

**CITY OF LAKESHIRE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
February 12, 2024**

The meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held on February 12, 2024. Mayor Seher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll was called and the following were present:

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| 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 |

3 Aldermen were present constituting a quorum.

Also present at the meeting were:

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| Tim Sullivan | Police Chief |
| Andy Bramman | City Attorney |
| Laura Van Zale | City Clerk |
| Jim Yarborough | Street Commissioner - Excused |
| Joe Lemberger | Building Commissioner |
| Charles Funk | Treasurer |
| Barb Lohbeck | Resident |
| Paula Boehm | Resident |

City Clerk's Report as posted on the bulletin board: A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to accept the City Clerk's Public meeting report dated January 8, 2024, with the following change; Edward Edinbergh's properties are in Wards 2 & 3. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sandbach. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to accept the Treasurer's report for the month of January 2024 and checks #34552 thru #34619 plus #34627 from the General Account and five EFTPS payroll payments. The motion was seconded by Alderman Zumwalt. The motion carried.

- Treasurer Funk said the 2024 budget will be added to Quick Books for February 2024 meeting.

Building Commissioner's Report: A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to accept Commissioner Lemberger's report for January 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sandbach. The motion carried.

- A water pipe broke at an Edinbergh property. Mayor Seher spoke to the resident and explained the City cannot pay for any repairs. The tenants paid for the repair and hope to receive reimbursement once probate has been settled.

Public Works Report: A motion was made by Alderman Poschel to accept Commissioner Yarborough's report for January 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sandbach. The motion carried.

- Alderman Husidic asked if the entrance walls could be power washed. Commissioner

Yarborough will do this.

- Commissioner Yarborough is going to contact St. Louis County regarding pot-holes on Teshire and will look at the pot-holes on Willdan.
- Mayor Seher stated request for bids will be sent out for the Lenore repaving.

Police Chief's Report: A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to accept Chief Sullivan's report for the month of January 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderman Zumwalt. The motion carried.

- Per Officer Carbonell trash is stacked behind an apartment on Squire Meadows. Mayor Seher will check.
 - Attorney Bramman will forward a template nuisance letter to Mayor Seher to use.

Court Clerk's Report: A motion was made by Alderman Zumwalt to accept the Court Clerk's report for the month of January 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderman Poschel. The motion carried.

- Mayor Seher announced a new Court Clerk has been hired; Margaret Lantos.

City Attorneys' Report: A motion was made by Alderman Poschel to accept and pay Attorney Bramman's invoices for December 2023 and January 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sandbach. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Bilzing to accept and pay Attorney Starr's invoices for November and December 2023. The motion was seconded by Alderman Zumwalt. The motion carried. This payment ends the City's contract with Curtis, Heinz, Garrett & O'Keefe.

Prosecuting Attorney's Report: A motion was made by Alderman Aveytia to accept and pay the Prosecuting Attorney's invoices for January 2024. The motion was seconded by Alderman Zumwalt. The motion carried.

Old Business

A. Attorney Bramman updated the Board on Mr. Edinbergh's 9 properties:

- a. Three personal representative lawsuits have been filed against Mr. Edinbergh's properties; nephew in Chicago, nephew in U.K. and a non-relative that was helping Mr. Edinbergh with his properties.
- b. attorney Bramman will attend a virtual status conference regarding the selection of a personal representative
- c. After attending the above, if it doesn't appear the process is moving along quickly, Attorney Bramman will ask the Court to assign a receiver to manage the properties. A lien can be put on the properties to reimburse the receiver.
- d. Eventually the properties will be sold.
- e. Attorney Bramman hopes management will be in place by early March.
- f. Mayor Seher stated the City has paid \$5,500 to date to Lashley & Baer for handling the Edinbergh properties. Attorney Bramman is not confident the City will be reimbursed for anything other than the repair bill for a sewer back-up.

B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE V: TECHNICAL BUILDING CODES, CHAPTER 500: PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, SECTION 500.050: OCCUPANCY PERMIT REQUIRED, TO AMEND THE PREREQUISITES REQUIRED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AN OCCUPANCY PERMIT.

Bill No.1 was sponsored by Alderman Zumwalt to be read by title only. A motion was made by Alderman Sandbach and seconded by Alderman Poschel to approve Bill No. 1. Roll

was called and the members of the Board voted as follows:

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

Having received six affirmative votes, Bill No. 1 was approved.

Ordinance 1138 was sponsored by Alderman Zumwalt and read by title only. A motion was made by Alderman Sandbach and seconded by Alderman Poschel to approve Ordinance No. 1138. Roll was called and the members of the Board voted as follows:

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

Having received six affirmative votes, Ordinance No. 1138 was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE III: TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 300: TRAFFIC CODE, TO PROHIBIT TEXTING WHILE DRIVING WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKESHIRE.

Bill No.2 was sponsored by Alderman Bilzing to be read by title only. A motion was made by Alderman Zumwalt and seconded by Alderman Poschel to approve Bill No. 2. Roll was called and the members of the Board voted as follows:

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

Having received six affirmative votes, Bill No. 2 was approved.

Ordinance 1139 was sponsored by Alderman Bilzing and read by title only. A motion was made by Alderman Zumwalt and seconded by Alderman Poschel to approve Ordinance No. 1139. Roll was called and the members of the Board voted as follows:

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

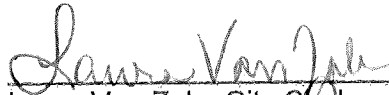
Having received six affirmative votes, Ordinance No. 1139 was approved.

Residents' Comments

- A resident asked if patrols have been cut back, as he isn't seeing them on his doorbell camera as often. Per Chief Sullivan, patrols have not been cut back.
- A resident asked the financial status of the City. Per Mayor Seher the City is fine through 2024. The Mayor, Chief of Police and three Aldermen will go through the budget line by line and look for cost savings for 2025.
 - If the City were to disband the police department, a contract would be made with St. Louis County to take over patrols. Patrols would be greatly reduced if this were to happen.

- A resident stated more community involvement is needed in the City. Mayor Seher is looking into signs announcing the monthly Board meeting.
- A resident asked why there is not more transparency between the police department and the residents? Mayor Seher will begin posting Chief Sullivan's monthly report on the bulletin board outside City Hall prior to Board meetings.
- A resident suggested adding upcoming projects and crime statistics in the newsletter.
- Mayor Seher asked if anyone knew of someone that would like to be Alderman in Ward 2? No.

Adjournment: A motion was made to go into closed session by Alderman Bilzing at 8:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Alderman Zumwalt. The motion carried.



Laura Van Zale, City Clerk

Robert Bilzing, Board President