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**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
 Regular Session

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**ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER**

- The Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri, met in Regular Session on July 09, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at Grain Valley City Hall
- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mike Todd

**ITEM II: ROLL CALL**

- City Clerk Theresa Osenbaugh called roll
- *Present: Bamman, Headley, Stratton, Totton, West*
- *Absent: Coleman*

**-QUORUM PRESENT-**

**ITEM III: INVOCATION**

- Invocation was given by Ryan Hunt

**ITEM IV: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman West

**ITEM V: APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- No Change

**ITEM VI: POLICE OFFICER OATH OF OFFICE**

- City Clerk Theresa Osenbaugh administered the Police Officer Oath of Office and badges were presented to the following:
  - Shawnda Hayes-Dunnell
  - Nathan Holt
  - Cameron Skinner
  - Andrew Taylor

**ITEM VII: PROCLAMATIONS**

- Mayor Todd presented Stanley and his owners, Deborah and Ronnie Pack, with a proclamation in honor of Stanley's efforts to help those with disabilities and medical issues feel accepted for their uniqueness

**ITEM VIII: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

- Felicia Bergan, 407 NE Wolf Creek Drive, shared information regarding allowable discharge dates for fireworks in nearby cities; shared concerns about the length of time

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fireworks are allowed to be discharged in Grain Valley and the enforcement of the regulations

**ITEM IX: CONSENT AGENDA**

- June 25, 2018 – Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes
- June, 2018 – Court Report
- July 9, 2018 – Accounts Payable
- *Alderman West made a Motion to Approve Consent Agenda*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Totton*
  - No Discussion
- *Motion to Approve Consent Agenda was voted on with the following voice vote:*
  - *Aye: Bamman, Headley, Stratton, Totton, West*
  - *Nay: None*
  - *Abstain: None*

**-MOTION APPROVED: 5-0-**

**ITEM X: PREVIOUS BUSINESS**

- None

**ITEM X: NEW BUSINESS**

- Discharge of Fireworks-Future Regulations
  - Mayor Todd asked for consideration of establishing fireworks discharge dates that do not change year to year and the enforcement of the regulations; would like to consider budgeting for more officers during the fireworks season as officers can't respond to all the calls; approximately 30 residents contact Mayor Todd with comments on the discharge of fireworks this year
  - Mayor Todd suggested that fireworks be allowed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the first Saturday of the month, regardless of what date it occurs on; City Administrator Hunt noted that consistent hours and days are important; Jackson County dispatching encounters problems trying to dispatch based on each City's differing ordinances
  - Alderman Headley suggested that those selling fireworks include a copy of the discharge dates with every fireworks purchase and post the dates in the tent as well
  - Alderman Totton asked what would happen to businesses such as the racetrack who want to have displays outside the dates; groups can approach the Board and ask for special permission

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- Alderman Headley shared that Lee’s Summit has a free permit process to know who is shooting fireworks but this would be hard to control
- Alderman Headley suggested that on high fireworks complaint days, outside of the allowed discharge dates, consideration could be given to placing someone at the police department to take the excess firework calls and then have extra officers who are responding just to these calls; Mayor Todd asked if one officer would be enough to handle the volume; Interim Chief Beale felt two officers would be more appropriate-one for each side of town; Mayor Todd asked how other cities handle the complaints; typically a warning is given followed by confiscation of fireworks and citation if necessary
- Alderman Headley noted that limiting days that are allowed could be modeled after other cities; Alderman Bamman asked for the current ordinance allowance; discharge of fireworks is permitted on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>; Alderman Bamman suggested the Board consider amending the ordinance to cover July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and a Saturday; residents would learn of the change when they purchase fireworks and also through distribution of information in city materials; 9AM-11PM suggested discharge hours
- Alderman West asked how residents will know that there will be penalties for discharging outside of the allowed time; social media, water bill, fireworks tents, City View and the newspaper can all be used
- Alderman Totton asked what happens if the first Saturday is the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> as the third day will be lost; Alderman Stratton noted that this would only happen once every few years; July 2<sup>nd</sup> could be added only if the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> fell on Saturday or Sunday; discussion resulted that if the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> of July falls on the first Saturday then the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July will also be allowed; problem may be less about the regulated discharge dates and more about enforcement of the ordinance
- Residency Requirement for Certain Employees
  - Alderman Totton believes that certain positions need to live near Grain Valley but not necessarily inside the City limits, as long as they are able to arrive at City Hall within a reasonable amount of time for emergencies; currently City Administrator, Chief of Police, and City Clerk must live within city limits; currently no one has a residency requirement based on response time only; Mayor Todd asked for a proposal; Alderman Totton proposed that the current requirements for the above position switch from required to live within the city limits to a required response time of 20-30 minutes; City Administrator Hunt said that this is subjective but gives a starting guideline

