

## SMITHVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION

May 16, 2023 7:00 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers and Via Videoconference

### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Boley, present, called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present: Melissa Wilson, Leeah Shipley, Marv Atkins, Ronald Russell, Dan Ulledahl and Dan Hartman.

Staff present: Cynthia Wagner, Gina Pate, Chuck Soules, Chief Jason Lockridge, Stephen Larson, Jack Hendrix, Matt Denton and Linda Drummond.

### 2. Proclamations

- **Public Works Week – May 21-27**



*Figure 1 - Brian Clesson, Tonie Augustin, Mayor Boley, Allan Jensen, Tony Turner & Chuck Soules*

Chuck Soules, Public Works Director and representatives from the Water Department, Brian Clesson and Tonie Augustin and Street Department, Allan Jensen and Tony Turner were presented with the Mayor's proclamation for Public Works Week.

### 3. Consent Agenda

- **Minutes**
  - May 2, 2023 Board of Aldermen Special Session Minutes
  - May 2, 2023 Board of Aldermen Regular Session Minutes
- **Finance Report**
  - Financial Report for April 2023

Alderman Hartman moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Atkins seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. The Mayor declared the consent agenda approved.

## **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **4. Committee Reports**

Alderman Wilson reported on the May 9 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. The two Resolutions on tonight's agenda were approved. There have been 13 single-family residential building permits to date this year and were told that five more were received at the end of last week. Alderman Wilson also noted that commercial construction is still progressing around the City.

### **5. City Administrator's Report**

Cynthia Wagner reported that staff will be bringing forward an emergency purchase for an aerator for digester two at the wastewater plant. Cynthia noted that she has authorized the repairs so that the necessary parts can be ordered, and repairs can be completed to get the equipment up and running.

The trail at 180<sup>th</sup> Street has been completed by the county and is connected to the trail that the City completed in 2018.

Cynthia noted that her report also highlights some public works projects that have been completed over the last week in acknowledgement of Public Works Week.

## **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

### **6. Bill No. 2994-23, Repealing and Replacing Section 200 Collective Bargaining – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Alderman Hartman moved to approve Bill No. 2994-23 repealing Ordinance Section 200 regarding provisions for collective bargaining with law enforcement personnel. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading by title only. Alderman Russell seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote:

Alderman Shipley - Aye, Alderman Atkins - Aye, Alderman Wilson – Aye,  
Alderman Ulledahl - Aye, Alderman Russell – Aye, Alderman Hartman - Aye.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 2994-23 approved.

\*\*\*\*Please note the Resolutions were numbered wrong on the agenda sent out. 1217 and 1218 were already used. The documents have been corrected.\*\*\*\*

### **7. Resolution 1226, Easement Vacation – Fairview Crossing North**

Alderman Ulledahl moved to approve Resolution 1226, authorizing vacation of the easement between Lots 5 and 6 of Fairview Crossing North. Alderman Wilson seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Resolution 1226 approved.

**8. Resolution 1227, Site Plan – 14781 North Fairview Drive**

Alderman Ulledahl moved to approve Resolution 1227, approving the site plan for construction of a 12,000 ft<sup>2</sup> shopping center building at 14781 North Fairview Drive. Alderman Russell seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Resolution 1227 approved.

**OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD**

**9. Public Comment**

Jeff Bloemker, 1804 NE 182<sup>nd</sup> Terrace, School Board President, spoke to the Board concerning his opposition to the residential TIF. He said that approving the TIF would be at a cost to the school. He asked that the Board not set a precedent by allowing a residential TIF. He asked that it be restructured for blight only. Mr. Bloemker requested the Board work with the school to find a workable solution.

Shauna Houghton, 113 Lakeland Drive, said that she and Sherry Coulter were here on behalf of Lakefest. She thanked the Board for their support of the festival and for having Alderman Russell attend their meetings. She thanked the Mayor for sponsoring the event. Ms. Houghton will be supplying a link for City employees and Aldermen to sign up to volunteer for the event.

Denise Harwood, 106 Surrey Court, Interim Superintendent for the School District and resident of Smithville, spoke to the Board concerning her opposition to the TIF. She noted that just this year they scored 91.3% on their APPR which made them number one in the northland and number three in Kansas City. Ms. Harwood stated the importance of working together and improving the partnership. She said that her job is to represent the stakeholders of the School District and on behalf of them she asked the Board to reconsider the TIF that is being proposed.

Kristine Bunch, 18608 Primrose Street, asked that the Board not vote on the proposed TIF until all other taxing jurisdictions can have a solid understanding of where and how much tax dollars will be allocated. She said that she did not think that was clear in the proposal and it needs to be clearly stated. Ms. Bunch presented the Board with five signed letters from Monday evening’s peaceful protest in front of City Hall.

**10. New Business from the Floor**

None.

**11. Adjourn**

Alderman Ulledahl moved to adjourn. Alderman Hartman seconded the motion.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared the regular session adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Linda Drummond, City Clerk

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Damien Boley, Mayor