

# CITY OF FRONTENAC



## MINUTES OF THE CITY OF FRONTENAC BOARD OF ALDERPERSON JANUARY 19, 2021

The January 19, 2021 regular 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 Dan Millman, Brian Warner, Nalini Mahadevan, Jamie Griesedieck, Dan Kemper, and Tom O'Brien. (All participated via video).

Also, in attendance was City Administrator, Jaysen Christensen (video); City Clerk, Leesa Ross (video); City Attorney, Kevin O'Keefe (video); Police Chief, Mark Guttman (video); Fire Chief, Marc Ulses (video); Public Works Director, Jeff Wappelhorst (video) and Finance Officer, Lea Ann Bennett (phone).

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

### **A. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA**

Mayor Hatfield asked for a motion to approve tonight's agenda.

**MOTION:** Alderperson O'Brien made a motion and Alderperson Millman seconded to approve the meeting agenda. All Alderpersons present voted "Aye". The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

There were no comments from the public.

### **C. MAYOR'S COMMENTS, REPORTS, APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Hatfield made no appointments. Mayor Hatfield stated she sent an update about the work groups which included the HR work group, Student Advisory Group, Garden Club and ARB Work Group. She stated she also sent COVID-19 vaccination information. She stated anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. She will ask Ms. Ross to post the meetings so others can attend in the weekly e-news updates.

### **D. COMMENTS BY BOARD OF ALDERPERSON MEMBERS**

Alderperson O'Brien asked has the city recently gone out to bid for the city's labor attorney. Mr. O'Keefe stated the city retained Mr. Neal Perryman with Lewis Rice in 2005 when he was retained. Alderperson O'Brien stated it may be a good time to put it out to bid. Mayor Hatfield asked that the attorney currently assisting the HR Work Group be included when the services are bid out.

**E. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES AND APPROVED MINUTES**

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| 1. | Planning & Zoning Commission:                   | None          |
| 2. | Ways & Means Committee:                         | December 2020 |
| 3. | Public Works Commission:                        | None          |
| 4. | Building Commissioner<br>& Zoning Administrator | December 2020 |

Mayor Hatfield stated the above reports will stand as submitted.

**F. CITY STAFF'S REPORT**

1. City Clerk

Ms. Ross stated election filing closed today at 5:00 p.m. The following people filed for office.

Mayor

Kate Hatfield

Aldersperson Ward I

Dan Kemper

Aldersperson Ward II

Nalini Mahadevan  
Kimberly Tompras

Aldersperson Ward III

Tom O'Brien

The certification must be submitted to the St. Louis County Board of Elections by Tuesday, January 26.

2. Finance Officer

- December 2020 Financial Report

Ms. Bennett stated revenues are up 2% or \$4,000 and revenues are up 1% or \$59,000, and net income is up \$12,000. All expenses except for bond fees are due to timing. Ms. Bennett said the bond fees were approximately \$55,000.

### 3. City Administrator

Mr. Christensen stated there was a request by Alderperson Mahadevan to discuss the Ameren Missouri power outages. He said there is a long history of outages and surges, between Lindbergh and Spoede, north of I-64. Alderperson Mahadevan said there is a large number in Clayton Terrace and Lynnbrook. Mr. Christensen said he has worked with Ameren, who are investigating the outages and they are also conducting tree trimming and vegetation trimming, as well as reviewing a few other issues, and he said there is still more work to do. He also stated the City is working on this. Mr. Christensen stated a future meeting will be held next Tuesday, January 26, 5:00 p.m. Alderperson Millman stated it is not just north of Highway 40. Alderperson Mahadevan said the issue has been going on for 20 years, and she said Mr. Christensen has followed up with the issues of power outages

Mr. Christensen said some alderpersons had asked about the audit, and the comments regarding the older building escrows; the fuel policy; and the excessive amount of comp time on the books for fire department employees. He said he and Ms. Bennett are working together to provide a regular update. He said he will include the updates in his City Administrator reports and will report on them quarterly. Alderperson O'Brien asked about the old escrows. Mr. Christensen said they amount to approximately \$50,000 and stated some date back 10-15 years. He said he will work on the items with Mr. Iliff. He also stated legislation was approved to move some old escrows into the general fund.

