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**City Council Meeting Minutes
Kirkwood City Hall
Thursday, September 21, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to notice of meeting duly given by the Mayor, the City Council convened on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Kirkwood City Hall, 139 South Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, Missouri. Present were: Mayor Griffin, Council Members Duwe, Gibbons, Luetzow, Sears, Wurtz, and Zimmer. Also in attendance were Chief Administrative Officer Russ Hawes, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer David Weidler, City Clerk Laurie Asche, Deputy City Clerk Bridget Waters, and City Attorney John Hessel.

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Chief Silvernail and Battalion Chief Hayes presented Kirkwood resident David Davis with a Heroism Award for going into a house fire in the 400 block of Peak Ave and saving his neighbor's life.

PRESENTATIONS

NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Donald McWess; 402 West Argonne, made comments opposing the Historic district Landmarks ordinance amendment. Residents in the West Argonne Historic District recently submitted a request to the City of Kirkwood, containing 35 homeowner signatures, asking that the West Argonne Historic District be rescinded.
2. Doug Brightfield; 403 West Argonne made comments opposing the Historic district Landmarks ordinance amendment.
3. Mike Fitzgerald; 729 Cleveland made comments about street safety and distracted teenage drivers. Recommend Kirkwood join the Safe routes to school program
4. Mary Fitzgerald; 729 Cleveland made comments about street safety and vision zero.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and seconded by Council Member Duwe to approve the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

- a) Approval of the September 7, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill 10997, amending Chapter 24 “Tree Code” by deleting it in its entirety and inserting a new Chapter 24 “Tree Code” was brought before the City Council.

Roll Call:

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| Mayor Griffin | “Yes” |
| Council Member Wurtz | “Yes” |
| Council Member Zimmer | “Yes” |
| Council Member Duwe | “Yes” |
| Council Member Gibbons | “Yes” |
| Council Member Luetzow | “Yes” |
| Council Member Sears | “Yes” |

The bill, having received majority approval of the Council, was adopted and became Ordinance 10825.

Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and second by Council Member Duwe to bring Substitute Bill 10998 to the floor. Motion was unanimously approved.

Substitute Bill 10998, fixing and establishing the rate of taxation to be levied upon all real estate and certain tangible personal property in the City of Kirkwood, County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, for the year 2023, for the maintenance of the Kirkwood public parks; for the Police and Firemen’s Pension Fund; for general government services and for businesses in the Special Business District was brought before the City Council. Discussion took place.

Roll Call:

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| Mayor Griffin | “Yes” |
| Council Member Wurtz | “Yes” |
| Council Member Zimmer | “Yes” |
| Council Member Duwe | “Yes” |
| Council Member Gibbons | “Yes” |
| Council Member Luetzow | “Yes” |
| Council Member Sears | “Yes” |

The bill, having received majority approval of the Council, was adopted and became Ordinance 10826.

Motion was made by Council Member Zimmer and second by Council Member Wurtz to bring Substitute Bill 10999 to the floor. Motion was unanimously approved.



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Substitute Bill 10999, fixing and establishing the rate of taxation to be levied upon all real estate and certain tangible personal property in the City of Kirkwood, County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, for the year 2023, for the operation and maintenance of the Municipal Library District of Kirkwood was brought before the City Council. Discussion took place.

Roll Call:

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| Mayor Griffin | “Yes” |
| Council Member Wurtz | “Yes” |
| Council Member Zimmer | “Yes” |
| Council Member Duwe | “Yes” |
| Council Member Gibbons | “Yes” |
| Council Member Luetzow | “Yes” |
| Council Member Sears | “Yes” |

The bill, having received majority approval of the Council, was adopted and became Ordinance 10827.

Bill 11000, amending Chapter 14, Article I, Section 14-1 and Article VII, Section 14-385, and deleting Section 14-386 of the Kirkwood Code of Ordinances was brought before the City Council.

Roll Call:

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| Mayor Griffin | “Yes” |
| Council Member Wurtz | “Yes” |
| Council Member Zimmer | “Yes” |
| Council Member Duwe | “Yes” |
| Council Member Gibbons | “Yes” |
| Council Member Luetzow | “Yes” |
| Council Member Sears | “Yes” |

The bill, having received majority approval of the Council, was adopted and became Ordinance 10828.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill 11001, appropriating \$500,000 from the General Fund Fund Balance to the Building and Site Improvements Account for a real estate transaction was brought before the City Council. Motion was made by Council Member Duwe and seconded by Council Member Sears to accept the Bill as read.

The bill received first reading approval and was held over.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

NONE



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CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Zimmer reported on a very successful Greentree Festival this year.

Council Member Gibbons reported on the Parade route change and that it was amazing. Council Member Gibbons also commented that the Kirkwood Library had 3700 people sign up for the summer reading program. Coming up is the One Author One Kirkwood event on October 12th at the Kirkwood Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Night of the Living Rez by Morgan Talty.

Council Member Sears made comments about the One Author One Kirkwood.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Hawes thanked City Staff on the great job at Greentree Festival over the weekend.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Hessel had nothing to report.

CITY CLERK REPORT

Ms. Asche had nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the formal meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Kirkwood City Council will take place at 7:00 p.m. on October 5, 2023.

Laurie Asche
City Clerk

Approved: