

Board of Alderpersons February 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
CITY OF GREENDALE
BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Held via ZOOM on February 15, 2022

Due to current Coronavirus precautions and social distancing guidelines, meetings are being conducted via teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

Board of Alderpersons President Monica Jefferson called the meeting to order at 6:32PM

ROLL CALL

City Administrator Jackie Payton, Ald. Board President Monica Jefferson, Ald. Jane Kayser, Ald. Nellie Quinn, Ald. Deborah Shackleford, City Attorney Phil Ayers, Code Enforcement Officer Bryant Goston, and Sgt. Tameika Sanders of Normandy Police Department were all present on the call. Treasurer Tiffany Walker was excused.

ADDITIONS OR SUBTRACTIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Ald. Kayser and seconded by Ald. Shackleford to add a discussion on salaries of elected officials under New Business. Alderpersons Jefferson, Kayser, Quinn, and Shackleford all voted yes. There was no opposition. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gena Burroughs, 2220 Colfax Avenue reported the fire hydrant at the entrance of the City by IWA is in dire need of painting. City Administrator noted and will follow up.

Nellie Quinn, 33 Greendale reported there is a pothole forming at Normandy Dr. and & St. Charles Rock Road at the turning lane. Resident Monica Huddleston advised if we call 1-888-ASK-MODOT and report, MODOT will respond.

Deborah Shackleford, 7513 Hillsdale Drive reported she received several complaints regarding the contractor we used for salting and plowing. Other residents, (Jane Kayser 9 Greendale Drive, Julie Dunn Morton 7408 Marillac; David Ruth 7400 Hillsdale; and Monica Jefferson 92 Greendale Drive), agreed the contractor could have done a better job. Some of the complaints included we did not see the pavement for several days after the streets were serviced, the streets did not appear to be plowed, it appeared the contractor did not pre-treat the streets, we did not hear or see the truck salting and/or plowing, equipment appeared to be inept to handle the magnitude of snow, the snow piles were not in acceptable positions, and the intersections looked as if they had not been plowed.

Terence Payton, 7529 Leadale Drive agreed although the plowing did not meet our expectations, it could have been a bigger mess, however, going forward, we should make sure whichever contractor is chosen next year, the contractor will use bigger vehicles and apply a different application to the streets.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Board President Jefferson reported she spoke with City Administrator Payton regarding her concerns with the snow plowing contractor as well.

Board President Jefferson the City has sent out RFP's for Police Services and Municipal Court Services and in the process of accepting bids due to the termination of our contact for police services and court services with the City of Normandy.

Mayors of the 24:1 footprint are discussing pooling resources together to create a Public Transportation District. More information will be provided as progression is made.

24:1 Municipal Partnership interviewed four candidates running for the Normandy Schools Collaborative School Board. There are two seats available in April with seven candidates running. Only four responded to the invitation to speak with the partnership. The other three did not respond at all. Normandy is sponsoring a forum to meet all the candidates. The date is forthcoming.

Nellie Quinn asked if the 24:1 Municipal Partnership plans to endorse any candidates. Board President advised the Mayors have an upcoming meeting to discuss the results of the forum and will decide at that time which two candidates to endorse.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ald. Kayser and seconded by Ald. Quinn to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2022 Board of Alderpersons meeting. Alderpersons Jefferson, Kayser, Quinn, and Shackelford all voted yes. There was no opposition. MOTION PASSED

REPORTS

Sgt. Tameika Sanders of Normandy PD reported that there between January 18th and today's date there were 79 calls for service with two reports taken in 7500 block of Hillsdale and auto accident in the 2200 block of Atwater. Sgt. Sanders educated the board and residents on car clouding. Sgt. Sanders discussed cars parked on the street in the snow route. Ald. Kayser said it helps to tell new neighbors not to park on the street when snow is expected. Sgt. Sanders said the department has some yellow cards they can stick on the windshield that says they are in a snow route and the next offense may result in a ticket being issued. Discussion held.

Ald. Quinn asked about if license plates are being checked on cars that have been parked in the same spot for a prolonged time. Sgt. Sanders said Normandy PD will check the plates on a car if a resident reports the car has been sitting for a prolonged period of time. There is a different process for derelict vehicles. Each situation is different and will have to be addressed as such.

Monica Huddleston stated cars parked in the snow route are a safety issue and should be ticketed. No exceptions. The law should be enforced. Monica stated we shouldn't be lenient as this is about safety and not about being considerate as a City.

Gena Burroughs stated there is a disconnect between the residents and the City in terms of communicating.

