



**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**CITY OF GREEN PARK, MISSOURI**  
**April 17, 2017**

Mayor Reinagel called the Meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2017, at the Green Park City Hall, 11100 Mueller Road, Suite 5, Green Park, Missouri. The roll was called and the following officers were present:

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

**1. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting of March 20, 2017**

Mayor Reinagel asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting of March 20, 2017. A motion was made by Alderman Baras and seconded by Alderman Jones that the minutes be approved. Upon a voice vote being taken, it was announced the motion passed.

**2. Citizen Comments & Petitions**

There were no public comments at this time.

**3. Reports of Officers & Committees:**

**3.1 Mayor & Board of Aldermen**

Mayor Reinagel thanked everyone for getting out to vote and invited anyone with comments, suggestions, or ideas to move Green Park forward to bring them to him or City Hall for discussion.

Alderman Broughton asked if anyone received a letter from Vince Schoemehl with Bi-State Development regarding MetroLink. Mr. Broughton stated he already sent his comments back. City Administrator James Mello will look into this.

### **3.2 City Attorney**

City Attorney Paul Rost had nothing to report.

### **3.3 City Engineer/Building Commissioner**

City Engineer Derrick Madej had nothing to report.

### **3.4 City Administrator/City Clerk**

City Administrator James Mello reported that City Hall has received code book updates. Aldermen may either pick up an update packet and make the changes to their code book, or they may bring them into City Hall for staff to make the changes for them. Mr. Mello stated the next Senior Bingo will be held on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. As always, anyone available to help with the set up the night before, as well as the day of the bingo with the food serving and cleanup is greatly appreciated. A copy of the May newsletter has been given to the Board. Any comments, edits, additions, etc. must be given to City Hall tomorrow morning. The newsletter will be sent to the printer Tuesday afternoon. City Hall staff will be extremely busy Wednesday and Thursday of this week with the annual audit process. Mr. Mello also stated that approximately thirty (30) signs were pulled from the City's right-of-way. If anyone sees a sign in the right-of-way, contact or email James Mello so it can be taken care of and removed.

### **3.5 Treasurer Report**

The treasurer report is in the packet.

### **3.6 County Police Report**

Officer Hake presented the March Police Report. He advised the one (1) robbery that was reported at Officer Blake Snyder Memorial Park was later unfounded. The one (1) burglary reported was at Green Park Gardens apartments. Officer Hake also reported that of the five (5) arrests he made, four (4) were drug arrests that were made as a result of a vehicle stop

## **4. Unfinished Business**

There was no Unfinished Business

## **5. New Business**

### **5.1 Discussion regarding stop and yield signs on Kohrs at Green Park Valley.**

City Administrator James Mello stated he received an email from resident and Subdivision Trustee Sandi Heidorn that the stop sign on Kohrs should not be there and the yield sign should be removed from her yard at 11077 Kohrs because it is at the wrong corner. Ms. Heidorn stated this was discussed at their subdivision meeting and they feel that Kohrs Lane is the main street into the subdivision so the traffic on Green Park Valley Drive need to yield to those on Kohrs. Alderman Baras advised an ordinance was passed in 1999 placing the signs at their current location and was intended to slow down traffic. Alderman Baras talked to approximately twenty (20) people stating they want to keep the signs there because it does slow down traffic. He also stated it might be a good idea when the street is replaced to put a crosswalk back in. City Engineer Derrick Madej advised the yield signs were placed at the current locations because of sight distance issues as well as to slow down traffic. Discussion ensued and the consensus of the Board was to leave the signs as is.

### **5.2 Discussion of allowing chickens as pets in Green Park.**

The City was recently approached by a couple of residents asking for the allowance of chickens in Green Park. City Attorney Paul Rost suggested looking at the ordinance the City of Shrewsbury passed allowing chickens. Alderman Baras suggested putting something in the City's newsletter asking for residents' opinions on whether to allow chickens in Green Park. City Administrator James Mello agreed to have something inserted in the next newsletter.

### **5.3 Proposal to supplement Community Development Block Grant Funds – Alderman Broughton.**

Alderman Broughton submitted a proposal for providing a home improvement grant to be awarded to qualified resident property owners of single family residences in the City for the explicit purpose of maintaining and/or improving their residence. The Grant Program would operate much like St. Louis County's Community Development Block Grant Fund. This grant could also be set up to be an incentive for a first-time homeowner but must be owner occupied. Discussion ensued. City Attorney Paul Rost advised that more research will be needed on this before establishing a grant fund program. The Board discussed that the City will need to set absolute criteria and check with St. Louis County on all the details of their Block Grant Fund and whether a City program could be administered by the County along with the City program. James Mello will look into this further.

#### **5.4 Discussion on future action regarding short term rentals.**

City Attorney Paul Rost stated the Board of Aldermen passed an ordinance in December 2016 clarifying that the zoning code currently does not allow for the use “Tourist home” as a home occupation and thus does not allow any dwelling to be used for such purpose, no matter how temporary the use and defining “Tourist Home” to make it clear that short-term rental uses are not permitted in single-family residential districts. A short-term rental is only permitted in multi-family residential districts. Enforcement is the issue. Alderman Broughton suggested it might be beneficial to get together with Sunset Hills and Crestwood to brainstorm and see what their municipalities are doing to address this issue. Alderman Baras stated our City Administrator can go directly to other City Administrators to discuss the issue. Mr. Rost stated there needs to be coordination throughout the county and shared information on where these types of short-term rentals are popping up. Mr. Mello will look into further.

#### **5.5 “Groovin’ on the Green” Update.**

City Administrator James Mello advised the existing budget can accommodate a \$2,000 to \$3,000 expense for this event. This includes a stage rental for 5 hours and 3-1/2 to 4 hours of live music. He stated he envisions 10-15 businesses to set up kid games or do give aways. We can provide some snacks and drinks. As long as we’re not selling food and everything is prepackaged, County does not have a problem with it. Some discussion ensued. Alderman Hamilton stated she thinks the City should pay the band.

#### **6. Citizens Comments & Petitions**

There were no citizen comments.

#### **7. Miscellaneous**

City Administrator James Mello showed the framed pictures of Officer Snyder as well as Officer Hake. As soon as a plaque is received with Officer Snyder’s name and “End of Watch” date, his picture will be hung in the Community Room. Officer Hake’s picture will be hung in Suite 6 on the wall displaying the St. Louis County Police logo.

Alderman Monteleone advised that the stop sign at the intersection of Mueller Road and Antigo is extremely faded and needs to be replaced. Mr. Mello will check on the signs throughout the City that are in need of replacement.

#### **8. Adjournment**

Alderman Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hamilton. Upon a voice vote being taken, the motion passed and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:52 p.m.

  
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Mayor Bob Reinagel

Attest:

  
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Administrator/City Clerk