



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Meeting Minutes**

APRIL 10, 2023

7:00 PM 1 GOVERNMENT CTR. BALLWIN, MO 63011

THE MINUTES ARE PREPARED IN SUMMARY TO REFLECT THE OVERALL DISCUSSIONS, NOT VERBATIM QUOTES.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pogue at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present

Absent

Mayor Tim Pogue
Alderman Mike Utt
Alderman Michael Finley
Alderman Kevin M. Roach
Alderman Mark Stallmann
Alderman Frank Fleming

Alderman Jim Leahy

Alderman Ross Bullington
Alderman David Siegel
City Administrator Eric Sterman
City Attorney Robert Jones

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

The minutes from the March 27, 2023 Board of Aldermen meeting were submitted for approval. A motion to approve as submitted was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Ross Bullington. The motion passed unanimously.

The minutes from the March 27, 2023 Board of Aldermen Closed Session meeting were submitted for approval. A motion to approve as submitted was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley. The motion passed unanimously.



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CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

LEGISLATION

None.

CONSENT ITEMS

Administration - Dental Renewal

Staff recommends renewing dental coverage with no rate increase through Delta Dental for one year effective June 1, 2023.

A motion was made by Alderman Kevin Roach and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley for approval. The motion passed unanimously and the Board approved the Dental Renewal as submitted.

Administration - Ballwin Historical Society Liquor License

Staff recommends approval of the Liquor License for the Ballwin Historical Commission's monthly folk music concert series.

A motion was made by Alderman Kevin Roach and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley for approval. The motion passed unanimously and the Board approved the Liquor License as submitted.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tim Pogue noted that the Board of Aldermen Committee assignments will be discussed at the next meeting. He also noted that during the Claymont subdivision neighborhood meeting, the request for a stop sign at Monticello and Claymont was made. He directed Chief of Police Doug Schaeffler to do a study on the intersection to determine the feasibility of a stop sign there.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Eric Sterman asked the Board about their thoughts on a summer schedule for the Board of Aldermen. Mayor Tim Pogue noted the Board wanted to cancel the second meeting of the month for June, July and August. Alderman Mark Stallmann made a motion in favor, seconded by Alderman Michael Finley. The motion passed unanimously.

City Administrator Sterman also introduced the new City Planner, Lynn Sprick. She comes to the City of Ballwin from Sunset Hills and previously worked for St. Charles County.



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City Administrator Sterman then brought up Chief Doug Schaeffler. Chief Schaeffler congratulated Captain John Bergfeld on his graduation from a 10-week program from the Northwestern School of Police Staff & Command. Chief Schaeffler then presented on the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement agencies accreditation process, which will begin next week. He noted the Ballwin Police Department has been preparing for this accreditation for the past year and a half. He also noted the Police Department had to develop policies and procedures to address 150 standards in order to be accredited by CALEA. The process is expected to be finished this summer.

City Administrator Sterman then noted that the new Police Station is still on track for substantial completion on April 17, 2023. Dispatchers have already been moved over to St. Louis County's facilities.

City Administrator Sterman also noted that New Ballwin Road is currently under construction, with slab work set to begin later this summer.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

ALDERMANIC COMMENTS

Alderman Michael Finley congratulated all recently elected Board Members for their wins in their wards. He also noted that before this meeting, the Board of Alderman Public Health & Safety Committee met to discuss mosquito fogging. He also mentioned a resident was interested in potentially adding a crosswalk on Ries Road, and directed staff to look into the feasibility of one.

Alderman Mark Stallmann noted that he and the Board of Aldermen Parks & Recreation Committee would like to create a Parks & Recreation Citizen Advisory Board. He noted there would be two citizen members from each ward, a representative from the Ballwin Days Committee and an aldermanic representative. He directed City Attorney Bob Jones to draft legislation for the next meeting. Alderman Stallmann also read a statement regarding an old email that was sent out regarding development at the Barn at Lucerne, and noted what was sent out against him was not true.

STAFF REPORTS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Ross Bullington and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley to move to closed session. The motion was passed by unanimous affirmative voice vote and the meeting moved to closed session at 7:30 p.m.



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Alderman Frank Fleming made a motion to reconvene into open session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Mike Utt and passed by a unanimous voice vote at 7:54 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley to adjourn. The motion was passed by unanimous affirmative voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

_____ TIM POGUE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

_____ MEGAN FREEMAN, CITY CLERK

STATEMENT ON THE BARN AT LUCERNE from Alderman Mark Stallmann

Ladies and Gentlemen, I want to begin by thanking the voters of Ward 2 for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve them on the Board of Aldermen. I am honored to have their trust and confidence.

Sadly, the last days of the campaign was marred by cowardly and anonymous attacks on me! While everyone's right to campaign for or against a candidate for office is a sacred part of our democracy! Anonymous attacks violate the spirit and letter of ethics standards and laws that govern us.

Some of you may have seen the three-year-old email between city staff and members of this board that was distributed to voters in my ward concerning a developer's interest in the Barn property. Subsequently, an anonymous text message went out to voters, alleging that Developers want to demolish the Barn at Lucerne and build apartments. It went on to claim that I would vote to approve those plans.

I have talked with my opponent in the election, and he assured me that he had nothing to do with the anonymous attacks and was unaware of the origin of the text or email. I am pursuing identifying the person or persons responsible and will take whatever recourse is available under Missouri ethics laws.

Let me set the record straight! There is no plan before the city to do anything to the Barn property. I have talked with Jason Riegelsberger, the property manager for the Barn and he assured me that there are no plans to demolish the Barn structure and that the Barn property is not for sale.

Finally, let me be clear! I would oppose any effort to remove the historic Barn from our Ballwin skyline!