



**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF FRONTENAC
BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025**

The April 22, 2025, the regular meeting of the Board of Alderpersons of the City of Frontenac was called to order at 6:02 p.m. with Chairman of the Board Dan Millman, presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

A. ROLL CALL

The Alderpersons present were Pat Kilker, Jamie Griesedieck, Scott Mullis, Tom O'Brien, and Dan Millman.

Ms. Cooper noted a quorum for tonight's meeting.

Also, in attendance were City Attorney Kyle Cronin, Interim City Administrator/City Clerk, Leesa Ross; Police Chief, Mark Guttmann; Assistant Fire Chief, Kevin Halloran; Public Works Director, Jeff Wappelhorst; Finance Officer, Lea Ann Bennett; Building Commissioner, David Fairgrieve and Administrative Clerk, Shari Cooper.

B. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

Chairman Millman requested a motion to approve tonight's agenda.

MOTION: Alderperson O'Brien made a motion and Alderperson Kilker made a second to approve and adopt tonight's agenda. **MOTION PASSED by a vote of 5-0.**

C. CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS

Ms. Ross read the certified election results:

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS – CITY OF FRONTENAC, ELECTION DATE, APRIL 8, 2025

MAYOR (TWO-YEAR TERM)

Kate Hatfield	437
Pat Kilker	554
Total Ballots Cast	1,000
Registered Voters	3,066

Percentage Cast 32.62%

ALDERPERSON – WARD 1 (TWO-YEAR TERM)

Tim Sant	220
Barbara Sterkel (Reeb)	154
Total Ballots Cast	386
Registered Voters	949
Percentage Cast	40.67%

ALDERPERSON – WARD 2 (TWO-YEAR TERM)

Scott Mullis	238
Total Ballots Cast	282
Registered Voters	936
Percentage Cast	30.13%

ALDERPERSON – WARD 3 (TWO-YEAR TERM)

Tom O'Brien	204
Howard (Kin) Watkins	118
Total Ballots Cast	332
Registered Voters	1,181
Percentage Cast	28.11%

The votes were certified by the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners on April 17, 2025.

Alderman Millman requested a motion to approve the certified results of the April 8, 2025, general municipal election.

MOTION: Alderperson Griesedieck made a motion and Alderperson Mullis made a second to approve the certified results of the April 8, 2025, general municipal election. **MOTION PASSED by a vote of 5-0.**

D. SWEAR IN NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ms. Ross swore in Mayor Pat Kilker and Alderpersons Tim Sant (Ward 1), Scott Mullis (Ward 2), and Tom O'Brien (Ward 3).

E. ROLL CALL

Mayor Kilker asked for a roll call.

The Alderpersons present were Tim Sant, Jamie Griesedieck, Scott Mullis, Tom O'Brien, and Dan Millman.

Ms. Cooper noted a quorum for tonight's meeting.

F. PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING ELECTED OFFICIAL

Mayor Kilker thanked former Alderperson Meg Mannion for her service with the City and presented her with a plaque from the City.

G. PUBLIC FORUM

Kim Tompras, 994 Chapel Oaks, congratulated all the newly elected officials. She inquired about the BD2 ordinance and saw that former Mayor Hatfield had entered a formal veto on the ordinance. She asked for an explanation on the amendments or changes that were made? Alderman Mullis explained that there were two additional changes at the previous meeting. First, the setback on Clayton Rd. from 70 feet to 35 feet. Secondly, along Clayton Rd., the minimum building height changed from 26 feet to 21 feet.

Kin Watkins, 2815 Stonington Place, said speaking on Resolution 2025-591 authorizing the Mayor on behalf of the City of Frontenac to extend the contract for auditing services. He stated that the contract for this service went from \$19,500 to \$29,000. Does this increase not trigger a bidding process? Ms. Lea Ann Bennett, Finance Officer, stated that the main problem is that there are very few governmental auditing firms currently and a lot of cities that are going out for bid, they are not getting any bids returned and the ones that are coming in have doubled in price. Mr. Watkins stated that he would request that until we solicit for other bids, we do not approve this.

Steve Dahlman, 35 Lynnbrook, congratulated everyone. He stated that he wanted to follow-up with what Mr. Watkins said. Mr. Dahlman requested that we go out for bid in regards to the auditing firms. He stated that the City has had the same auditing firm for over 12 years now and it is only right to go out for bids. If none are received, then of course we go with the company we have but we need to offer a chance.

Carol Watkins, 2815 Stonington, congratulated everyone and stated that we need to appoint a woman in the open seat on the Board.

H. MAYOR'S COMMENTS, REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Kilker thanked all of the former Mayors and elected officials for attending tonight's meeting. Mayor Kilker also thanked the local fire department. He stated that the signs were paid for by them and it came directly from their paychecks. He stated we have the best in town. He thanked his family and friends for helping him knock on doors, and at the meet and greet events. Mayor Kilker thanked three (3) people specifically, Chris Kehr, former alderman and attorney, who will serve as his new City Treasurer, former Mayor Margot Martin for helping so much, and lastly, Janet Kilker, my spouse in everything and just thank you.

