Mayor Becker voted AYE. Motion passed 4-3.

## **LEGISLATION (NEW)**

1. Bill 20-2890 An Ordinance Accepting the Streets and Sidewalks in Chandler Ridge Subdivision for Public Use and Maintenance (Introduction)

Alderman Barrett introduced Bill 20-2890, and read it for the first time.

2. Bill 20-2891 An Ordinance Accepting the Streets and Sidewalks in Wynhurst Subdivision For Public Use and Maintenance (Introduction)

Alderman Concagh introduced Bill 20-2891, and read it for the first time.

## **REPORTS OF STAFF**

### *City Clerk*

City Clerk reported that on Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 we received the official election results from the August 4<sup>th</sup> primary election, where Proposition F passed as earlier reported with 71% of turnout voting in favor of the proposition. No further action is required by the Board, the next step will be for staff to send the ordinance and certified copy of the election results to the Department of Revenue to make the tax effective on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. I personally will send out notices in early October to businesses notifying them of their new tax rate.

City Clerk reported that a public hearing has been scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> regarding the 2020 Real Estate Tax Rate. This hearing is required whether the tax rate is set at the maximum rates allowed, or if the rate is rolled back to 0 as it has been the past twenty-five years. The state auditor has re-certified our allowable real estate tax rate for 2020, which is twenty-two cents for residential property and twenty-one cents for commercial.

### *City Administrator*

City Administrator Harms stated that due to the hiring freeze still in place he is not authorized to fill any vacant positions without prior approval of the Board of Alderman. Mr. Harms stated that the Street Department typically has nine employees, however due to injuries, termination and one position not included in the 2020 budget, they are currently operating with six employees. Mr. Harms requested permission to fill the vacant Street Maintenance Worker position with a target date of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to allow time to train the employee prior to the 2020-21 snow removal season.

Alderman Kleinschmidt moved to allow the Director of Public Works to fill one vacant Street Maintenance Worker position, second by Alderman Fitzpatrick. A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Barrett, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Pound, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Concagh, AYE; Fitzpatrick, AYE. Motion passed 6-0.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional business to come before the regular session of the Board of Aldermen, Alderman Fitzpatrick moved to adjourn, second by Alderman Barrett at 7:52PM roll call vote was then taken with the following results: A roll call vote was then taken with the following results: Fitzpatrick, AYE; Kleinschmidt, AYE; Sansone, AYE; Pound, AYE; Concagh, AYE; Barrett; AYE. Motion passed 6-0.

Minutes prepared by:

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Stacey Mann, City Clerk

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Mark Becker, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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