

CITY OF GREENDALE
BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Meeting Held via Teleconference on January 19, 2021

Due to the ban on gatherings of ten (10) or more stated in St. Louis County's State of Emergency Declaration issued on March 13, 2020 and social distancing guidelines, meetings are being conducted via teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Graham called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Tiffany Graham, Ald. Monica Jefferson, Ald. Debra Millender, Ald. Jane Kayser, Ald. Denise Edwards, City Attorney Phil Ayers, Code Enforcement Officer William McHugh, and Normandy Police Officer Tameka Sanders were all present on the call. Treasurer Tiffany Walker was excused.

NO ADDITIONS OR SUBTRACTIONS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Monica Huddleston expressed her desire to hear from Normandy Police Department regarding the lack of patrolling in Greendale.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Graham offered condolences to the families of Greendale residents Rev. Bennie Thompson and Phyllis Hanicke, as well as to the family of Uplands Park Trustee Carmen Roberts. Mayor Graham informed that St. Louis County is offering pre-registration for Covid-19 vaccinations. Mayor Graham mentioned the Impact Survey from St. Louis County was available for those interested. Though the meeting was held after MLK Day, Mayor Graham mentioned UMSL's usually excellent programming. Mayor Graham informed that there is an Emergency Rental Arrears Program for both tenants and landlords who may need assistance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ald. Jefferson and seconded by Ald. Millender to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2020 Board of Alderpersons meeting. Ald. Jefferson voted yes, Ald. Millender voted yes, Ald. Kayser voted yes, and Ald. Edwards voted yes. MOTION PASSED

REPORTS

Mayor Graham introduced the new Chief of Police Mr. Mark Hall who was also present at the meeting. Officer Tameka Sanders reported 45 calls for service (within in 2 months) with only one report being generated for leaving the scene of an accident and the investigation is still ongoing. Officer Sanders addressed the issue of patrolling in Greendale by stating that all patrols cars were equipped with GPS and that she can provide a report to see when/where officers were in the community. Officer Sanders also mentioned Normandy's struggle with officer retention, and everyone was introduced to and got a little background information about Cameron Weathersby who is the candidate that Normandy PD is sponsoring for the St. Louis County Municipal Police Academy. Police Chief Hall then spoke about his background and his intentions in his new role with Normandy PD.

Code Enforcement Officer William McHugh reported that things were going well and mentioned some shed constructions and concrete work being done in the community. Officer McHugh also spoke about monitoring the city to ensure trash/trash can issues were in order and about upcoming court dates involving resident and landlord violations. An updated citation/ticket book was received from Normandy PD.

City Administrator Jackie Payton spoke on behalf of the treasurer and reported that due to the ongoing yearly audit, and the auditors working in Quickbooks, Treasurer Walker did not generate a report for this month's meeting as to not interrupt their process. Treasurer Walker was not aware of any transactions that would cause a variance in the budget to actual YTD. The audit should be wrapping up shortly and no significant deficiencies are expected.

Forestry Advisory Committee member Julie Dunn-Morton reported that of the approximate 5 tree care bids sent out only one responded at the price of \$19,000. The FAC prioritized the tree list which reduced the cost to \$13,550. Mayor Graham approved.

Mayor Graham informed of a town hall meeting being hosted by Beyond Housing regarding the incoming charter school and offered to share information for those interested. Ald. Millender informed of Normandy School District's elementary school grab and go meal program on Mon/Wed/Fri from 12:30pm-1:30pm at various locations (more info on Normandy School District's website). Ald. Millender also informed that UMSL has an upcoming event concerning education in the age of Covid and that their annual Black History Month event has been cancelled.

City Attorney Phil Ayers gave an update on Greendale's court status over the past few months and says that inability to navigate the Zoom court setting is contributing to the lack of appearances from defendants.

NO OLD BUSINESS

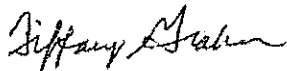
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PUBLIC COMMENT

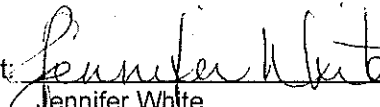
Resident Lamar Huddleston inquired about policies regarding excessive yard waste and a discussion was held with Officer McHugh regarding details, policies, and what constituted city involvement. Resident Linda Herman asked why leaf-vac services were not offered this year and City Administrator Payton explained that the previous vendor who serviced Greendale for \$3500 had gone out of business, the following year the new vendor charged \$7800, and this year the city tried unsuccessfully to obtain new/lower bids (\$7800 ended up being the lowest). Resident David Ruth informed that some vendors may not actually want the work and will provide an excessive bid knowing it won't be accepted.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ald. Kayser and seconded by Ald. Jefferson that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned by Mayor Graham at 7:24 P.M.



Tiffany Graham
Mayor

Attest: 
Jennifer White
Assistant City Clerk