Mayor Kilker stated that we owe a great deal of gratitude to Leesa Ross, she has served the City for 34 years, starting as a dispatcher and working her way up. For the third time she has stepped up to be the Interim City Administrator, thank you for everything.

Mayor Kilker asked for a motion for the appointment of Municipal Judge Andrea Niehoff and Provisional Judge, Alan Key.

MOTION: A motion was made by Alderperson Griesedieck and seconded by Alderperson O'Brien to approve Mayor Kilker's appointments for municipal judge and provisional judge. All Alderpersons present voted "Aye". The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

Mayor Kilker asked for a motion for the appointment of Prosecuting Attorney Keith Cheung.

MOTION: A motion was made by Alderperson Millman and seconded by Alderperson O'Brien to approve Mayor Kilker's appointment for prosecuting attorney. All Alderpersons present voted "Aye". The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

Mayor Kilker stated he would like to thank Dan Millman for the contributions and time he has made to the City of Frontenac. Mayor Kilker asked for a motion to re-appoint Alderperson Millman as President of the Board of Aldermen.

MOTION: A motion was made by Alderperson Griesedieck and seconded by Alderperson O'Brien to approve Dan Millman as the President of the Board of Alderman. All Alderpersons present voted "Aye". The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

I. COMMENTS – BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Alderman O'Brien stated he was honored to be up here for another term and thanked Meg Mannion for her contributions, and hopes she stays involved.

Alderman Mullis congratulated Mayor Kilker and looks forward to working together. He hopes that we continue with keeping up the best priorities for the City of Frontenac and continue on the search for a new City Administrator, staying on top of BD2 and BD3 (Old Frontenac Square) and all the ways we can improve.

Alderman Sant stated he has been lucky with being involved with the Ways & Means Committee and treasurer for seven (7) years, and is looking forward to expanding upon that.

Alderman Griesedieck thanked everyone, including the staff of the city and all the comments that were made. He also encouraged everyone to keep showing up to meetings and being involved.

Alderman O'Brien added that the most critical issue with the City currently is finding a City Administrator.

Alderman Millman congratulated everyone and thanked the staff, but also thanked the public for the voting turnout. He stated it was great to see.

J. CITY STAFF REPORTS

- **City Clerk / Interim City Administrator Report:**

Ms. Ross stated that an Alderperson came to her and asked if we still wanted to record the meetings. She stated we do have to keep them for one (1) year and must be made available to anyone who requests them. Alderman Griesedieck stated that he is a fan of recording the meetings. Alderman Millman asked if there was a space issue for storing these for a year. Ms. Ross stated that they are stored by Zoom but the problem is if someone requests the recording, the process to compress them is difficult. Ms. Cooper stated that if we place them in the cloud then individuals can watch from there. Mayor Kilker suggested that we get the technology piece nailed down and revisit this item.

Ms. Ross stated that Chief Picha and Chief Guttman stated our alarm monitoring equipment with Hackett Security is outdated and is not compatible with a lot of the home alarms which the City monitors. Currently we have around 100 households monitored by the City and both Chiefs felt it was time to end the program. The City of Ladue just ended their monitoring program and we need to decide to notify the residents so they can make the appropriate adjustments by the end of the year. Chief Picha added that Ladue already sent out letters to their residents notifying them and our numbers have continually gone down year after year.

Mayor Kilker asked the Board and received full agreement to notify the residents of Frontenac that the City will discontinue alarm monitoring services as of December 31, 2025.

Ms. Ross stated that the next meeting is set for May 20th and she will be at her International City Clerk Conference. She spoke with Mayor Kilker and he decided to set the meeting for Wednesday, May 28th at 5:00 P.M. for the joint workshop with the Board of Alderman and Ways and Means Committee and the regular meeting following at 6:00 P.M.

- **Financials:**

Ms. Bennett stated, looking at March financials year-to-date, the City's revenues are up by 3% or \$287,000, expenses are down by 1.7% or \$147,000 and sales tax is up over 5% from last year but we are behind budget by less than 1%. She stated there is no missing reporting on actual numbers.

Ms. Bennett stated that our use tax was up by 48%.

Alderman Mullis asked do we have any options for the bridge closure on Lindbergh Blvd. Chief Picha stated the detours will be posted by MoDOT. Alderman Mullis asked if we could keep it to local traffic only. Chief Picha stated to try and enforce that would be impossible. Alderman Millman asked if there was anything we can do to help with the flow of traffic including stop signs? Mr. Wappelhorst stated that the lights are on a trigger system but he will look into it further.

K. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Minutes**: December 17, 2024, January 21, 2025, February 19, 2025, and February 28, 2025
2. **Warrant List**: February 1, 2025 – March 30, 2025
3. **Resolution No. 2025-591**: A resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Frontenac, Missouri, to enter into a contract for financial services.
4. **Resolution No. 2025-592**: A resolution of the City of Frontenac, Missouri, authorizing the purchase of a replacement inspection vehicle for the building department.

A discussion was held.

MOTION: Alderperson Griesedieck made a motion and Alderperson O'Brien made a second to approve the consent agenda.

Mayor Kilker asked Ms. Cooper for a roll call of the Board of Alderpersons.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Alderperson Sant, "Aye", Alderperson Griesedieck, "Aye"; Alderperson Mullis, "Aye"; Alderperson O'Brien, "Aye"; and Alderperson Millman, "Aye". The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED by a vote of 5-0.**

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Reconsideration of Bill No. 2024-2099**: An ordinance adopting a new section of the Frontenac City Code establishing the "BD" Business District Zoning District and enacting regulations pertaining thereto; and amending Section 405.020 to include the "BD" Business District.

Mayor Kilker stated that Mayor Hatfield declined to approve Bill 2024-2099 as passed by the Board of Aldermen on February 19, 2025, and has returned the Bill with her objections, which are attached hereto and hereby made a part of the record. In accord with the referenced statute and code provision, the Bill, therefore, now shall stand reconsidered. The Board is to proceed at its convenience to consider the question: Shall the bill pass, the objections of the Mayor thereto notwithstanding?

Alderman O'Brien stated that he would like everyone to remember that Bill 2024-2099 passed with a 5-0 vote on February 19, 2025, without any other changes.

MOTION: Alderman Millman motioned and Alderman Griesedieck seconded to approve Bill No. 2024-2099 and the objections from Mayor Hatfield will not withstand.

Mayor Kilker asked Ms. Cooper for a roll call vote of the Board of Alderpersons.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Alderperson Griesedieck, “Aye”, Alderperson Mullis, “Aye”; Alderperson O’Brien, “Aye”; Alderperson Millman, “Aye”; and Alderperson Sant, “Aye”. The vote was passed. **MOTION PASSED by a vote of 5-0.**

M. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Bill No. 2025-2106:** An ordinance approving the preliminary and final subdivision plat for 11321 Conway Road.

Robert Spence, Surveyor/Representative for the Owner, was available for questions.

Ms. Ross stated that this passed through the Planning & Zoning Commission on February 10, 2025 and was referred to the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Fairgrieve stated that part of the site plan that we have recommended here tonight, there will be no driveways permitted off Oetjen Lane (private lane). They would come off Conway Road only. He stated these are conforming lots and 2.4 acres divided equally. Each lot will be 132 feet wide by 367 feet deep.

Mr. Joe Oetjgen stated he was concerned about the water issues.

A discussion was held.

Mayor Kilker asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2025-2106.

MOTION: A motion was made by Alderperson Mullis and seconded by Alderperson Griesedieck for a second reading of Bill No. 2025-2106. All Alderpersons present voted “Aye”. The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

Bill No. 2025-2106: An ordinance approving the preliminary and final subdivision plat for 11321 Conway Road.

MOTION: Alderman Griesedieck motioned and Alderman Mullis seconded the approval of Bill No. 2025-2106.

Mayor Kilker asked Ms. Cooper for a roll call vote of the Board of Alderpersons.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Alderperson Mullis, “Aye”; Alderperson O’Brien, “Aye”; Alderperson Millman, “Aye”; Alderperson Sant, “Aye” and Alderperson Griesedieck, “Aye”. The vote was passed. **MOTION PASSED by a vote of 5-0.**

2. **Bill No. 2025-2107:** An ordinance authorizing an STBG Program Supplemental Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for improvements to Geyer Road, Federal Project No. STP-5503(607).

Ms. Ross stated that the City was contacted by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission regarding additional funding that was available in the amount of \$231,000, to assist the City with funding of the Geyer Road Phase 1 Project.

Mayor Kilker asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2025-2107.

MOTION: A motion was made by Alderperson Millman and seconded by Alderperson Mullis for a second reading of Bill No. 2025-2107. All Alderpersons present voted “Aye”. The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

Bill No. 2025-2107: An ordinance authorizing an STBG Program Supplemental Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for improvements to Geyer Road, Federal Project No. STP-5503(607).

MOTION: A motion was made by Alderperson Griesedieck and seconded by Alderperson Mullis to approve Bill No. 2025-2107.

Mayor Kilker asked Ms. Cooper for a roll call vote of the Board of Alderpersons.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Alderperson Mullis, “Aye”; Alderperson O’Brien, “Aye”; Alderperson Millman, “Aye”; Alderperson Sant, “Aye” and Alderperson Griesedieck, “Aye”. The vote was passed. **MOTION PASSED by a vote of 5-0.**

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kilker asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Alderperson O’Brien made a motion and Alderperson Sant seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.