

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

December 1, 2020

A regular meeting of the Kirkwood Town Board was held on December 1, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall with Supervisor Gordon Kniffen presiding.

Present: Supervisor Gordon Kniffen
Councilman Robert Weingartner
Councilman Lewis Grubham
Councilwoman Katie Legg
Councilman William Diffendorf, Jr.

Also Present: Kelley Diffendorf, Town Clerk
John A. Finch Jr., Commissioner of Public Works
Marchie Diffendorf, Planning Board Chairman
Gayle Diffendorf, Deputy Town Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 2, 2020 Town Board Meeting and (2) November 24, 2020 Public Hearings

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Legg moved to adopt resolution, after a Public Hearing, adopting the 2021 Budget for the Sewer and Water Districts. Councilman Diffendorf seconded.

132:20
Adopt W & S
Budget 2021

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Weingartner - yes
Councilman Grubham - yes
Councilwoman Legg - yes
Councilman Diffendorf - yes
Supervisor Kniffen - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution, after a Public Hearing, authorizing Supervisor to execute Fire Protection Contracts for 2021. Councilman Grubham seconded.

133:20
Adopt Fire
Contracts 2021
Agreement

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Weingartner - yes
Councilman Grubham - yes
Councilwoman Legg - yes
Councilman Diffendorf - yes
Supervisor Kniffen - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Grubham moved to adopt resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD 4WD Double Cab truck from Bob Johnson Fleet Management at a cost of \$33,552.55 and the trade in of a 2019 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD 4WD Extended Cab truck for \$33,500.00, which is hereby declared surplus. Councilman Weingartner seconded.

134:20
Purchase 2021
Silverado
Truck

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Weingartner - yes
Councilman Grubham - yes
Councilwoman Legg - yes
Councilman Diffendorf - yes
Supervisor Kniffen - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

AUDIT AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Councilman Weingartner moved to adopt resolution, the audit and payment of the following claims: General and Highway Funds, Special Districts (Fire, Light, Water and Sewer Districts), Professional Services, Capital Projects and Reserve Funds claims # 20-01399 through # 20-01534 in the total amount of \$ 293,700.09, which includes prepaid claims as authorized by resolution adopted January 7, 2020. Councilwoman Legg seconded.

135:20
Audit/Pay

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Weingartner - yes
Councilman Grubham - yes
Councilwoman Legg - yes
Councilman Diffendorf - yes
Supervisor Kniffen - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

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SPECIAL GUEST:

Supervisor Kniffen said we have a special person here we would like to honor, Gayle Diffendorf. We would have done this much earlier but the flu virus has caused a lot of problems trying to get things done because of the limitations on getting people together. