

Minutes

Board of Alderman City of Shrewsbury Regular Meeting

DATE July 8th, 2025

TIME 06:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Mayor Mike Travaglini

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Mike Travaglini, Alderman John Odenwald, Alderman Beth Parker, Alderman Jacob Riley, Alderman Ben Stark, Alderperson Bette Welch, City Attorney Mike Daming, Police Chief Lisa Vargas, Fire Chief Chris Amenn, Director of Parks and Recs Chris Buck, Public Works Superintendent Chris Meine, Finance Director Dustin Ziebold, City Clerk Katelyn Wands

Absent: Alderman Grant Diel

HEAR CITIZENS PRESUBMITTED WRITTEN COMMENTS

A. None

MINUTES

A. Board of Aldermen Work Session 06/24/2025. **Approved by all in favor.**

a. Motion made to approve by Alderman Odenwald and seconded by Alderman Stark. **Approved by all in favor.**

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH PROCLAMATION

ORDINANCES

A. BILL NO. 4049 – AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO QUATTRO DEVELOPMENT, LLC, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A KINDERCARE DAYCARE FACILITY TO BE LOCATED AT 7745 WATSON ROAD. (2nd Reading, Final Passage) (Sponsored by: Alderperson Welch)

a. Motion made for 2nd reading by Alderperson Welch and seconded by Alderman Odenwald–
passed with unanimous vote.

b. Motion made for final passage by Alderperson Welch and seconded by Alderman Stark– **passed with unanimous vote.**

B. BILL NO. 4048 – AN ORDINANCE REVISING CHAPTER 130 OF THE SHREWSBURY MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE. (1st Reading) (Sponsored by: Alderperson Welch)

a. Motion made for 1st reading by Alderperson Welch and seconded by Alderman Riley – **passed with unanimous vote.**

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

- A. Fire Chief Amenn: Recently there has been a resignation in the Department and they are currently working on filling the position. There are several applications so Fire Chief Amenn is hopeful. The Shrewsbury Fire Department is assisting with funeral arrangements for the STL City Firefighter line of duty death. Fire Chief Amenn also explained that they are moving to a new reporting system in August, where his reports will start to look a little different.
- B. Police Chief Vargas: Wants to recognize the time and effort that Fire Chief Amenn puts into helping arrange the funeral for the STL City Firefighter. Police Chief Vargas stated that the 4th of July was relatively quiet. There was one 18-year-old who was given a summons for shooting fireworks off in the park. Recently all officers have qualified with the new firearms.
- C. Finance Director Ziebold: Auditors will be on site the week of July 21st. Bank and investment changes are being implemented per the last Board of Aldermen meeting. Finance Director Ziebold is starting to review budgets to prepare for next year's budget. The City will get rates for liability insurance soon.
- D. Parks and Recreation Director Buck: Aquatic Exploration Committee visited Webster Groves new Aquatic Center recently and it went great. The Committee will be visiting the Aquatic Center in Washington, Missouri next. During the recent storm, several trees were lost, and fences and goal posts were damaged. The Parks Department will be replacing several trees in the parks after multiple were cut down. 1 lazy river pump recently went out, and Director Buck is waiting on bids, but will not recommend replacing or fixing the pump this year. Finally, MSD has not yet responded back on the pickleball courts project.
- E. Public Works Superintendent Meine: Stated that general performance was conducted on the lawnmowers. So far, the city has collected 11.5 tons of recycling. Lastly, the Public Works Department conducted a free storm damage tree limb pickup after the recent storm. The Public Works Department will be mulching all the tree limbs and putting together a free mulch pile in front of the Public Works Building next week.

MAYOR REPORT

- A. Mayor Travaglini provided an update on MyPlace, stating that it seems as though the restaurant will open in August. Lots of progress has been made in the last few weeks, along with the signage on the building.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Dunkin Donuts Update
 - a. Alderman Parker asked if there has been any update with the Dunkin Donuts, and Mayor Travaglini stated that there hasn't been any update or communication since the last time it was brought up in a meeting. He stated he would be reaching out and trying to get an update about the progress soon.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. None

HEAR CITIZENS

- A. Anna Bischoff (7200 Block of Nottingham Avenue): Anna thanks the Public Works Department for the tree limb pickup. She also asked that Finance Director Ziebold be thorough and detailed in his budget reports. Anna stated the reason she was there was to make a public comment about the butchering of the trees from Ameren. Ameren has been making their way through the city cutting down tree limbs in the right-of-way that are close to the power lines. She stated, "At least 50% are butchered, at least one person has to pay the costs to remove the whole tree," and she would like answers on if the City of Shrewsbury told them to cut more than needed.
- B. Elisa Reeves (7272 Murdoch Avenue): Elisa thanks the Fire Department for helping arrange the funeral for the fallen STL City Firefighter. She states she is also upset with Ameren. "It looks like a tornado hit these trees. At least 1/3 of each tree is destroyed. I understand the city can't do much but the city should talk with Ameren in the future. Now residents must take on the cost to cut their whole tree down because it is so mangled." Reeves asks that long-term, the city considers bringing back the horticulturalist position. Reeves also asks that in the future, the Parks and Rec Board records their meetings like every other committee does.

C. Sheryl Maisenhelder (810 Lordshill Avenue): Sheryl states that the stretch of trees on Watson between Ravensridge and Watson needs to be cut, and she was unsure if that was the Cities doing or the County. Maisenhelder also inquired about the senior tax freeze and how it affects the revenue.

a. Finance Director Ziebold stated that they will not have that information readily available until October.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Odenwald moved to adjourn the meeting; Alderperson Welch seconded. The motion was carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned.


NEXT MEETING

July 22nd, 2025, 06:00 PM

ATTEST


Katelyn Wands

City Clerk


Mike Travaglini
Mayor of City of Shrewsbury

