

**CITY OF LAKESHIRE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 2020  
HELD VIRTUALLY THROUGH THE ZOOM WEBSITE**

The meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held on December 14, 2020 via Zoom. Mayor Seher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll was then called and the following were present:

Miguel Aveytia	Alderman - Ward I
Robert Bilzing	Alderman - Ward I
Shawn Cowan	Alderman - Ward II
Steve Zumwalt	Alderman - Ward II
Elliot Pacheco	Alderman - Ward III
Esther Rhodes	Alderman - Ward III

Six Aldermen were present constituting a quorum.

Also present at the meeting were:

Tim Sullivan	Police Chief
Helmut Starr	City Attorney
Charles Funk	Treasurer
Joe Lemberger	Building Commissioner
Jill Feltmann	City Clerk

**Discussion and appointment of new Building Commissioner, Joseph Lemberger.** Mr. Lemberger worked for St. Louis County as an inspector for twelve years. He has worked for the City of Maplewood as a housing inspector for the past two years. He has multiple certificates for building inspections and from OSHA. He is familiarizing himself with the codes of the City of Lakeshire. He will continue to work for the City of Maplewood and will handle duties for the City of Lakeshire on his off hours. He lives in St. Charles and is a graduate from St. Mary's High School. He is not certified for mechanical inspections, so St. Louis County will be contracted to include mechanical inspections along with electrical, plumbing and explosive inspections that they currently conduct. A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to approve Joe Lemberger as Building Commissioner. The motion was seconded by Alderman Zumwalt. Roll was called and the members of the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Aveytia	Yes	Alderman Cowan	Yes
Elliot Pacheco	Yes	Alderman Rhodes	Yes
Alderman Zumwalt	Yes	Alderman Bilzing	Yes

The motion carried.

**City Clerk's Report as posted on the bulletin board:** A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020 Board meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Zumwalt. The motion carried. A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 Emergency Board meeting as written. The motion was

seconded by Alderman Zumwalt. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to accept the Treasurer's report for the month of November 2020 as written and checks #32107 through #32172 from the General Account plus four EFTPS payroll payments and no capital improvement checks. The motion was seconded by Alderman Pacheco. The motion carried.

**Building Commissioner's Report:** A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to approve the Building Commissioner's report for the month of November 2020 as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Zumwalt. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Zumwalt to approve a permit for Kevin McConnell at 10074 Lakeshire Drive for the addition of an 8' x 12' wooden shed in the backyard per plans submitted consistent with city codes. The motion was seconded by Alderman Cowan. The motion carried.

Discussion regarding permit submitted by Warren Closser at 9821 Lenor Drive for the replacement of a garage with enlargement. The current garage wall is only five feet from the property line. The city code requires a minimum of six feet. Architect, Charlie Closser, was also present on line. The permit was denied for this reason. The next step is for the homeowner to seek a variance from the Board of Adjustment. However, the city does not currently have a Board of Adjustment in place. One will try to be set in place for the January meeting. Then a hearing date will be set to discuss this permit.

**Public Works Report:** Mayor Seher informed the Board of the accident at the corner of Elise and Tesson Ferry that took out half of the stone entrance wall on the southwest side of that corner. He received a bid from John J. Smith Masonry Company for \$16,910.00 to repair that wall – excluding electrical work. The price will be passed on to the insurance company. A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to accept the Public Works report for the month of November 2020 as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Zumwalt. The motion carried.

**Police Chief's Report:** Alderman Zumwalt thanked Chief Sullivan for getting the alleyways cleared of all abandoned furniture and debris. A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to accept Chief Sullivan's report for the month of November 2020. The motion was seconded by Alderman Pacheco. The motion carried.

**Court Clerk's Report:** A motion was made by Alderman Zumwalt to accept the Court Clerk's report for the month of November 2020. The motion was seconded by Alderman Rhodes. The motion carried.

**City Attorney's Report:** A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to accept and pay the city attorney's invoices for the month of November 2020. The additional fee of \$550.00 was due to the extra work for the special meeting and public hearing regarding a special use permit. The motion was seconded by Alderman Zumwalt. The motion carried.

**Prosecuting Attorney's Report:** A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to accept and pay the prosecuting attorney's invoice for the month of November 2020. The motion was seconded by Alderman Aveytia. The motion carried.

## **Old Business**

A. Discussion of St. Louis County CARES Act staff compensation. Keith Jacoby; \$252.72. Jennifer Merritt; \$627.69. Jill Feltmann; \$808.40. Documentation was provided for all of the extra time spent by these employees on all duties related to COVID-19 and the CARES Act application to help reimburse the city during this pandemic. A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to issue these bonus checks. It was seconded by Alderman Rhodes. The vote was unanimous.

