

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES  
MARCH 2, 2010**

**Item 1 call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Mayor Judy Stainback. The Aldermen present were Shawn Billings, Stephen Esterline, Debra Hickey, and Aaron Kruse. Alderman Tim Bair was absent.

**Item 2 presentation of colors and pledge of allegiance**

The colors were presented by Boy Scout Troop #216; and then they led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

**Item 3 announcements**

All announcements were submitted in writing to the Board of Aldermen.

**Item 4 consent agenda**

A motion was made by Shawn Billings to adopt and approve the consent agenda which includes February 16, 2010 minutes and bills paid in the amount of \$13,423.89. The motion was seconded by Aaron Kruse. A roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair absent, Shawn Billings aye, Stephen Esterline aye, Debra Hickey aye, and Aaron Kruse aye. Motion passed.

**Item 5 City Administrator updates**

All updates were submitted in writing to the Board of Aldermen.

**Item 6 public input**

No one signed up to speak.

**Item 7a discussion on draft Code of Conduct**

The Aldermen and Mayor discussed the most recent draft Code of Conduct submitted for review. There were some suggestions made concerning form and wording in the document. City Clerk to edit the draft Code of Conduct and email out to all Aldermen for editing or approval. This line item will be revisited at the next regular Board of Aldermen meeting.

**Item 7b discussion concerning business licensing requirements**

The licensing requirements for Farmer's Market vendors were discussed by the Board. Currently, the fee is \$16 a year, plus a sales tax letter and a no tax due letter is required to be submitted with the application. There was no action taken.

**Item 7c motion on terraced rain garden**

Sonja Lallemand, Artisan's Landscaping, explained to the Board how and why the terraced rain garden should be installed. She answered questions from the Board. A motion was made by Debra Hickey to authorize up to \$2500 be spent on installing the terraced rain garden, using American Quarry (because they deliver) and Springfield Yard Waste Recycling Center for purchase of materials; and labor to be provided gratis from Master Gardeners and Battlefield citizens. The motion was seconded by Shawn Billings. A roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair absent, Shawn Billings aye, Stephen Esterline aye, Debra Hickey aye, and Aaron Kruse aye. Motion passed.

**Item 8a discussion concerning using one trash company**

The Board of Aldermen discussed the pros and cons of using one trash company. They were in consensus that more information was needed before any decision was made. This line item will be revisited at the next regular Board of Aldermen meeting.

**Item 8b motion on roll bar and canopy for Hustler mower**

A motion was made by Stephen Esterline to authorize the purchase of a roll bar and canopy for the Hustler riding mower from Yarbrough Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$610. The motion was seconded by Shawn Billings. A roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair absent, Shawn Billings aye, Stephen Esterline aye, Debra Hickey aye, and Aaron Kruse aye. Motion passed.

**Pursuant to questions asked during an open meeting, sign ordinances were discussed. No vote or action was taken. No further discussion concerning the subject will take place in closed session.**

**Item 9a closed session**

A motion was made by Stephen Esterline to go into closed session concerning potential litigation under Section 610.021(1)RSMo. The Board went into closed session at 8:50pm. A motion was made by Aaron Kruse to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Shawn Billings. A roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair absent, Shawn Billings aye, Stephen Esterline aye, Debra Hickey aye, and Aaron Kruse aye. The Board came out of closed session at 9:09pm. Mayor Judy Stainback announced that during closed session, a motion was made, duly seconded, and unanimously voted upon.

**Item 10 adjournment**

A motion was made by Aaron Kruse to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was seconded by Stephen Esterline. A roll call vote was taken with Tim Bair absent, Shawn Billings aye, Stephen Esterline aye, Debra Hickey aye, and Aaron Kruse aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Judy Stainback \_\_\_\_\_ Date

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Susan R Diehl, MRCC/CMC \_\_\_\_\_ Date