

**CITY OF LAKESHIRE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
September 11, 2023**

The meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held on September 11, 2023. Mayor Seher called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll was called and the following were present:

Miguel Aveytia	Alderman - Ward I
Robert Bilzing	Alderman - Ward I
Amy Sandbach	Alderman - Ward II
Steve Zumwalt	Alderman - Ward II
Jessica Poschel	Alderman - Ward III
Melisa Husidic	Alderman - Ward III - Excused

5 Aldermen were present constituting a quorum.

Also present at the meeting were:

Tim Sullivan	Police Chief
Andy Bramman	City Attorney
Laura Van Zale	City Clerk
Jim Yarborough	Street Commissioner
Joe Lemberger	Building Commissioner
Charles Funk	Treasurer

Mayor Seher asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001.

**City Clerk's Report as posted on the bulletin board:** A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to accept City Clerk's Public Hearing report August 14, 2023, Public meeting report August 14, 2023 and Public Hearing report August 28, 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Poschel. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to accept the Treasurer's report for the month of August 2023 and checks #34219 thru 34282 from the General Account and four EFTPS payroll payments. The motion was seconded by Alderman Zumwalt. The motion carried.

Treasurer Funk distributed a preliminary 2024 budget for review. He would like the Board to have additions/changes for expected expenses, raises, capital expenses, etc. for the October 9, 2023 meeting. He would like to finalize the budget at the November 13, 2023 meeting and approve the budget at the December 11, 2023 meeting.

**Building Commissioner's Report:** A motion was made by Alderman Zumwalt to accept Commissioner Lemberger's report for August 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Poschel. The motion carried.

- A building permit was submitted for driveway at 9766 Antonia. A motion was made by Alderman Zumwalt to approved the request. The motion was seconded by Alderman Poschel. The motion carried.
- A building permit was submitted for an apartment remodel at 10021-B Rodium. A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Alderman Poschel. The motion carried.

- A building permit was submitted for an apartment remodel at 10021-C Rodium. A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Alderman Poschel. The motion carried.
- Commissioner Lemberger inspected an apartment at 10064-D Puttington that was reported to have 18 residents. Commissioner Lemberger saw 16 residents and was told 2 more residents were not home at the time. The tenants' family moved from Florida and are now living there. The tenants were told the occupancy permits allows for 4 residents. Since moving in, the original family now has 6 people. The apartment was missing smoke & CO2 detectors. The manager indicated since Commissioner Lemberger's inspection some of the people have moved out, not all. Commissioner Lemberger will be making another visit to determine how many people are still in the apartment.
  - Per Attorney Bramman, only the building owner can file an eviction. The City can cite the owner for allowing too many residents in the apartment.
- Mayor Seher is going to drive through the City to check for any trash cans or bulk trash sitting out for extended periods.
  - Mayor Seher is going to contact Republic Service to pick up the furniture in the alley at 10029 Puttington and charge the owner. This is an on-going issue at this address.
- Alderman Bilzing asked about the progress made in the yard at 10037 Elise. Commissioner Lemberger stated the owner has done a good job cleaning up the yard. He is going to monitor the yard to ensure the owner does not let it go again.

**Public Works Report:** A motion was made by Alderman Poschel to accept Commissioner Yarborough's report for August 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Zumwalt. The motion carried.

- Commissioner Yarborough asked if there was an ordinance regarding play structures and toys left in the front yard and driveway at all times of a home? Per Attorney Bramman there is not an ordinance regarding toys in the front yard. Per Commissioner Yarborough, the same home has 11 dogs. The City ordinance allows for only 2 animals per household.
- Alderman Zumwalt asked what can be done regarding homes with sticks and branches piled in front yards since the last storm? Attorney Bramman stated a notice to clean up the yard within 5 days can be sent to the homeowner. If the yard is not cleaned up, the City can clean up the yard and put a lien on the home. Attorney Bramman is going to create a template for a notice Commissioner Yarborough can use to notify the residents that are not in compliance.
- Mayor Seher asked Commissioner Yarborough to get bids for the asphalt repair needed on Lenor Drive.
- Mayor Seher received a notice form MIRMA regarding dangerous limbs in the park. Commissioner Yarborough will get bids to trim the trees. Proof of compliance will need to be forwarded to MIRMA.

**Police Chief's Report:** A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to accept Chief Sullivan's report for the month of August 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Poschel. 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 August 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Aveytia. The motion carried.

**City Attorneys' Report:** A motion was made by Alderman Zumwalt to accept and pay Attorney Bramman's invoice for August. The motion was seconded by Alderman Poschel. The motion carried.

- Attorney Bramman noted going forward his invoices will be one month behind due to new software the firm is using.
- Attorney Starr's invoice was not received.

**Prosecuting Attorney's Report:** A motion was made by Alderman Zumwalt to accept and pay the Prosecuting Attorney's invoice for the month of August 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Aveytia. The motion carried.

**Old Business**

A discussion was had regarding controlling fireworks in the City. Per Chief Sullivan, a citation cannot be issued unless the Officer actually witnesses a person lighting fireworks. Chief Sullivan suggested reminding residents in the Spring/Summer newsletter that fireworks will not be tolerated. It will then be up to the Officers' discretion whether a warning or citation is issued. No change to the existing ordinance is necessary to enforce no fireworks.

**New Business**

**A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE III: TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPER 300: TRAFFIC CODE, TO REGULATE MOTORIZED BICYCLES WITHIN THE CITY**

Bill No.6 was sponsored by Alderman Bilzing to be read by title only. A motion was made by Alderman Zumwalt and seconded by Alderman Aveytia to approve Bill No. 6. Roll was called and the members of the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Poschel	Yes	Alderman Husidic	Excused
Alderman Zumwalt	Yes	Alderman Bilzing	Yes
Alderman Aveytia	Yes	Alderman Sandbach	Yes

Having received five affirmative votes, Bill No. 6 was approved.

Ordinance 1131 was sponsored by Alderman Bilzing and read by title only. A motion was made by Alderman Zumwalt and seconded by Alderman Aveytia to approve Ordinance No. 1131. Roll was called and the members of the Board voted as follows:

Alderman Zumwalt	Yes	Alderman Sandbach	Yes
Alderman Aveytia	Yes	Alderman Husidic	Excused
Alderman Poschel	Yes	Alderman Bilzing	Yes

Having received five affirmative votes, Ordinance No. 1131 was approved.

- B. The Public Hearing for the 2023 tax rate was scheduled tentatively for September 25, 2023 at 7pm. St. Louis County has not yet provided the figures needed to calculate the tax rate. The meeting must be held prior to October 1, 2023.

**Residents' Comments**

- None

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to adjourn the General session at 8:47p.m. The motion was seconded by Alderman Poschel. The motion carried.

*Laura Van Zale*

Laura Van Zale, City Clerk

*Robert A. Bilzing*

Robert A. Bilzing, Board President Pro Tem