



MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WORK SESSION
CITY OF GREEN PARK, MISSOURI
August 31, 2017

Mayor Reinagel called the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 31, 2017, at the Green Park City Hall, 11100 Mueller Road, Suite 5, Green Park, Missouri.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Mayor: Bob Reinagel	X		
Aldermen: Fred Baras	X		
Michael Broughton	X		
Tim Thuston	X		
Carol Hamilton	X		
Joe Monteleone	X		
James Jones	X		

WORK SESSION:

1. Open Work Session

Mayor Reinagel opened the Work Session and thanked Captain Webb and Lieutenant Schafer of the Saint Louis County Police Department for being present to participate in a discussion regarding an additional police officer and the purchase of equipment.

Captain Webb discussed new technological advances and discussed “Hunch Lab” which is a predictive policing software program that the police utilize. Every officer with a laptop in their vehicle has access to Hunch Lab. Officers receive information about forecasted risk at any location within their jurisdiction. After predicting crime expectations across the jurisdiction, the system calculates the forecasted crime level per unit of patrol effort for each area, sorts these areas from highest to lowest relative risk, and selects the areas that can be patrolled by the available resources. This maximizes the impact of patrols. Captain Webb strongly urged each member of the Board and Green Park City staff to do a ride-along with Officer Hake to view the system in action. She also stated that she would get back to Alderman Broughton on any unanswered questions he had.

Captain Webb discussed the crime statistics for Green Park, as well as the amount of hours Officer Hake worked in each month since January 2017. She stated she understands that the City’s big concern is with public safety (i.e., speeding, pedestrian safety, traffic enforcement) and talked about how deploying two officers would be

beneficial to achieving this concern. Much discussion ensued with Alderman Broughton stating maybe the City should have two additional officers along with Officer Hake.

2. Discussion of additional Police protection and purchase of equipment.

City Administrator James Mello discussed the different types of equipment available to monitor speed, count the number of vehicles, license plate readers, and game cameras, as well as the cost of each. Mr. Mello advised that a decision did not have to be made now, but at least he wanted the Board to know what is available.

Mayor Reinagel believes the City should start out with only one additional officer. Alderman Baras agreed, especially if the City decides to purchase any equipment being considered. The City can always add an additional officer at a later time. The Mayor also advised that this would go to a vote at the next Board meeting. Mr. Mello stated if anyone had questions they should get back with him before the next Board meeting.


3. Discussion of safety improvements in Ronnie Hills Subdivision.

James Mello advised the cost of sidewalks in Ronnie Hills Subdivision, on one side of the street only, will be approximately \$200,000 to \$250,000. Discussion ensued. The concern was voiced that all subdivision streets might want sidewalks as well. City Attorney Paul Rost reminded the Board that the City has an Open Space Plan established by the Planning and Zoning Commission. He suggested asking Planning and Zoning to take a look at whether the City should start adding sidewalks. It should be looked at comprehensively and suggested building a plan just like the Master Street Plan.

Alderman Baras suggested putting an article in the City newsletter asking residents if they want sidewalks.


4. Adjournment

Alderman Thuston made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jones. The work session adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.



Bob Reinagel, Mayor

Attest:



City Administrator/City Clerk