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Gena stated the City should issue notices to residents on Greendale Drive reminding them Greendale Drive is a snow route. This way the City has told the residents what the rule is as it is the responsibility of the city to make sure all residents - old and new – know the rule. Once the city has done its due diligence in notifying the residents of the rule, then the City should be consistent with the repercussions and enforcement.

Board President Monica Jefferson asked Sgt. Sanders what constitutes an update or what types of activities generate a report? Emails from the department, day and night shift, consistently say “no report.” Monica gave examples of no reports being given including the gate being hit on Atwater and the car clouding incident on Greendale Drive. Sgt. Sanders replied any crimes that occur in the City that are reported via a CARE report. Accident reports are not included in shift reports because they are not criminal and are not reported. Sudden deaths are reported directly to Mayor or designee and not included in shift reports. The clouding did not make it into a shift report because no one reported it as a theft. There was some discussion on the clouding incident. Sgt. Sanders reiterated it is important for residents to call and report thefts.

City Administrator Jackie Payton reported for the next couple of months the focus will be updating our standard operating procedures, to give a complete and total overhaul and update of our accounting handbook, procedures manual, and the personnel policy. Alderpersons will be asked to help with completing same during an all-day staff meeting in May.

Audit has been completed and auditors will present their findings at a future meeting either in March or April.

MML has elected officer training scheduled for June 9th and June 10th in Columbia, MO. City Admin asked if Alderpersons are receiving emails from MML. Ald. Shackleford said yes, Aids. Kayser and Quinn are not receiving. MML is sponsoring their annual meeting September 11th -14th in Lake of the Ozarks. City Admin would like to attend and will provide information as it becomes available.

Request for Proposals have been sent out for Police Services and Court Services. There are two separate RFP's. RFP's went to Normandy Police Department, Bel-Nor Police Department, Pagedale Police Department, North County Co-Op, St. Louis County and University City Police Department. All proposals are due by March 4th. Proposals will be opened and reviewed on March 8th at 4:30 p.m. All Alderpersons are asked to appear in person at the City Hall. Representatives who submitted bids will be present at our meeting on March 15th to answer any questions from the board and/or members of the public. The announcement of our choice will be made on March 16th. Transition on March 31st and the new contract starts on April 1st.

Ald. Quinn asked if there will be a document used to score and help with the approval process when the bids are opened on March 8th. City Admin advised Ald. Quinn if she would like to create the document the Board can certainly use it. Board President Monica Jefferson emphasized we would not be deciding or having discussion on March 8th, we are only opening the bids at that time. Ald. Kayser agreed to help Ald. Quinn devise a scoring document.

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City Administrator acknowledged there were some issues with the contractor we used for salting, plowing and removing. City Administrator acknowledged the City of Ferguson has bigger and better equipment than Kings Inc. City Administrator advised she was in constant contact with the contractor and advised him we were not happy with the quality of service. City Administrator reported she asked the owner of Kings Inc, Jay, to not send another worker but to report to the City himself. Jay came to the City of Greendale and he said he thought his workers did an ok job but it could have been better. City Administrator acknowledges it could have been a much better job even with the amount of snow and freezing temperatures. City Administrator also acknowledges we have some very valid concerns from residents, and he should have done a better job. Discussion held. City Administrator stressed it was difficult to find the current contractor and would welcome help in finding and selecting a different contractor for next year.

Ms. Asha Owens, representative from Congresswoman Cori Bush's office and said if there is ever anything she can do to help out the City of Greendale to please reach out.

Code Enforcement Officer Bryant Goston reported he has been diligently dealing with the trash issues and trash can violations. Dumpster on Hillsdale working to get that resolved as soon as possible.

No Treasurer's report.

City Attorney Philip Ayers noted there was no court on February 14th. At last meeting Board voted to go ahead and file cases with the Normandy Court pending termination of their contract. Bryant has been working on the getting the cases to him. Will pick up tomorrow for delivery to the Normandy Court for filing. Code Enforcement Officer reports the cases are ready to be picked up.

Normandy Schools Collaborative - Ald. Quinn advised she did not have any additional information other than what was reported in their monthly newsletter. Board President Monica Jefferson reported there has been a vote of no confidence as it relates to the current school Superintendent, Marcus Robinson. Ald. Quinn asked what a vote of no confidence means and received the explanation from Board President Monica Jefferson. City Administrator asked when does the term expire. Ald. Kayser asked if the school board can ask for Robinson's resignation. The reply was his contract still has a couple of more years and yes, the school board can ask for Robinson's resignation.