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- Alderman West asked if this would affect every employee; there are currently only three employees that have residency requirements; Alderman Totton felt the current requirements limit the candidates that could potentially be hired
- Alderman Bamman was comfortable with a 30 minute radius but felt the measurement needed to be defined; Alderman Stratton suggested a radius of miles from City Hall; City Administrator Hunt suggested a 20 mile radius could be considered; City Administrator Hunt will prepare the ordinance with information showing a radius of 20 miles and a radius of 30 miles and at the first read of the ordinance the Board can formally select the desired distance for the second read
- Alderman Bamman asked if the considered requirements would create a hardship for any of the parties it is applicable to; employees who would be impacted currently all meet those response times; Mayor Todd noted that the requirement doesn't really need to include the City Administrator position within the ordinance as those requirements are set by contract
- Alderman West asked if response time of employees has been an issue in the past; Alderman Headley shared that it had been an issue; City Administrator Hunt noted that residency requirements can be antiquated and dwindle down applicant pools; performance of the job doesn't change for those who live in the city limits and in fact requiring these positions to be residents can sometimes cause other complications

**ITEM XI: PRESENTATIONS**

- Lee Zell, National League of Cities (NLC) Service Line Program
  - Mr. Zell provided the Board of Aldermen with information regarding emergency repair/replacement plans to address aging private sewer and water infrastructure; Missouri Municipal League has reviewed and has endorsed the program; program uses no city tax dollars and is a voluntary program made available to residents; program educates residents on the issue and difference between what repairs are typically covered by the City and what repairs are considered on private property; program gives residents option to cover water, sewer and also the inside structure of the home; users can cancel at anytime and can choose which plans they need; program is similar to a home warranty
  - Alderman Totton asked what lines public works fixes; on the water service city usually covers up to the meter
  - Alderman Headley asked if any damage that is done when the sewer line backs up is covered; homeowners insurance covers damage but doesn't fix the pipes; this program fixes the pipes

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- Mr. Zell noted that the City would need to the approve program; once approved, a letter is sent from City to residents but NLC prints and mails the letters
- City Administrator Hunt shared that the program with National League of Cities has been in place for many years but was recently endorsed by MML; Mr. Hunt suggested the Board take the information and review it before making a decision; Board can reconsider a motion at the next meeting

**ITEM XII: PUBLIC HEARING**

*-Mayor Todd Opened the Public Hearing for the zoning change of Downtown Overlay District – Transition Zone to M-1 Light Industrial at 8:09p.m.-*

- Property is 12 acres in size behind O’Reilly Auto Parts and Casey’s General Store on the south side of Highway 40; site has been vacant and a large part of the site is a floodplain; commercial appeal has been low due to floodplain; BES LLC is the interested party and has a potential utility contractor tenant whose use would be M1 light industrial; large portion of land is unable to built upon so this is a valid request supported by staff; public hearing was held at the June Planning & Zoning meeting with approval
- Alderman Totton asked who owns the property; BES LLC, which includes Mr. Kissick present this evening, owns the property
- Alderman Bamman asked about zoning and property immediately to the south of the land; this is unincorporated Jackson County and is fairly empty

*Mayor Todd opened the floor to citizens for comment:*

- None

*-Mayor Todd Closed the Public Hearing for the zoning change of Downtown Overlay District – Transition Zone to M-1 Light Industrial at 8:13 p.m.-*

**ITEM XIII: ORDINANCES**

**Bill No. B18-11:** An Ordinance Changing the Zoning for Certain Land in Grain Valley from Downtown Overlay District – Transition Zone to M-1 Light Industrial

City Attorney Jim Cook read **Bill No. B18-11** for its first reading by title only

- *Alderman Headley moved to accept first reading of Bill No. B18-11 bringing it back for a second reading by title only*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman West*

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- Ordinance changes downtown overlay district zoning to M1 light industrial as discussed in the public hearing which was just held
- Alderman Headley, representative for Planning and Zoning, asked if building on a floodway could cause any problems for the City or owner in the future; City can not allow building on the floodway so in this situation, there would be no actual building on the floodplain; buildable areas are still tied to all regulations
- *Bill No. B18-11 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
  - *Aye: Bamman, Headley, Stratton, Totton, West*
  - *Nay: None*
  - *Abstain: None*

