

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF AIRPORT DRIVE, MISSOURI**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Airport Drive, Missouri was held on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at the Village Municipal Building. The meeting was open to the public.

Chairman James Paul called the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Terry Myers and Mark Rains. Trustees Reed Thompson and Ray Bryant were absent. Village Clerk Sue Hirshey was present to take the minutes. Also present were Village Attorney Derek Snyder, Village Engineer Jerald Norton, Deputy Clerk Kristy Hoggatt, Jasper County Sheriff's Officers Sergeant Melissa Roughton and Deputy Justin Henry. Also present were Residents Marvin and Debie Heckart, Janie Liles, Rebekah Liles, Nancy Brookshire, Bob Long; and property owners Austin and Sarah Eidson. All present gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Attorney Snyder gave the invocation.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting held on May 28, 2020 and the Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting held on June 8, 2020, having been previously provided to the Trustees, were discussed. Trustee Rains motioned to approve the minutes previously provided. Trustee Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk Hirshey presented the Treasurers Report. The Board was provided the Balance Sheet by Fund, Cash Receipts Control Report, Check Register, Accounts Payable Control Report, Payroll Calculation Report, Current Statement of Revenues and Expenses, Recap of Sales Tax Year to Date, and worksheets for Carl Junction Sewer Costs, Building Permits in Progress, Deposits Payable, and Certificates of Deposits for Airport Drive. Trustee Rains motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report and to pay the bills. Trustee Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**PETITIONS AND COMPLAINTS**

Jason Marietta appeared before the Board on behalf of Jake's Fireworks. Mr. Marietta apologized to the Trustees for the banner installed on the south side of their building at 5325 N. Main Street Road. Jake's was operating three businesses at that location at different times of the year: Jake's Fireworks, Jake's Memorial Day Flowers, and Maverick Overstock for holiday sales. For approximately nine and a half months of the year, there would be no banner. Mr. Marietta thought the current sign was not larger than previous signs. A variance was granted to Jake's Fireworks in 2011 for a banner up to 10 feet by 40 feet. The banner up at the time was 16 feet by 32 feet. Attorney Snyder stated Jake's Fireworks could apply to the Board of Adjustment for a variance for the larger banner and include language to allow signs three times a year. Trustee Rains suggested to allow Jake's to keep the sign up.

Austin and Sarah Eidson purchased eight and a half acres on the east end of Northeast Street inside Airport Drive. Their realtor stated the property was zoned residential. Airport Drive's zoning map showed the property to be zoned Agricultural. The Eidsons had cleared the land and removed an old structure. They planned to build a house on the property. Attorney Snyder stated their options were to rezone the land to residential or apply to the Board of Adjustment for a variance, as required by Code. The Eidsons also asked about access, would it be from Northeast Street or an access road on the Joplin Airport property? Resident Nancy Brookshire, 6450 N. Main Street Road, stated she had asked Steve Stockham, manager of the Joplin Airport for access to the east end of her property from an unnamed private road on airport property; she was told the airport did not want

residential traffic on their property. Mrs. Brookshire also shared that if she added structures to the east end of her property, the utilities would have to come from North Main Street Road. Attorney Snyder stated property owners may want to have properties rezoned to residential, due to the number of properties zoned agricultural in the area. Requirements for water and sewer lines were discussed. Resident Janie Liles questioned if a variance was granted for a house and the property sold, would new owners need a variance. Attorney Snyder replied no. The Eidsons asked about a rental house west of their property, possibly a dangerous structure. Attorney Snyder said the Board could look into that structure.

### **COUNCIL BILLS**

Council Bill 11-20, an ordinance repealing the prohibition on any public gathering of more than ten persons as authorized and adopted under Ordinance Number 03-20 on April 2, 2020 was discussed. Council Bill 11-20 also tolled the time required for all public hearings in Airport Drive by the Board of Trustees, the Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment to June 16, 2020, after all State restrictions were lifted by the Governor of Missouri. Trustee Rains motioned to have the first reading of Council Bill 11-20 by title only. Trustee Myers seconded the motion. Paul; yea, Myers; yea, Rains. Attorney Snyder read Council Bill 11-20 by title only. Trustee Rains motioned to approve the first reading and have the second reading of Council Bill 11-20 by title only. Trustee Myers seconded the motion. Paul; yea, Myers; yea, Rains; yea. Attorney Snyder read Council Bill 11-20 by title only. Trustee Rains motioned to approve the second and final reading of Council Bill 11-20 by title only and adopt Ordinance 11-20. Trustee Myers seconded the motion. Paul; yea, Myers; yea, Rains; yea. Ordinance 11-20 was adopted.

