

MINUTES OF THE  
STE. GENEVIEVE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
WORK SESSION  
THURSDAY - September 14, 2023

The work session of the Ste. Genevieve Board of Aldermen was called to order by Alderman Bob Donovan at 6:35 p.m. with the following members present:

Alderman Patrick Fahey  
Alderman Joe Steiger  
Alderman Mike Raney

Alderman Bob Donovan  
Alderman Jeff Eydmann  
Alderman Joe Prince

Absent Alderwoman Kristi Cleghorn and Alderman Eric Bennett

A motion was made by Alderman Prince, second by Alderman Eydmann to approve the work session agenda. Motion carried 6-0-2 with Alderwoman Cleghorn and Alderman Bennett absent.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**STORMWATER BEHIND 744 ROZIER (HIGHWAY M).** City Administrator Happy Welch reported to the board that he does not have a cost estimate for cleaning out the stormwater swale that runs behind Duke Bleckler's house at 744 Rozier Street. Attorney Mark Bishop gave his opinion in a letter stating that the City currently does not have a legal right or authority to enter upon the land to clear out the swale. If the City would want to take on this responsibility, he recommends that the City obtain easements from all the property owners affected by the work before starting the project. Attorney Bishop also recommends a survey of the area.

Attorney Bishop stated that the City will have to decide whether this issue is appropriate for City action as opposed to leaving it to the various property owners to address. Alderman Prince stated that this would set a precedence and feels that we should not clean this out. Alderman Steiger stated that stormwater is going to become a bigger issue and the board needs to address it.

**IMPROVEMENTS TO FERRY LANDING - ROTARY PROJECT.** Alderman Steiger reported that the rotary is coming up on a 50-year milestone and would like to do put together a public improvement project that would benefit the City. When people come across the ferry to our side of the Mississippi it is an eye sore. The Rotary would like to see this paved and have some benches, trashcans and maybe some trees planted to improve the look. Rotary is willing to put up to \$25,000 towards this project. The Port Authority would donate money for the permits needed. He would like to get this annexed into the City so the City can get the easements needed and oversee the project. Then the City would be able to maintain this area after it's completed.

Larry Jones with Stream Team reported that they put trash cans at the Ferry Landing and the Marina during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This helped reduce some of the littering in these areas. Ron Inman commented that he feels the Railroad and Mississippi Lime would work with us to make this look more welcoming. Mickey Koetting stated that she would like to see boats dock here and bring people in to shop and eat.

The Board is in favor of seeing improvements here. This will be looked into by City Administrator Welch later on.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** None

**ADJOURNMENT.** With no further business Alderman Donovan adjourned the work session at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Sue Schweiss  
City Treasurer