



MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF GREEN PARK, MISSOURI
April 20, 2009

Mayor Konopka called the Meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2009 at the Green Park City Hall, 11100 Mueller Road, Suite 3, Green Park, Missouri. The roll was called and the following officers were present:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Mayor: Tony Konopka	x		
Aldermen: Fred Baras	x		
Anthony Pousosa	x		
Tim Thuston	x		
Carol Hamilton	x		
Mark Hayden	x		
Jackie Wilson	x		

Prior to the regular meeting, Mayor Konopka presented Detective Jim McKelvey with a plaque from the City in acknowledgement and appreciation of his years of service to the City of Green Park. Mayor Konopka also read a letter that was sent to Colonel Jerry Lee, Chief of Police, commending Detective McKelvey on his performance.

REGULAR MEETING:

1. Reading and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mayor Konopka asked for motion to approve the Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting of March 16, 2009 as corrected. A motion was made by Alderman Baras and seconded by Alderman Pousosa that the minutes be approved. Upon a voice vote being taken it was announced that the motion passed.

2. Citizen Comments & Petitions

None

3. Reports of Officers & Committees:

3.1 Mayor & Board of Aldermen

Alderman Thuston made the suggestion that the Board address the Business License issue. Mayor Konopka advised him to call him and set up a time to discuss the issue.

Alderman Pousosa reported the next Neighborhood Watch meeting is May 19th at the Training Center at 8300 Valcour Road.

Alderman Pousosa also reported that he completed the Citizens Police Academy and advised that this is a very worthwhile program to see just what kind of training the St. Louis County Police receive.

3.2 City Attorney

Paul Rost gave an update on the 2009 Street Project. This year ran into delays due to MSD permit and new EPA guidelines for clean water. He stated that MSD and the EPA are moving back to what they did 40 years ago in having ditches or areas to collect water.

3.3 City Engineer/Building Commissioner

Derek Madej stated that Sterling is looking at what would be the most practical and economical plan and have come up with a regional water quality plan which actually goes beyond MSD's requirements and would cost ten times less than installing water gardens in resident yards. MSD prefers the residential water gardens, but the cost would be in the neighborhood of \$10,000 to \$15,000 per structure installed. He also stated that whole street replacement necessitates water quality guidelines, whereas slab replacement does not. Mayor Konopka stated that he has talked to some residents about water gardens in front yards and they are not in favor of that option.

3.4 City Administrator/City Clerk

Zella Pope reported that draft copies of the next Green Park newsletter were given to the Board. Any changes or suggestions need to be received by City Hall no later than Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

Zella advised that the invoice from the St. Louis County Police in the amount of \$19,918.50 had been inadvertently left off the invoice documentation log.

Zella also reported that she has hired Cleaning Authority to clean City Hall on a bi-weekly basis. They did not require a contract.

Certified election results were received and there will be a resolution on next month's agenda.

3.5 Treasurer

Report is in the Board of Aldermen Packet.

4. Unfinished Business

None

5. New Business

5.1 Resolution #176 approving appointment of one citizen member to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Mayor Konopka introduced Dave Van de Riet, a resident of Ward 3, seeking appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Alderman Hayden made a motion to approve Resolution No. 176. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wilson. Upon a voice vote, it was announced that Resolution No. 176 passed.

6. Citizens Comments & Petitions

None.

7. Audit of Bills & Claims

Alderman Baras made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Alderman Pousosa seconded the motion. Upon a vote being taken it was announced that the motion passed.

8. Miscellaneous

Alderman Wilson inquired as to the status of recycling bins. City Administrator Zella Pope advised that she should know something by the end of April or first of May.

Alderman Thuston brought up the issue of property code enforcement, stating that he has noticed some properties appear to be in violation of the property maintenance code and suggested the need for stricter enforcement. Zella stated that she and Paul Alexander, lead inspector with St. Louis County Neighborhood Preservation, drove through Green Park and have a list of properties that are in violation and/or properties that need to be on a “watch” list. Some properties will be receiving notices from the City and some will be receiving notices from St. Louis County. The issue of derelict or unlicensed vehicles will be addressed. Any derelict or unlicensed vehicles parked on city streets will be investigated by St. Louis County Police and the owner(s) will be notified by them. Owners of derelict or unlicensed vehicles sitting on the owner’s property will be notified by Code Enforcement.

Zella also reported that during their drive-thru they saw a lot of utility trailers sitting in yards. An article regarding this problem will be in the next Green Park newsletter. The City would prefer giving residents a warning and chance to take care of this situation before the City sends a letter or summons to the property owner.

Alderman Baras made a motion to go into Closed Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hayden. Upon the roll being called the Board of Aldermen voted as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Alderman Baras	X	
Alderman Pousosa	X	
Alderman Thuston	X	
Alderman Hayden	X	
Alderman Wilson	X	
Alderman Hamilton	X	

The motion passed and the Board went into Closed Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

9. Closed Executive Session

Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City's representatives and its attorney (610.021(1); leasing, purchasing, or sale of real-estate Section 610.021(2) RSMo.

10. Adjournment

Alderman Hayden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Thuston seconded the motion. Upon voice vote it was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Tony Konopka, Mayor

Attest:

Administrator/City Clerk