Council Bill 12-20, an ordinance amending Title IV “Land Use”, Chapter 405 (Zoning Regulation) Section 405.200(b)(2) “C-4” Compact Planned Shopping Center District” to amend Uses and Section 405.520 “Erection of Signs” to add permitted signs for “District C-4” was discussed. Trustee Myers motioned to have the first reading of Council Bill 12-20 by title only. Trustee Rains seconded the motion. Paul; yea, Myers; yea, Rains. Attorney Snyder read Council Bill 12-20 by title only. Trustee Myers motioned to approve the first reading and have the second reading of Council Bill 12-20 by title only. Trustee Rains seconded the motion. Paul; yea, Myers; yea, Rains; yea. Attorney Snyder read Council Bill 12-20 by title only. Trustee Myers motioned to approve the second and final reading of Council Bill 12-20 by title only and adopt Ordinance 12-20. Trustee Rains seconded the motion. Paul; yea, Myers; yea, Rains; yea. Ordinance 12-20 was adopted. Trustee Myers asked if the Code addressed maintaining signs, the sign at Curiosity Corner needed repairs, as well as a few other businesses. Attorney Snyder stated Section 405.504 B. stated signs must be maintained and in good appearance.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Economic Stimulus Program that allowed local dine-in restaurants to offer \$10.00 discounts to customers spending over \$10.00 was discussed. Each business could offer up to 750 discounts to customers. The program was available to any Airport Drive approved qualified business for the duration of any State of Missouri, Jasper County or Village of Airport Drive prohibition or limitation on dine in customers at restaurants, bars, or food courts, due to the pandemic emergency and social distancing requirements, or until the total stimulus for the approved qualified business was distributed. The program ended June 15, 2020. The total amount reimbursed to the restaurants was \$33,370.00. Babe’s Drive In, El Charro, Woody’s Smokehouse, the Meat’n Place and Butcher’s Block Event Center participated in the program.

The Bingo game for local businesses did not go over as well as hoped. At meeting time, only 10 gift cards or certificates had been awarded. The ending date for the game was June 30, 2020.

Clerk Hirshey asked if the Trustees would like to extend the game. Trustee Rains said to save the gift cards and gift certificates to purchase food for the July 16, 2020 Town Hall Meeting and then use as prizes for the 2022 Community Picnic.

The flyer for the Town Hall Meeting was shared with the Trustees for final approval. Trustee Rains said the flyers looked good, get them sent out in color.

Auditor Gene Mense had reviewed a Pledged Securities Control Agreement from Guaranty Bank prior to the meeting and reported to Clerk Hirshey the agreement looked good and that the Chairman could sign.

Resident Nancy Brookshire had hoped to have lots split off the east end of her property at 6450 N. Main Street Road but was concerned about getting utilities to the lots. Engineer Norton stated there must be a minimum of ten feet of separation between water and sewer lines. Different water lines can be laid together, the same for sewer lines; but water lines and sewer line must be ten feet apart.

Resident Marvin Heckart requested an increase of \$15.00 to the amount paid for cleaning the Municipal Building, the current rate was \$45.00 per event. Trustee Rains motioned to approve the amount paid to Marvin Heckart to \$60.00 per cleaning of the Municipal Building. Mr. Heckart also asked the Board to purchase a Bissell Steam Mop from Lowes for \$139.00, to better clean the floors. Trustee Rains motioned to purchase a steam mop from Lowes. Trustee Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Rains motioned to approved two vacation days for Deputy Clerk Hoggatt, June 29, 2020 and July 22, 2020. Trustee Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Resident Bob Long, 6864 N. Main Street Road, appeared to discuss the property south of his, owned by Raph and Leigh Replogle. Mr. Long said he maintained his side to the north of an old railroad bed between his property and the Replogles, but the they did not maintain their side on the south. Trustee Rains stated Mr. Long would have to file a Complaint Form for the Board to act. Attorney Snyder stated the Village could issue a citation if the property constitutes a nuisance according to the Code. Mr. Long received a Complaint Form from Clerk Hirshey.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board, Trustee Rains motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Myers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sue Hirshey, MRCC*  
Village Clerk