#### G. CONSENT AGENDA:

December 22, 2020 regular meeting minutes and warrant lists for December 1 – December 31, 2020.

Mayor Hatfield asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

**MOTION:** Alderperson Mahadevan made a motion and Alderperson Kemper seconded the approval of the consent agenda.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Alderperson Mahadevan, "Aye"; Alderperson Kemper, "Aye"; Alderperson Warner, "Aye"; Alderperson Griesedieck, "Aye"; Alderperson O'Brien, "Aye"; and Alderperson Millman, "Aye". All Alderpersons present voted "Aye." The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED by a vote of 6-0.**

#### H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### I. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Bill No. 2021-1981:** An ordinance authorizing an application for a Surface Transportation Block Grant Application to replace the Spoede Road Bridge over Deer Creek.

Mr. Christensen said MODOT rated the bridge and it received a poor rating, so the decision is to replace it. He said there is a significant amount of federal grant funding available. The city is ready to contract,

Bartlett and West and proceed. The grant will be an 80/20 grant, with an estimated cost of \$837,000 and an approximate cost to the city of \$167,600. The bridge is eligible for replacement with full funding. He estimated the bridge will have 50 years of life and there will be a sidewalk with abutment replacement.

**MOTION:** Alderperson Warner made a motion and Alderperson Millman seconded for a second reading of Bill No. 2021-1981. All Alderpersons present voted “Aye”. The vote was unanimous.  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**Bill No. 2021-1981:** An ordinance authorizing an application for a Surface Transportation Block Grant Application to replace the Spoede Road Bridge over Deer Creek.

Mayor Hatfield asked for a motion to approve Bill No. 2021-1981.

**MOTION:** Alderperson Millman made a motion and Alderperson Kemper seconded approval of Bill No. 2021-1981.

Mayor Hatfield asked Ms. Ross to call the roll.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Alderperson Warner, “Aye”; Alderperson Kemper, “Aye”; Alderperson Griesedieck, “Aye”; Alderperson Mahadevan, “Aye”; Alderperson O’Brien, “Aye”; and Alderperson Millman, “Aye”. The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED by a vote of 6-0.**

**Bill No. 2020-1981 became Ordinance No. 2020-1935.**

2. **Bill No. 2021-1982:** An ordinance authorizing an application for grant funding for Geyer Road Improvements Phase 3.

Mr. Christensen stated this is for phase 3 of the Geyer Road project which will run from Huntleigh Manor to the southern city limits. This will be an 80/20 grant match. He said they will try to do both phase 2 and 3 together, possibly in 2023. He said they will find out later if the city will get the grant funding. Regarding an update for phase 1, they are waiting for MoDOT to give a date to start right of way acquisitions, and on phase 2, they are waiting on MoDOT’s approval, to begin the design work.

Mayor Hatfield asked for a motion for a second reading of Bill No. 2021-1982.

**MOTION:** Alderperson Warner made a motion and Alderperson Kemper seconded for a second reading of Bill No. 2021-1982. All Alderpersons present voted “Aye”. The vote was unanimous.  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**Bill No. 2021-1982:** An ordinance authorizing an application for grant funding for Geyer Road Improvements Phase 3.

Mayor Hatfield asked for a motion to approve Bill No. 2021-1982.

**MOTION:** Alderperson Millman made a motion and Alderperson Griesedieck seconded approval of Bill No. 2021-1982.

Mayor Hatfield asked Ms. Ross to call the roll.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Alderperson Griesedieck, “Aye”; Alderperson Millman, “Aye”; Alderperson O’Brien, “Aye”; Alderperson Warner, “Aye”; Alderperson Mahadevan; and Alderperson Kemper, “Aye”. The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED by a vote of 6-0.**

**Bill No. 2021-1982 became Ordinance No. 2020-1936.**

Alderperson Kemper asked about the B’nai El property development. Mr. Christensen stated Mr. Simon is preparing plans and working on legal issues and how to make it work for Westwood. Mr. O’Keefe stated he has been engaged by Westwood to prepare a zoning text amendment, and that project is moving forward.

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Hatfield asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION:** Alderperson Warner made motion and Alderperson O’Brien seconded the meeting be adjourned. All Alderpersons present voted “Aye”. The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.