**New Business**

A. Discussion and Ordinance for ballot proposal for non-contested elections. Mayor Seher stated that he plans to send a letter to all residents explaining this ballot proposal. Attorney Starr suggested he call the Municipal League to see if they currently have materials that can be used for this letter.

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING AN ELECTION ON APRIL 6, 2021 FOR THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LAKESHIRE, MISSOURI, TO DECIDE WHETHER TO FOREGO ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR SIX YEARS IF THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FILING IS EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF SEATS UP FOR ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 115.124 RSMO.**

Bill No. 22 was sponsored by Alderman Zumwalt and read by title only. A motion was made by Alderman Rhodes and seconded by Alderman Cowan to approve Bill No. 22. Roll was called and the members of the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Aveytia	Yes	Alderman Cowan	Yes
Elliot Pacheco	Yes	Alderman Rhodes	Yes
Alderman Zumwalt	Yes	Alderman Bilzing	Yes

Having received six affirmative votes, Bill No. 22 was approved.

Ordinance 1080 was sponsored by Alderman Zumwalt and read by title only. A motion was made by Alderman Rhodes and seconded by Alderman Cowan to approve Ordinance No. 1080. Roll was called and the members of the Board voted as follows:

Elliott Pacheco	Yes	Alderman Rhodes	Yes
Alderman Zumwalt	Yes	Alderman Bilzing	Yes
Alderman Aveytia	Yes	Alderman Cowan	Yes

Having received six affirmative votes, Ordinance No. 1080 was approved.

B. Discussion and Ordinance for 2021 Budget. The proposed budget has an operating deficit but still has a five-month reserve even without the CARES Act funds added in. There is also a capital account deficit, however, we have \$348,445.00 in that account. There is also a deficit in the public safety budget (Prop P), however, there is a surplus of funds in that account that have never been used from the time that it was created. Treasurer Funk feels confident that the city can absorb these deficits with no problems. The possibility of passing a use tax for internet sales was discussed to bring in more revenue for the city. The City of Webster Groves is in the process of doing this. Attorney Starr suggested Bud Funk should call their Director of Finance for information

on how they are doing this. However, this may not be an option since the City of Lakeshire has very little taxes that they currently charge.

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A NEW BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LAKESHIRE, MISSOURI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021.**

Bill No. 23 was sponsored by Alderman Zumwalt and read by title only. A motion was made by Alderman Cowan and seconded by Alderman Pacheco to approve Bill No. 23. Roll was called and the members of the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Zumwalt	Yes	Alderman Bilzing	Yes
Alderman Aveytia	Yes	Alderman Cowan	Yes
Elliot Pacheco	Yes	Alderman Rhodes	Yes

Having received six affirmative votes, Bill No. 23 was approved.

Ordinance 1081 was sponsored by Alderman Zumwalt and read by title only. A motion was made by Alderman Aveytia and seconded by Alderman Pacheco to approve Ordinance No. 1081. Roll was called and the members of the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Aveytia	Yes	Alderman Cowan	Yes
Elliott Pacheco	Yes	Alderman Rhodes	Yes
Alderman Zumwalt	Yes	Alderman Bilzing	Yes

Having received six affirmative votes, Ordinance No. 1081 was approved.

C. Discussion and Ordinance for Police raises.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKESHIRE, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GRANT A PAY INCREASE OF TWO PERCENT, IN THE AGGREGATE, TO THE LAKESHIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021.**

Bill No. 24 was sponsored by Alderman Bilzing and read by title only. A motion was made by Alderman Rhodes and seconded by Alderman Zumwalt to approve Bill No. 24. Roll was called and the members of the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Zumwalt	Yes	Alderman Bilzing	Yes
Alderman Aveytia	Yes	Alderman Cowan	Yes
Elliot Pacheco	Yes	Alderman Rhodes	Yes

Having received six affirmative votes, Bill No. 24 was approved.

Ordinance 1082 was sponsored by Alderman Bilzing and read by title only. A motion was made by Alderman Zumwalt and seconded by Alderman Pacheco to approve Ordinance No. 1082. Roll was called and the members of the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Aveytia	Yes	Alderman Cowan	Yes
Elliott Pacheco	Yes	Alderman Rhodes	Yes

Alderman Zumwalt

Yes

Alderman Bilzing

Yes


Having received six affirmative votes, Ordinance No. 1082 was approved.

D. Reminder that filing for the April 6, 2021 Election opens tomorrow, December 15, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. After the first day, please call the City clerk to set up a time to meet to file paperwork.

**Residents' Comments:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to adjourn the General session at 8:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Alderman Zumwalt. The motion carried.

  
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Jill Feltmann, City Clerk

  
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Robert A. Bilzing, Board President