

CITY OF FENTON, MISSOURI
625 NEW SMIZER MILL ROAD, FENTON, MO 63026
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

Board President Maurath stated that he called this Special Meeting for:

CONVENING OF THE NEW BOARD:

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Maurath called the Board of Aldermen Meeting of the City of Fenton, St. Louis County, Missouri to order at 8:53 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2022. The meeting was held at Fenton City Hall and via Zoom Videoconference (RSMo 610.015).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Board President Maurath led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATHS FOR NEWLY ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Jane Hungler called the roll:

Alderman Ralph Cruts - *Present*

Alderman Chris Clauss - *Present*

Alderman Robin Huels - *Present*

Alderman Brian Wisbrock - *Present - via video conference*

Alderman Joe Maurath - *Present*

Alderman Scott Maserang - *Present*

Alderman Susan Jokerst - *Present*

Seven Aldermen were present at the opening of the meeting.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

City Attorney Erin Seele, Esq.

City Administrator Andrea N. Finkbiner

City Clerk Jane Hungler

Public Works Director Dan Howard - *via video conference*

St. Louis County Police Precinct Captain Kevin Lawson

NEW BUSINESS:

❖ **Board motion to appoint a Mayor vacancy, unexpired term ending April 2023.**

Alderman Jokerst made a motion to nominate Alderman Maurath as Mayor for unexpired term ending April 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cruts. Upon a vote being taken, it was announced that the motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Aldermen.

City Clerk Jane Hungler administered the Oath of Office to Joe Maurath for Mayor. Mayor Maurath thanked his colleagues on the Board, the volunteer members of the City and for all in attendance. He stated that he is looking forward to serving the citizens and working together with the Board of Aldermen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patti Seemeyer Buckley, 2967 Parkview Drive, Pacific MO 63069 shared she was happy to see longtime friend, Joe Maurath, be sworn in as Mayor. She grew up in Fenton and feels it is a special community where people care about one another and ensuring the City continues to be a great place to raise a family, have a business, or enjoy all the beautiful parks. She expressed this special place deserves great leadership and she believes Fenton will continue to thrive under Joe's leadership. Joe is admired by her family especially by her dad, Neil Seemeyer, who served as an alderman for over a

decade, with Joe. She expressed during that time they paved the way for some amazing developments in nurturing a strong economic tax base and striving to offer some of the best parks in the St. Louis metro area. As Joe has served the community for over thirty (30) years, she cannot wait to see what is next under his tenure. She thanked Joe for his service and wished him the best serving as Mayor.

❖ **Mayor's appointment to fill a vacant Aldermanic seat (only if a seat is vacated by the Mayor appointment).**

Mayor Maurath recommended appointing Ron Harrel to fill the vacant Ward 1 Aldermanic seat for the unexpired term ending April 2023.

Alderman Wisbrock made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Ron Harrell to fill the vacant Ward 1 Aldermanic seat for the unexpired term ending April 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Maserang. Upon a vote being taken, it was announced that the motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Aldermen.

City Clerk Jane Hungler administered the Oath of Office to Ron Harrell for Alderman Ward 1 seat for the unexpired term ending April 2023.

❖ **Mayor's appointment for Alderman of Ward 1 vacancy, unexpired term ending April 2023.**

There was no appointment.

❖ **Board motion to elect a President of the Board of Aldermen.**

Alderman Jokerst made a motion to nominate Alderman Huels as President of the Board of Aldermen. 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.

❖ **Board motion to elect a Liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission.**

Alderman Huels made a motion to nominate Alderman Harrell as Planning and Zoning Commission liaison. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jokerst. Upon a vote being taken, it was announced that the motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Aldermen.

❖ **Board motion to elect a Liaison to the Parks and Recreation Committee.**

Alderman Jokerst made a motion to nominate Alderman Huels as Parks and Recreation Committee liaison. The motion was seconded by Alderman Maserang. Upon a vote being taken, it was announced that the motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Aldermen.

❖ **Approval of Board of Aldermen Committees.**

After discussion, approval of Board of Aldermen Committees will be postponed.

