



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER 27, 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 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present

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

Absent

Alderman Mark Weaver

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

The minutes from the November 13, 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 Michael Finley.

The minutes from the November 13, 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.



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CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

LEGISLATION

Bill 4178- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 BUDGET OF CASH REVENUE AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE OPERATING, CAPITAL, TDD AND FEDERAL ASSET SEIZURE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF BALLWIN, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE REVISIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID BUDGET AND MAKING RE-APPROPRIATIONS THEREOF.

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Mark Stallmann for a first reading of Bill 4178, title only. The motion was approved unanimously and Bill 4178 was read for the first time, title only.

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Mike Utt for a second reading of Bill 4178, title only. The motion was approved unanimously and Bill 4178 was read for a second time, title only.

A roll call vote was taken for passage and approval of Bill 4178.

Bill No. 4178 was approved unanimously and became Ordinance No. 23-24.

CONSENT ITEMS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tim Pogue noted the City received notification of a large sewer project that will replace 5,500 feet of undersized wastewater sewers along Downall Green Drive, Wetherburn Road, Capitol Landing Drive, Golfview Drive, Del Ebro Drive, Kettington Road and Richborough Road.



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CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Eric Sterman noted Candidate Filing will begin at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5th and run through 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 26th.

He also noted before the December 11th meeting, tours will be given of the Public Works building at 6 p.m. There was discussion about canceling the second meeting in December, but Mayor Pogue noted he wanted to wait until the budget had been approved.

City Administrator Sterman also noted he was bringing forward a policy update on Board/Commission discounts at City facilities. There is some outdated language that needs to be replaced. He noted he will bring that forward during the next meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Administration – Ballwin Life Magazine 2024 Bids

Staff recommends going with Messenger Print for the printing of the 2024 Ballwin Life Magazine issues because they were the cheapest option and were within budget.

Communications & Marketing Specialist/City Clerk Megan Freeman noted the City went out to bid for the 2024 Ballwin Life Magazine issues, rather than bidding issue by issue which had been done for the past several years because of fluctuating pricing. She noted there were only two bidders, the lowest of which was Messenger Print.

Alderman Mark Stallmann made a motion to accept staff's recommendation that was seconded by Alderman David Siegel. Staff's recommendation was accepted unanimously.

Parks & Recreation – Vlasik Park Playground

Staff recommends awarding the bid for redoing Vlasik Park Playground to All Inclusive Recreation. It is important to note that with playground bids, the deciding factor is typically not price. Rather, the bid spec includes the budgeted amount and the vendors provide their best design and product for that price.

Parks & Recreation Director Chris Conway noted the City received 5 bids for the Vlasik Park Playground redesign. All Inclusive Recreation had the third lowest bid, but best design and product for the price.

Alderman Frank Fleming noted he appreciated the design and noted it looks like more equipment, which he's pleased with.



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Alderman David Siegel noted he wanted another section of swings. Parks & Recreation Director Conway said he could have the company look into it, but there are fall height restrictions and there might be restrictions with the amount of space that's available.

Alderman Kevin Roach asked when the playground is expected to be completed. Parks & Recreation Director Conway noted the goal is right before Ballwin Days. City Administrator Sterman clarified the City is hoping for a winter demolition of the current playground, then the City will bid out site work, and then the playground installation will happen sometime in the late spring/summer.

Alderman Mark Stallmann noted the Parks & Recreation Citizen Advisory Committee reviewed the plans and had no objections to the one chosen.

Alderman Michael Finley noted he wanted to make sure the City did the project right, even if the City was over budget.

Alderman Mark Stallmann made a motion to accept staff's recommendation that was seconded by Alderman Michael Finley. Staff's recommendation was approved unanimously.

Police Department – Westrun Drive Stop Sign

Staff recommends not installing stop signs at the three-way intersection of Westrun Drive and Marsten Court. Traffic Data from the area does not justify the installation.

Ballwin Police Captain John Bergfeld noted a traffic study had been done at the intersection of Westrun Drive and Marsten Court. He noted most people are obeying the speed limit, 91% of drivers are around 25 mph. He noted the Department's policy doesn't justify the need for a stop sign. He also noted Federal and MODOT guidelines say there's no need for a stop sign to stop speeding under those conditions.

Alderman David Siegel thanked officers and noted a resident had reached out and submitted a petition in 2021. He asked for a new one but had not received anything back. He had also not received any other emails from anyone else complaining.

Alderman Ross Bullington noted he had also not received any phone calls or emails from any residents regarding this issue.

Staff was recommending nothing be done, so no motion was made.

ALDERMANIC COMMENTS



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Alderman Mark Stallmann asked when the target date for leaf collection completion was. Public Works Director Jim Link noted staff was at 20 percent with the fifth round as of this meeting. He noted there will need to be a sixth and final round that will most likely take until the middle of December to complete.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Alderman Frank Fleming and seconded by Alderman Michael Finley to move to closed session under 610.022 RSMo (3). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: Aldermen Utt, Finley, Roach, Stallmann, Fleming, Bullington, Siegel

Nays: None

The Board moved to closed session at 7:24 p.m.

Alderman Frank Fleming made a motion to reconvene in open session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Michael Finley and passed by a unanimous voice vote at 8:00 p.m.

Alderman Frank Fleming made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman Michael Finley and passed by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

TIM POGUE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MEGAN FREEMAN, CITY CLERK