

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was convened at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 8880 Clark Avenue, Parkville, Missouri on February 20, 2024, and was called to order by Mayor Dean Katerndahl. City Clerk Melissa McChesney called the roll as follows:

Present:

Ward 1 Alderman Tina Welch
Ward 1 Alderman Philip Wassmer
Ward 2 Alderman Brian T. Whitley
Ward 2 Alderman Bob Bennett
Ward 3 Alderman Douglas Wylie
Ward 3 Alderman Stephen Melton
Ward 4 Alderman Michael Lee
Ward 4 Alderman Allyson R. Berberich

Absent:

None

A quorum of the Board of Aldermen was present.

The following staff was also present:

Alexa Barton, City Administrator
Bryan Kidney, Deputy City Administrator/Finance Director
Kevin Chrisman, Police Chief
Dan Harper, Public Works Director
Stephen Lachky, Community Development Director
Brittanie Propes, Parks & Recreation Director
John Mautino, City Attorney

Mayor Katerndahl led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

2. CITIZEN INPUT

A. Proclaim February 18-24, 2024, as Engineer's Week

Mayor Katerndahl presented the proclamation to Public Works Director Dan Harper.

Alderman Berberich said that the Park Hill South Girl's Swim Team won the state championship, the first team to ever win in swimming for the school.

Alderman Whitley said there were issues with mail delivery in Riss Lake, but it was not an issue the City could resolve.

Whitley also shared concerns about new utility boxes installed in the right-of-way in Riss Lake for the underground electric lines. City Administrator Alexa Barton stated that the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) had oversight of Evergy's work and the state legislature took power away from municipalities that wanted to prevent it from occurring. She added that the

City's right-of-way ordinances were as strong as they could be within the limits municipalities were given. City Attorney John Mautino said that the electrical infrastructure was regulated by the PSC which allowed utilities to be placed in the right-of-way. The City could regulate the work within the right-of-way, but not the equipment, including aesthetics, because it could not interfere with the provider's technology. Barton noted that at least one of the boxes was located in the line of sight at an intersection and staff spoke to them about it, but she did not know the outcome of the conversation. She added that an e-mail was submitted by a resident; attached as Exhibit A.

The following residents provided comments: Judy McRuer, 6275 Edgewater Drive; and Andrew Barchers, 5705 Spinnaker Pointe.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve the minutes for the January 30, 2024, regular meeting
- B. Receive and file the crime statistics for January through December 31, 2023
- C. Appoint Eunice Westra through May 2024 and reappoint Dr. Vince Carlisle through May 2026 to the Diversity and Inclusion Commission
- D. Approve a temporary resort with Sunday sales liquor license for Park Place Grille, a new restaurant to be located at 160 English Landing Drive
- E. Approve a retail liquor by the drink picnic license for the Association for Women Lawyers Foundation for the Women on the Move 5K Run/Walk event on May 4, 2024

Alderman Whitley provided highlights that he noticed from the crime statistics attached to Item 3B.

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED BY ALDERMAN WHITLEY AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WYLIE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS, AS PRESENTED.

RESULT: MOTION PASSED 8-0.

4. ACTION AGENDA

5. STAFF UPDATES ON ACTIVITIES

A. Administration

1. Accounts Payable Reports

City Administrator Alexa Barton explained that the accounts payable reports used to be included on the Consent Agenda, but the process was amended to match the state statutes. The City Treasurer and Mayor signed the checks, noting their approval; the reports would be presented to the Board of Aldermen for review and the City Clerk

would attest the reports via the minutes.

2. **Railroad Update/Grant Opportunities**

Barton prepared a statement about two grant opportunities for the railroad; statement attached as Exhibit B. She asked the Board to decide if they wanted to move forward with the two grant opportunities. The consensus of the Board was to schedule a work session on March 5 to discuss the topic further.

3. **SeeClickFix Official Launch**

City Administrator Alexa Barton said SeeClickFix was not ready to launch.

