

CITY OF FENTON, MISSOURI
625 NEW SMIZER MILL ROAD, FENTON, MO 63026
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022
6:50 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bob Brasses called the Board of Aldermen Meeting of the City of Fenton, St. Louis County, Missouri to order at 6:50 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2022. The meeting was held at Fenton City Hall and via Zoom Videoconference (RSMo 610.015).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Brasses led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Jane Hungler called the roll:

Alderman Ralph Cruets - *Present*

Alderman Brian Wisbrock - *Present*

Alderman Joe Maurath - *Present*

Alderman Susan Jokerst - *Absent*

Alderman Chris Clauss - *Present*

Alderman Robin Huels - *Present*

Alderman Tom Heard - *Present*

Alderman Kevin Yarbrough - *Present- via video conference*

Seven Aldermen were present at the opening of the meeting.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Bob Brasses

City Attorney Erin Seele, Esq.

City Administrator Andrea N. Finkbiner - *via video conference*

City Clerk Jane Hungler

Public Works Director Dan Howard

St. Louis County Police Precinct Captain Kevin Lawson

Mayor Brasses stated that he called this Special Meeting for:

- **Consideration of Bill 22-13: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a second amendment to the Municipal Park Grant Commission Grant Agreement with the Cities of Sunset Hills and Kirkwood for the I-44 Shared Use Trail over the Meramec River Project.**

Alderman Maurath noted for the record he feels this is another case of bureaucracy run wild, similar to the I-44 Meramec River Bridge Replacement as the contract was open ended. If not for our tax dollars and the Park Grant Commission, he was not sure what the City would have done. Would have had to come up with the funds and what would happen if the City did not have the funds?. He feels as the project had cost overrun, this project costs needs to be reviewed.

Bill 22-13 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a second amendment to the Municipal Park Grant Commission Grant Agreement with the Cities of Sunset Hills and Kirkwood for the I-44 Shared Use Trail over the Meramec River Project.

Sponsor: Clauss

Alderman Clauss desired first reading of Bill No. 22-13. City Attorney Erin Seele read the Bill one time by title only.

Alderman Clauss made a motion to seek a waiver of the rules for a second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wisbrock. Upon a vote being taken, it was announced that the motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Aldermen. City Attorney Erin Seele read Bill No. 22-13 for a second time by title only.

Alderman Clauss made a motion that Bill No. 22-13 be enacted as Ordinance No. 4202. The motion was seconded by Alderman Heard.

Alderman Heard inquired on reason for overruns. City Administrator Nikki Finkbiner shared the Municipal Park Grants Commission went out to bid for construction, the lowest bidder cost was an increase of \$400,000+ over the original estimated cost of the project. Alderman Yarbrough noted construction costs are up everywhere. Alderman Maurath expressed he feels cost should have been secured earlier and this is third increase to the project. Alderman Heard inquired who was in charge of the construction. Mayor Brasses replied MoDOT. City Administrator Nikki Finkbiner further shared MoDOT informed Sunset Hills of the lowest bidder and requested a 48-hour response to move forward with the project. Sunset Hills held an emergency meeting last Monday to approve the amendment, as they are paying the expenses and requesting reimbursement of the project.

Upon the roll being called, the Board of Aldermen voted as follows:

Alderman Cruts	<i>Aye</i>	Alderman Clauss	<i>Aye</i>
Alderman Yarbrough	<i>Aye</i>	Alderman Huels	<i>Aye</i>
Alderman Wisbrock	<i>Aye</i>	Alderman Heard	<i>Aye</i>
Alderman Maurath	<i>Aye</i>	Alderman Jokerst	<i>Absent</i>

It was announced that Bill No. 22-13 was passed by the Board of Aldermen and would become Ordinance No. 4202 when and if signed by the Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:01 p.m., with no other business before the Board, Alderman Maurath made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wisbrock. Upon a vote being taken, it was announced that the motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Aldermen.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Hungler
City Clerk
City of Fenton