



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Meeting Minutes**

APRIL 8, 2024

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

Absent

- Mayor Tim Pogue
- Alderman Mike Utt
- Alderman Michael Finley
- Alderman Kevin M. Roach
- Alderman Mark Stallmann
- Alderman Frank Fleming
- Alderman Mark Weaver
- 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 25, 2024 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. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.



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CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

None.

CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Parks & Recreation – Vlasis Park Site Work

Staff recommends awarding the contract to complete sitework for Vlasis Park to Ideal Landscape with a budget not to exceed \$992,279.

Parks & Recreation Director Chris Conway noted it has been a few years since the grant application was approved for the project through St. Louis County. Only one bid was received for the project, which came in higher than expected. He noted he and City Administrator Eric Sterman have had conversations with Ideal Landscape to cut down on cost without compromising on playground equipment and features. He noted they have come up with \$200,000 in savings to remove some concrete footprint and add grass and have the Public Works Department do some of the work. There were questions over the bid specs and when the construction will be complete. Parks Director Conway noted the project will be completed before the end of the year.

A motion was made by Alderman Mark Stallmann and seconded by Alderman David Siegel to accept staff’s recommendation. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.

Public Works – Environmental Remediation for Former Police Department

Staff recommends awarding the unit price contract to Environmental Operations, Inc. not to exceed \$25,580.00 for the asbestos abatement so we may proceed with obtaining the proper St. Louis County permit for demolition.

Public Works Director Jim Link noted St. Louis County requires an asbestos inspection in order to obtain a permit for demolition for the former police station. Alderman Mark Stallmann asked about a timeline for teardown. Public Works Director Link noted it will most likely take a few weeks for the permit to get approved and then teardown would be a few weeks after that.

A motion was made by Alderman David Siegel and seconded by Alderman Mike Utt to accept staff’s recommendation. A voice vote was taken with unanimous affirmative result and the motion passed.



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ALDERMANIC COMMENTS

Alderman David Siegel noted he had received several questions from parents and school staff regarding the School Resource Officer currently placed at Selvidge Middle School. He noted he understood parents concerns but noted it was important for the department to maintain stability by allowing four year terms at different posts within the department. He wondered whether there could be a longer training period for the new SRO in order for them to become familiar with the school.

City Administrator Eric Sterman noted the Police Department had discussed this possibility, and the hope was to identify the next SRO sooner so a longer training period can happen.

Captain John Bergfeld noted the school district usually helps with the choosing process for the next SRO, and said if the department receives feedback that the new officer isn't working out that officer will be pulled from the school.

Alderman Ross Bullington noted he understands where parents are coming from having worked in a school district before, but noted this arrangement of switching positions every four years was actually bargained for by the police officers in their collective bargaining agreement so the City can't break the agreement.

City Administrator Sterman noted the City will begin the training process as soon as a new SRO is chosen to help with the transition.

Captain John Bergfeld noted he will put a posting out within the department ASAP. The posting needs to be open for ten days and then the process of choosing a new SRO can begin after that.

Alderman Mark Stallmann also thanked the Police Department for their First Responders Health Fair.

ADJOURNMENT

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 7:24 p.m.

TIM POGUE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MEGAN FREEMAN, CITY CLERK