Forestry Advisory Committee member Julie Dunn-Morton reported that Greendale's 2021 Tree City USA recertification had been confirmed. Recognition letter to be mailed to the city ahead of Missouri's Annual Arbor Day Celebration – April 1, 2022. City is required to have some type of Arbor Day celebration this year to qualify for recertification. Our options are in person, virtual, social media posts or campaigns, or a mail outreach, etc. FAC will meet to discuss. Chris submitted TRIM Grant and we should hear back in a week or two. Maximum award this year is \$15K and cannot be used to remove deadwood. Our grant was for structural pruning, clean cuttings, and removals. FAC will discuss ways to take care of the dead wooding at the next meeting. It was also reported the City received \$7K from Beyond Housing's Forestry Program/Doug Seely for reimbursement of storm damage.

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Doug contacted the city regarding an opportunity for residents to have hazardous trees either pruned or removed from their private property under a program called Treesilence. The program is organized by the Nature Conservancy, Davey Tree Experts, Forest ReLeaf of Missouri and Beyond Housing. Participants will be asked to plant two new trees to replace any removals. Doug drove through the city and identified one resident in Greendale who would qualify but others can also apply. The work would be done at no cost. If we know of anyone who may qualify, please have them check this out. FAC meetings are always open to the public. If anyone has any ideas on Arbor Day, contact Julie.

Emergency Management Committee - Gena Burroughs introduced a website: NEXIE.Com. The website is used to track for information regarding severe weather. Emergency Management groups use this website to receive updates. The City of Greendale's Community Engagement Handbook is complete and has been submitted to City Hall for final review. Once it is approved, the booklet will be distributed community wide. The next focus is on the Emergency Management Plan for the City. SEMA has a template for cities to use to formulate a plan. St. Louis County also has an emergency operations plan. Document is in draft form and will be an ongoing project. Greendale is in a vulnerable condition. Gena working with Dan Strump with St. Louis County Office of Emergency Management to help us devise a plan for the City of Greendale. Dan will be the liaison for the City of Greendale. He sent a copy of the 1976 "mutual aid to contract". This is a legal document with a bill and ordinance number. The contract may need to be updated and if so, we would ask our City Attorney to review. One of the big questions of if a disaster hit is who pays for recoveries? Meeting scheduled for February 17th at 1PM with city officials, the emergency management leadership team, and Mid County Fire. Purpose of this meeting is to reconnect with our fire department and discuss with the Chief on how the fire department will assist Greendale if a disaster happens and to discuss or strengths and weaknesses as a City.

Gena asked the City Officials to take a serious look at our Emergency Management Plan at the planning meeting in May for the Board. Ald. Shackelford asked if Gena could forward information on NIMS training. Gena said she would prefer to disseminate information on emergency management through the City Hall rather than directly so there is a chain of command and to ensure accurate information is being distributed to all in the same manner.

Neighborhood Association Report - no report

Zion Cemetery Report – no report

Capital Improvements Committee – no report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Board President Monica Jefferson is exploring pay increases for elected officials. Will gauge other 4th class cities to see what the salary is for their Alderpersons and make a recommendation at next month's meeting. Attorney Ayers stated if we need to take any actions concerning salaries, it will

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need to be taken prior to the April election. The Missouri Constitution states no one can have their salary increased during their term of office. If we do not act this year, we will have to wait two more years to explore salary increases for Alderpersons and four more years to address salary increase for Mayor. There was some discussion regarding 4th class cities. The class of your city is a legal determination and does not determine salary of elected officials. The population of the city does not determine salary. Discussion held regarding pay increases. Monica Huddleston, 53 Greendale cautioned the Board on proceeding with pay increases for elected officials. Monica stated Alderpersons should have defined duties that they are responsible for and report on the duties. Salaries of elected officials should be in line with what the City budget can handle and the perception of the residents.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Monica Huddleston 53 Greendale again expressed there should be justification for pay increases for elected officials and she feels the current salaries are in line with the current duties the alderpersons are carrying out. Monica also reminded us that you become an alderperson to serve the public and not to make money.

Nellie Quinn. 81 Greendale commented she understood about the budget and the revenue of the City in general. She commented cities with a greater population would present more responsibilities for the alderpersons, thereby justifying a greater salary. However, the smaller the population, you can't just manufacture responsibilities. Board President Monica Jefferson and Monica Huddleston replied there are plenty of responsibilities and assignments within the City of Greendale.

The Board and residents acknowledged again and thanked Ms. Asha Owens, representative from Congresswoman Cori Bush's office for attending our meeting. This was a first time a representative from an office of Congress has visited with us.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ald. Kayser and seconded by Ald. Quinn that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned by Board President Jefferson at 7:30PM

s/Monica Jefferson-----

Monica Jefferson
Board of Alderpersons President

Attest: s/Jacqueline Payton

Jacqueline Payton
City Administrator