**-Bill No. B18-11 Approved for a Second Reading: 5-0-**

**ITEM XIV: RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. R18-35:** A Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley Authorizing the Installation of Six New Street Lights in the Rosewood Hills 8th Plat Subdivision

- City Attorney Jim Cook read **Resolution No. R18-35** by title only
- *Alderman Totton moved to accept Resolution No. R18-35 as read*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Headley*
  - 6 street lights will be added in the Rosewood Hills subdivision which are required due to additions within subdivision
- *Resolution No. R18-35 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
  - *Aye: Bamman, Headley, Stratton, Totton, West*
  - *Nay: None*
  - *Abstain: None*

**-Resolution No. R18-35 Approved: 5-0-**

**Resolution No. R18-36:** A Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with Springsted Incorporated For Municipal Advisor Services

- City Attorney Jim Cook read **Resolution No. R18-36** by title only
- *Alderman West moved to accept Resolution No. R18-36 as read*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Bamman*
  - Springsted has been providing financial advising since 2007; all TIF areas in addition to other studies and analysis have been completed with Springsted;

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agreement will be in effect for one year with rates staying stable; Ben Hart, Senior Vice President and Client Representative, Springsted was present to answer questions

*Resolution No. R18-36 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*

- *Aye: Bamman, Headley, Stratton, Totton, West*
- *Nay: None*
- *Abstain: None*

**-Resolution No. R18-36 Approved: 5-0-**

**ITEM XV: CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

- None

**ITEM XVI: CITY ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS**

- City Administrator Ryan Hunt
  - Survey has been sent out to determine the Summer/Fall Board of Aldermen dinner date
  - Mayor Ross, City of Blue Springs, will share the charity funds from the Texas Roadhouse Rib Eating Contest; \$1,200 will be donated to the Grain Valley VIPS; future board discussions can be had about allocating additional funding to VIPS
- Community Development Director Rick Arroyo
  - Community Development Event was successfully held on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>
- Finance Director Cathy Bowden
  - None
- Interim Chief of Police James Beale
  - Sergeant Scott Hedger has been appointed Acting Captain and has relinquished his K9 duties; he will still oversee the K9 unit; currently searching for an officer to take over the K9 program
  - In consideration of ways officers can connect better with the community, the police department is implementing a “Request a Cop” program; goal is to promote opportunities for officers and community to come together in a social environment for neighborhood events, school functions, etc.
  - Sergeant Stratton will now oversee the VIPS program; Sergeant Stratton provided information about new programs being implemented for the VIPS which allow officers to be on the road more; observation only program will be implemented to minimize neighborhood crimes- voluntary patrol units observe areas and radio officers about events that are occurring; special events such as Trail or Treat, Rachel’s Run, Grain Valley Fair, Mayor’s Christmas Tree Lighting, etc. will still

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use VIPs; starting a new program for residence checks when residents are on vacation; other programs coming include station administration duties, business checks and crime scene/emergency scene assistance; Alderman Stratton noted that one individual has been funding the VIPs program and would like to see money allotted to the program in the future; Interim Chief Beale noted that fundraisers have been considered to raise money

- City Clerk Theresa Osenbaugh
  - Bright Futures Annual Breakfast will be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30-8:30AM

**ITEM XVII: BOARD OF ALDERMEN REPORTS & COMMENTS**

- Alderman Chris Bamman
  - School Board has approved the budget for upcoming school year; maintained reserves from prior year
  - Early Childhood building addition has been completed and the addition at High School is running ahead of schedule
  - School district has extended an offer of employment to a new Director of Bands
  - School district's assessed valuation numbers have seen an increase of about 4%
- Alderman Bob Headley
  - Asked for State to be contacted about pothole in front of Price Chopper; State has been put on notice
- Alderman Jacyi Stratton
  - None
- Alderman Nancy Totton
  - Enjoyed Community Development Event and was impressed with the officer's willingness to take photographs with participants
  - Happy to see residents on her street cleaning up after 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Alderman Yolanda West
  - None

**ITEM XVIII: MAYOR REPORT**

- Mayor Mike Todd
  - Tisha Lane needs attention where homes are being built

**ITEM XIX: EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- None

**ITEM XX: ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m

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Minutes submitted by:

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 Theresa Osenbaugh  
*City Clerk*

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 Date

Minutes approved by:

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 Mike Todd  
*Mayor*

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