

CITY OF FENTON, MISSOURI
625 NEW SMIZER MILL ROAD, FENTON, MO 63026
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021
6:45 P.M.

Mayor Brasses stated in light of the current public health crisis and related emergency declarations, the Board recognizes that it would be dangerous and impractical, if not impossible, for its meeting to be physically accessible to the public in accordance with the County's current Social Distancing requirements. The Board also recognizes the need for the public's business to be attended to in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. To balance both, and in accordance with Sec. 610.020, RSMo. and R-20-01, this meeting will not be open to in-person public attendance but rather accessible by the public in real time ONLY by a video/teleconference call via "Zoom".

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bob Brasses called the special meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom Videoconference (RSMo. 610.015) and explained the reasons for conducting the meeting via videoconference, i.e., due to the State of Emergency (as specified in the notice above) on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Brasses led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Jane Hungler called the roll:

Alderman Ralph Cruts - *via video conference*

Alderman Andrew Sobey, Jr.- *via video conference (6:47)*

Alderman Brian Wisbrock -*via video conference*

Alderman Joe Maurath - *via video conference*

Alderman Chris Clauss - *via video conference*

Alderman Robin Huels - *via video conference*

Alderman Tom Heard - *via video conference*

Alderman Susan Jokerst - *via video conference (6:47)*

Six Aldermen were present at the opening of the meeting.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Bob Brasses - *via video conference*

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

City Attorney Erin P. Seele, Esq. - *via video conference*

Public Works Director Dan Howard - *via video conference*

City Clerk Jane Hungler - *via video conference*

- **Request to utilize a contractor to perform laser field grading at the Fenton Sports Complex and request to wave the City's bidding procedures for the same.**

Prior to the City purchasing the Fenton Sports Complex, the property sat essentially untouched for close to three years. The grass was not cut and the infields for the baseball diamonds were not maintained. As a result, the infields have required extensive work to remove vegetation and grading in preparation of the upcoming season.

Currently, the Public Works department has sufficient equipment to maintain the infields but lacks the needed equipment to properly grade and level the infields to bring them to a safe playing surface. Due to the short timeframe to prep the fields and ensure the complex is ready for the first tournament in early April, Staff reached out to Schaefer-Meyer Seed-Sod for assistance to laser grade the fields.

Schaefer-Meyer will provide the equipment to laser grade the fields with the City removing the vegetation and tilling in the required field soil amendments prior to Schaefer-Meyer performing their

work. The soil amendments material was previously budgeted within the 2021 budget amendment for the Fenton Sports Complex under account #60748-57734.

With the tight frame for the start of the season, it is requested at this time to wave the bidding process. There is a proposal to have two fields removed due to not being utilized for tournaments. A contract with Schaefer-Meyer to perform the laser grading of the eight baseball fields at Fenton Sports Complex in the amount of \$20,469.84 is before the Board. Or if the Board would choose to include ten fields, the contract with Schaefer-Meyer to perform the laser grading of the baseball fields at Fenton Sports Complex would be in the amount of \$25,518.66 and is before the Board as an alternative bill.

Alderman Huels and Alderman Cruts voiced they are in favor of including all ten fields. Alderman Heard inquired if this could be a modification to current contract and if the pricing is comparable competitively. City Administrator Nikki Finkbiner replied this would be a new contract as prior contract has been completed and closed, and pricing is comparable competitively with bid at that time. Alderman Sobey expressed he is in support of grading ten fields. Alderman Jokerst inquired if grading should be delayed with concerns of flooding season. Public Works Director Dan Howard replied no as there is no defined flooding season. Alderman Huels shared that the fields have been rented starting in April. Alderman Maurath inquired if flooded, could it be turned into insurance and flood mitigation funds. Public Works Director Dan Howard replied in 2017 insurance funds were used to reestablish the infields.

- **Consideration of Bill 21-14 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Schaefer-Meyer Seed-Sod Division I, Inc. for laser field grading at the Fenton Sports Complex.**

OR

- **Consideration of Bill 21-14A – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Schaefer-Meyer Seed-Sod Division I, Inc. for laser field grading at the Fenton Sports Complex.**

Bill 21-14A An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Schaefer-Meyer Seed-Sod Division I, Inc. for laser field grading at the Fenton Sports Complex.

Sponsor: Huels

Alderman Huels desired first reading of Bill No. 21-14A. City Attorney Erin Seele read the Bill one time by title only.

Alderman Huels made a motion to seek a waiver of the rules for a second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Maurath. 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. 21-14A for a second time by title only.

Alderman Huels made a motion that Bill No. 21-14A be enacted as Ordinance No. 4104. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wisbrock.

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

Alderman Cruts	<i>Aye</i>	Alderman Clauss	<i>Aye</i>
Alderman Sobey	<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>Aye</i>

It was announced that Bill No. 21-14A was passed by the Board of Aldermen and would become Ordinance No. 4104 when and if signed by the Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:57 p.m., Alderman Clauss made a motion to adjourn. 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