

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS,
TWIN OAKS TOWN HALL
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024**

Mayor Russ Fortune called the meeting of the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen to order at 7:00 p.m.
Roll Call was taken:

Mayor: Russ Fortune – yea

Aldermen: April Milne – yea Lisa Eisenhower – yea
 Dennis Whitmore – yea Tim Stoeckl – yea

Also Present: Paul Rost, City Attorney

Permanent records are kept of all minutes and ordinances. Each ordinance is read a minimum of two times by title, unless otherwise noted.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Russ Fortune proposed to table Resolution No. 2024-08 to gather further information. With no additional changes Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. Alderman Dennis Whitmore motioned to approve the revised agenda, seconded by Alderman Lisa Eisenhower. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Regular Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2024; Closed Session Minutes from February 21, 2024, and Bills List from February 17, 2024 to March 1, 2024. Alderman April Milne abstained from approving the Closed Session Minutes. With no further questions or comments Alderman Eisenhower motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Tim Stoeckl. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSION/CONTRACTORS

Police Report: Officer John Wehner summarized the police activity for the month of February that included a summary of radio calls, written reports, traffic stops, crimes and auto accidents. Alderman Whitmore inquired about the two hold up alarms and Officer Wehner explained that both had been false alarms resulting from a malfunctioning alarm system.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jaclyn Zimmerman introduced herself to the Board explaining that she is running for State Representative of the 98th District. She stated that both Deb Lavender and Trish Gunby have indorsed her campaign and she will be hosting a campaign kickoff event in April.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2024-07: A Resolution Approving an Agreement with the Davey Tree Expert Company for the Treatment of Trees at the Intersection of Highway 141 and Big Bend Road.

Mayor Fortune read Resolution No. 2024-07. He stated that the Board had discussed this proposal at the previous meeting. Alderman Whitmore motioned to approve Resolution No. 2024-07, seconded by Alderman Milne. The Board approved Resolution No. 2024-07 by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution No. 2024-08: A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Second Revision to the Proposal to the Consultant Services Contract with O.R. Colan Associates, LLC for Additional Right of Way Acquisition Services. Resolution No. 2024-08 has been tabled to gather additional information.

Resolution No. 2024-09: A Resolution Approving an Agreement with Lake Management Services, Inc. for Preventative Weed Control Services. Mayor Fortune read Resolution No. 2024-09. He explained this is the annual contracted service to control the algae blooms in the ponds at the park. He further recommended that the treatments be colorless and confirmed that the price has not increased. Alderman Eisenhower motioned to approve Resolution No. 2024-09, seconded by Alderman Stoeckl. The Board approved Resolution No. 2024-09 by a unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dale Signs: Mayor Fortune explained that Nik with Dale Signs wasn't able to attend tonight's meeting but emailed several designs for the Board to review and discuss. Mayor Fortune shared the documents with the various options. He presented two options for the sign construction. The first option had various design shapes and presentations that can be painted on aluminum or reflective on aluminum. The second option is for dimensional signs that include cut out features in acrylic or aluminum. Discussion ensued and the Board asked for pricing, dimensions, and examples of the different signs (specifically, signs "B" and "E") before the final decision.

Park Grant Application: Mayor Fortune spoke to the Board about applying for a Park Grant. He reviewed the process for application that includes a Resolution by the Board, stating their intentions, Public Meetings, hiring a consultant for Grant writing, and documentation that verifies the land proposed in the Grant belongs to Twin Oaks. He suggested ideas on uses for the Park Grant but encourages input from the Board, Park Committee and the Public.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney, Paul Rost stated he is working with BFA on additional easement acquisitions and utility coordination for the Crescent Road Project. Alderman Milne expressed her desire to have the Road Project go out to bid as soon as possible.

MAYOR and ASSISTANT CLERK REPORT

Mayor Fortune and Assistant City Clerk, Paula Dries referred the Board to their written report and provided a summary of its contents. Assistant Clerk Dries informed the Board that there will be a Shred Event on May 11, 2024 from 9-11. She mentioned that City Hall will be having the new lights installed March 8-9. She also reviewed the projects that have been completed this week throughout the city and updated the Board on the Crescent Road Project.

MAYOR & ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Mayor Russ Fortune talked to the Board regarding a study contracted by the Municipal League regarding the Food Tax elimination. The study was conducted by a former Missouri Supreme Court Judge, and in his opinion, he believes there are clauses that say the state would be obligated to replace lost income to municipalities. Mayor Fortune shared this information because the loss of the Food Tax would greatly affect Twin Oaks.

Mayor Fortune canceled the March 20, 2024 meeting and added a meeting for March 14, 2024 at 3:00pm. He stated that this meeting will be short and the Board will be interviewing candidates for the City Clerk position.

Mayor Fortune did invite everyone to join Easter Egg Stuffing this Saturday, March 9, at 10:00am in the Community Room at City Hall.

Alderman Stoeckl talked about the Citizen Police Academy. He has been impressed with the Officers, K-9, and information presented. He stated it has been a very informative, eye opening experience.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Eisenhower so motioned, seconded by Alderman Milne and the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Drafted By: Paula Dries
Paula Dries
Assistant City Clerk

Date of Approval: 3-14-24

ATTEST:

Paula Dries
Paula Dries
Assistant City Clerk

Russ Fortune
Russ Fortune,
Mayor, Board of Aldermen