

The City of Dardenne Prairie Board of Aldermen special meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Present at roll call were Mayor Widaman, Aldermen Detweiler, Gittemeier, Nay, Waters and Wilson. Alderman Johnson arrived shortly after roll call. Also present were City Clerk Kim Clark and City Administrator Cathy Pratt.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Solicit public opinion on possible uses for the 10 acres of city-owned property located at the corner of Town Square Avenue and Post Road. This will provide an opportunity for residents to share ideas, suggestions, and concerns, as well as for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to discuss and consider these options together with the community.

Mayor Widaman thanked everyone for coming to discuss the future of a very important corner in the heart of the city.

City Administrator Pratt requested everyone sign-in and also complete a public comment speaker card if they wish to speak. She stated this will be a tabletop exercise and requested only city residents participate in the exercise. The first table will be where you go to voice your choices on things you really want, your first choice. The second table will be items that you are okay with seeing at that property. The third table is the table you absolutely do not want to see. There will be a moderator at each table to record all ideas and you will have 10 minutes at each table. We are asking those of you present to move around to each table and voice your ideas.

Following the exercise the following was reported:

Alderman Waters went over the items included on the no way list:

No apartments

No gas stations

No car washes

No retail and commercial business

No stand alone bank buildings

No veterinarians

No temporary or seasonal businesses (ie: firework stands, farmers seasonal stands)

No smoke shops/dispensaries

No storage facilities including boat and rv storage

No homes

No health care centers

No tax increases

No drive thru fast food or coffee kiosks

Alderman Giffemeier went over the items included on the okay list:

Sit down restaurants, not fast food

Park with walking trail

Greenspace plus parklike to include shops and restaurants

YMCA

Frankie Martin type recreational place like in Cottleville

Community garden

Mixed use with some retail

Alderman Detweiler went over the items included on the wants list:

Recreation center with pool

Greenspace with restaurants

Gathering space for seniors

Greenspace/playground/fishing

Restaurant and commercial

Dog park with amphitheater

Greenspace with picnic tables

Community center with rental pavilion

Walking trail around the acreage

Coworking office space

Fitness center

PUBLIC COMMENT – The following individuals were in attendance to speak:

Mike Wooldridge

Alex White

Alderman Wilson left the meeting at 6:40 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Clark, City Clerk