B. **Police Department**

C. **Community Development**

1. **Development Updates**

D. **Public Works**

E. **Parks & Recreation**

Parks and Recreation Director Brittanie Propes provided project updates, noting that construction on Gateway Park was underway and landscaping would be installed when the weather was more favorable; staff would be attending the Platte County Parks meeting to present information on the Outreach Grant application to make changes to the Rush Creek Bridge into Platte Landing Park; holes for wells in the wetlands at Platte Landing Park were dug the prior week and the windmill would be installed during the spring, staff was working to design educational signs and order stone benches to be placed near the wetlands and staff met with the US Army Corps of Engineers vegetation experts and a joint work session with the Community Land and Recreation Board (CLARB) was tentatively scheduled for April 16; and she was working to identify another joint work session with CLARB to discuss the Parks Master Plan. Propes added that the chat along the trails in the parks were part of the normal spring maintenance after temperatures were no longer at or below freezing. She also said there would be additional maintenance on the dog park.

6. **MAYOR, BOARD OF ALDERMEN & COMMITTEE REPORTS & MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Alderman Whitley said that Google would begin work installing fiber in Parkville.

Alderman Welch recommended visiting the new trailhead for the Brush Creek Trail. She also said the annual gala hosted by PACE would be held on February 24.

7. **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION: IT WAS MOVED BY ALDERMAN WHITLEY AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WYLIE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY-CLIENT MATTERS PURSUANT TO RSMO 610.021(1).

RESULT: MOTION PASSED 8-0.

AYES: TINA WELCH, PHILIP WASSMER, BRIAN T. WHITLEY, BOB BENNETT, DOUGLAS WYLIE, STEPHEN MELTON, MICHAEL LEE, ALLYSON R. BERBERICH

NOES: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

The Board entered the executive session at 8:20 p.m. At 8:35 p.m., the Board reconvened in open session.

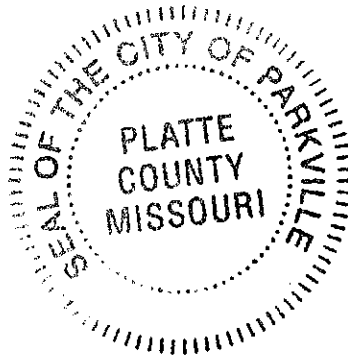
9. ADJOURN

Mayor Katerndahl declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The minutes for February 20, 2024, having been read and considered by the Board of Aldermen, and having been found to be correct as written, were approved on this the fifth day of March 2024.

Submitted by:

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City Clerk Melissa McChesney



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Subject: Citizen input for 2/20/24 Board meeting re Electrical box sheds
Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 11:03:03 PM

Hello Melissa,

My name is Ginny Young. I reside at 5725 N Pointe Ter in Riss Lake. I am unable to attend the Board meeting as I am out of town. Would you be able to read my citizen input on my behalf and present a copy of this picture? If yes, thank you, and here is what I would like to say:

Let me preface this by saying that Brian Whitley is the best Alderman we have ever had. He is the best communicator and I truly appreciate all he does for Riss Lake and Parkville and I know he cares about this issue.

I am addressing the placement of Evergy's monstrous "boxes" along Lakeview Dr in the process of burying their lines. The notification we were given is copied verbatim below this picture of a "box" that is in front of a homeowner's property. No where in this notification and other notifications does it discuss these boxes being placed, just the burying of lines.

Who knew that these boxes were going to be placed and when did they know it? Why was this not mentioned in the notifications? Per Burns & McDonnell Senior Public Involvement Specialist, John Pepitone's email dated 2/19/2024, "Evergy decided that all the other junction points have above-ground access." Why did Evergy get to decide what boxes were placed above ground and not buried? Who did they inform of this decision and when? Was this decision approved and by who?

The burying of lines is something we can all agree on, it keeps the neighborhood looking nice. Yes, it is on a utility easement but what or who gives Evergy the right to place something of this size? Who will be responsible for their maintenance, cleaning them if someone paints graffiti on them?

This is a disgusting sight. The residents of Riss Lake and the residents that are directly and negatively affected need to know and should get an apology from those that made and accepted this arrangement.



