

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF FRONTENAC BOARD OF ALDERPERSON MARCH 16, 2023 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

The March 16, 2023 special meeting of the Board of Alderpersons of the City of Frontenac was called to order at 6:01 p.m. with Kate Hatfield, presiding. The Alderpersons present were Pat Kilker, Meg Mannion, Jamie Griesedieck, and Tom O'Brien. Alderpersons Dan Millman and Nalini Mahadevan was absent.

Also, in attendance was City Administrator, Jaysen Christensen, and City Attorney, Edward Sluys.

A. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Hatfield asked for a motion to approve the meeting agenda for Tuesday, March 16, 2023.

<u>MOTION</u>: Alderperson O'Brien made a motion and Alderperson Kilker made a second to approve the amended meeting agenda. All Alderpersons presented voted "Aye". The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED**.

B. PUBLIC FORUM (PRESENTATION OF REMARKS AND/OR PETITIONS)

There were no comments made at this time.

C. MAYOR'S COMMENTS, REPORTS, APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Hatfield stated that the Garden Club had discussed the desire to place mulch around the numerous trees in the Spoede/64 area and indicated that the cost of the mulch itself is estimated to be approximately \$1,500 per season. Although this was not a budgeted item, it is within the City Administrator's authority to approve without a resolution of the Board of Aldermen. This expenditure could be added to the future annual budgets of the City.

D. COMMENTS BY BOARD OF ALDERPERSON MEMBERS

No comments were made at this time.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

<u>Bill No. 2023-2056</u>: An ordinance reaffirming the gross receipts tax to be imposed upon utility corporations providing services to non-domestic consumers within the City of Frontenac, Missouri, and amending Section 610.045 of the Frontenac City Code relating to same.

Mr. Sluys stated the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) recently granted a tariff increase of 10.05 percent to Spire Missouri. Per state statute, tariff increases in excess of seven percent trigger certain requirements to either roll back the rate of gross receipts taxes imposed by cities on utilities or to pass an ordinance maintaining the existing rates. Section 610.045 of the city code states that the City will maintain its utility tax rate with respect to Ameren service despite PSC rate increases. Bill No. 2023-2056 would make it clear that all utility tax rates, not just Ameren, will be maintained despite any tariff increases.

Mayor Hatfield asked for a motion for a second reading of Bill No. 2023-2056.

<u>MOTION:</u> Alderperson O'Brien made a motion and Alderperson Griesedieck made a second to the motion to approve a second reading of Bill No. 2023-2056. All alderpersons presented voted "Aye". The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

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Mayor Hatfield asked for a motion to approve Bill No. 2023-2056.

MOTION: Alderperson O'Brien made a motion to approve Bill No. 2023-2056 and Alderperson Mannion made a second for approval.

Mayor Hatfield asked Mr. Christensen for a roll call of the Board of Alderpersons.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE</u>: Alderperson O'Brien, "Aye"; Alderperson Griesedieck, "Aye"; Alderperson Mannion, "Aye"; and Alderperson Kilker, "Aye". All Alderpersons present voted "Aye." The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED by a vote of 4-0.**

F. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Alderperson O'Brien made a motion and Alderperson Mannion made a second to the adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.