❖ **Mayor's appointment to the Parks and Recreation Committee, Ward 1, unexpired term ending January 2023.**

Mayor Maurath recommended appointing Christine Simino to Parks and Recreation Committee, Ward 1, unexpired term ending January 2023.

Alderman Cruts made a motion to approve Mayor's recommendation to appoint Christine Simino to Parks and Recreation Committee, Ward 1, unexpired term ending January 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clauss. Upon a vote being taken, it was announced that the motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Clauss expressed she would like that the Board to have candidate biography information to review before recommendation is considered at a Board meeting.

❖ **Selection of a date in May for annual training with the City Attorney.**

After discussion, May 5th at 6:00 p.m. was chosen to conduct annual training.

- ❖ **Consideration of Bill 22-38 - An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with GovBuilt, LLC for Community Development software.**

Bill 22-38 An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with GovBuilt, LLC for Community Development software.

Sponsor: Huels

Alderman Huels desired first reading of Bill No. 22-38. 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 Jokerst. 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. 22-38 for a second time by title only.

Alderman Huels made a motion that Bill No. 22-38 be enacted as Ordinance No. 4225. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clauss.

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

Alderman Cruts	<i>Aye</i>	Alderman Clauss	<i>Aye</i>
		Alderman Huels	<i>Aye</i>
Alderman Wisbrock	<i>Aye</i>	Alderman Maserang	<i>Aye</i>
Alderman Harrell	<i>Aye</i>	Alderman Jokerst	<i>Aye</i>

It was announced that Bill No. 22-38 was passed by the Board of Aldermen and would become Ordinance No. 4225 when and if signed by the Mayor.

- ❖ **Consideration of a requested Liquor License for D&D Distributors, LLLP, d/b/a Grey Eagle Distributors.**

Alderman Clauss made a final motion to approve Liquor License for D&D Distributors, LLLP, d/b/a Grey Eagle Distributors. The motion was seconded by Alderman Huels. Upon a vote being taken, it was announced that the motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Aldermen.

- ❖ **Consideration of proposed signage for RiverChase and the YMCA.**

The Board reviewed proposed amended signage for and related to RiverChase, as proposed by the YMCA. As discussed at the April 7th meeting, it was suggested to incorporate into the branding “RiverChase YMCA”. Matt Clark, District Vice President-South District, 11039 Music Ave, St. Louis MO, was present to discuss signage.

Matt Clark went through the information provided to the Board in the packet and shared the amendment including the illuminated “YMCA” building signs on the south and west entrance and that there would be lettering on the building. Matt Clark suggested the Board consider authorizing the Mayor and/or the City Administrator to work with the YMCA if any changes were made so that the request for the signage can be sent for production due to timing concerns.

Alderman Huels, Alderman Jokerst, Alderman Maserang, Alderman Cruts, Alderman Wisbrock, and Alderman Harrell expressed they liked the amended proposal incorporating the branding of “RiverChase YMCA”. Alderman Clauss shared overall she likes the amended proposal branding of “RiverChase YMCA” with the exception she feels the additional YMCA on the building as well as the illuminated sign was redundant and not needed. Matt Clark expressed he would discuss with the marketing team the consideration to omit “YMCA” on the building.

Alderman Huels made a motion to approve the “RiverChase YMCA” branding and authorize City Administrator Nikki Finkbiner to work with the YMCA for any needed small changes to start the

production. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cruts. Upon a vote being taken, it was announced that the motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Aldermen.

Break 9:25 p.m. – 9:43 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:44 p.m., Alderman Clauss made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation, (3) Hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting employees, and (13) Individually identifiable personal records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees and or applicants for employment. The motion was seconded by Alderman Maserang.

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

Alderman Cruts	<i>Aye</i>	Alderman Clauss	<i>Aye</i>
		Alderman Huels	<i>Aye</i>
Alderman Wisbrock	<i>Aye</i>	Alderman Maserang	<i>Aye</i>
Alderman Harrell	<i>Aye</i>	Alderman Jokerst	<i>Aye</i>

It was announced that the motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Aldermen.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:29 p.m. Mayor Maurath reconvened the meeting at which time, with no other business before the Board, Alderman Jokerst made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman Maserang. 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