This is what Riss Lake residents were told:

October 13, 2023

“From Evergy (and eNeighbors):

Evergy is scheduled to begin construction of a new underground electric distribution line for the Riss Lake neighborhood on Monday, October 30. This new line is designed to make electric service to the Riss Lake community more reliable, with fewer outages anticipated after the new line is put into service.

The new line will connect to an existing overhead distribution line along Missouri Highway 9 and run underground through the new Sanctuary subdivision and along NW Lakeview Drive. This underground route ends at existing electrical equipment near the Woodhaven pool house. The new service is designed to minimize disturbance to existing infrastructure and the environment. The completion of the project also includes replacement of the sidewalk along the north side of the dam. Construction will take place Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. starting October 30, though there may be some minor pre-construction activities beginning the week of October 23. Project completion is expected by the end of January 2024 (weather permitting). During the construction period, vehicle traffic may be restricted to one lane along NW Lakeview Drive between Missouri Highway 9 and Woodhaven Lane. Vehicle traffic along Missouri Highway 9, west of NW Lakeview Drive, may also be reduced to one lane during construction of the new underground electric service. Traffic control measures will regulate the flow of vehicles through both construction zones. Sections of the sidewalk along NW Lakeview Drive, including the crossing of Riss Lake dam, will also be closed intermittently during the construction window.

The new underground service will replace the existing overhead lines that pass through the nature sanctuary south and west of the Riss Lake neighborhood. The remainder of overhead lines along the south and east of the Riss Lake neighborhood will remain in place. This new underground line will provide electricity to about half of the homes in the Riss Lake neighborhood.

Evergy does not anticipate any service interruptions associated with this work.”

Exhibit B

We recently received an announcement that at least two (2) Federal Railroad Administration grant opportunities for FY 2023-2024 funding, will be announced in March 2024 (they each have a 60-day timeframe for applications to be submitted). They include the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program (CRISI); and the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (RCE), we would like to receive additional information from the Board of Aldermen as to whether they would like staff to pursue these grants.

There are two (2) known projects:

The first would be to apply for a grant for funding for financial assistance for wayside horn infrastructure/implementation that most of you are aware of recent feasibility study done by the city with assistance from the Federal Railroad Administration.

Which Stephen Lachky has provided updates to the Board of Aldermen regarding this project.

The second is a project that would be to apply for planning assistance to determine the feasibility of a project.

The background on this includes a visit from Tom Hutsler and Titus Bond (affiliation with Congressman Graves Office) with the Parkville Old Towne Market Community Improvement District (POTMCID) in late spring/early summer 2023 to share prior renderings of a vision to move the railroad tracks (which I had never heard of before). They explained this proposed plan would allow an alternate road route that would bypass 1st and Main.

(I believe this was 1 of many options previously reviewed with no action to address the high amount of traffic around 1st and Main.)

I shared the renderings with the Mayor and arranged to hold a meeting with the railroad, BNSF in July 2023, to strictly discuss the feasibility of such a project. Present at that meeting were individuals of BNSF, the city, POTMCID, and Congressman Graves office. Mr. Bond had previously shared that Congressman Graves office may be helpful in federal grant funds.

A very high level discussion regarding the renderings was discussed among those in attendance. The railroad expressed little interest, and that "if" a project like this were to go forward it would be at least a \$50 million cost. Another BNSF rep stated pursuing a planning grant would be good to help all party's determine next steps, if any next steps were to occur.

Fast forward to now when the grants have been announced, and we are bringing these projects before the Board of Aldermen to determine if you would like for staff to pursue grant funding for Wayside Horns and/or A Planning grant for moving the railroad tracks.

Finally, something we recently discovered, and that you should also know, if pursuing both grants, the funding for these two (2) items will basically come from the same pool of dollars so if each is pursued the applications would most likely compete against each other.

I know these are very high level outlines, but other than the feasibility study for wayside horns, the other project has had very little attention to next steps; and that is why staff is in front of you these evening for further direction on both matters. Should the Board of Aldermen wish to have a work session after considering the information these evening and to receive further input, a work session on 3/5 or 3/19 would be scheduled.