

**MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
APRIL 26, 2021
DES PERES GOVERNMENT CENTER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Des Peres, Missouri was held at the Des Peres Government Center, 12325 Manchester Road 63131, commencing at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 26, 2021.

ROLL CALL

The City Clerk took roll call with the following elected officials present: Alderman Pound, Alderman Kleinschmidt, Alderman Concagh and Alderman Fitzpatrick. Mayor Becker was also present.

Alderman Barrett and Alderman Sansone were absent with excuse.

Staff members present included the City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, City Clerk, City Attorney, Director of Finance, Director of Public Safety and Director of Public Works. At this time the Board of Aldermen and staff rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA – NONE

ELECTION RESULTS

The City Clerk entered into the record the official Certification of Election results from the April 6, 2021 election, which was received Thursday, April 22, 2021.

Judge Billings administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Alderman from Ward I, James Osherow. Mr. Osherow's family was present and pictures were taken. Judge Billings also administered Oath of Office's to incumbent Alderman for Ward II, Jim Kleinschmidt and incumbent Alderman for Ward III, Sean Concagh.

CITIZEN COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

Mayor Becker welcomed Boy Scout Troop 685, who had eleven members in attendance. The Boy Scouts stayed after the meeting to ask the Mayor and Board of Aldermen questions to earn their merit badges.

Assistant City Administrator Scott Schaefer read an email from Des Peres resident Bob Ashcraft that stated: "In regards to the City of Des Peres 2021 Concert Series, I am of the opinion that it should be canceled for the following reasons: COST: How can we justify entertainment when we are laying off employees? COVID-19: People of today do not care what the rules are – they do what they want to do. You cannot control them."

CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor announced that there were four items currently on the consent agenda. At the request of the Mayor, Alderman Concagh read the items on the consent agenda including:

1. Minutes of the Board of Aldermen Meeting of April 12, 2021
2. Warrant List Dated April 22, 2021
3. R21-3471 Authorizing An Agreement with SLAIT-Health and Anthem for Renewal of Group Medical Insurance Coverage Effective July 1, 2021

4. R21-3472 Authorizing An Agreement with Gaele Grading to Carry Out Drainage Improvements at Des Peres Park Including Asphalt Repairs and Authorizing a Supplemental Appropriation Relating Thereto

Alderman Kleinschmidt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fitzpatrick to approve the consent agenda, as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Alderman Concagh, "AYE", Alderman Fitzpatrick, "AYE", Alderman Osherow, "AYE", Alderman Pound, "AYE"; Alderman Kleinschmidt "AYE". Motion passed 5-0.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

- a. **2021 Board Appointments**

Mayor Becker reminded the Board of Aldermen that they have 60 days from the date of the election to hold an organizational meeting to determine board assignments. By ordinance such assignments must be voted on and adopted by motion at a regular meeting.

- b. **Discussion of 2021 Budget and Delayed Adjustments to Employee Compensation**

Mayor Becker announced that the 2021 Budget and Delayed Adjustments to Employee Compensation would be held over until May 10, 2021 in a Work Session Meeting for discussion.

- c. **Discussion of Process for Appointment of Director Parks and Recreation**

City Administrator informed the Board of Aldermen that he interviewed 11 applicants for the position of the Parks and Recreation Director. City Administrator asked the Board of Aldermen if they wanted to be part of the hiring process. The Board of Aldermen decided to let the City Administrator and Department Heads be involved with the second round of interviews and Mayor Becker will be involved in the final interview. The City Administrator anticipated he would have a recommendation by the first Board of Alderman Meeting in May.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The Mayor acknowledged that written reports or minutes of the following Boards and Commission who have met since our last meeting have been submitted to the Board of Aldermen.

- a. Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting of April 12, 2021
- b. Public Safety Commission Meeting of April 19, 2021

The Mayor asked if there were any questions or discussion relating to those reports. Hearing none, he ordered them filed and received.

LEGISLATION

Unfinished Business – NONE

New Business

1. **B21-2911** An Ordinance Amending the Personnel Rules and Regulations of the City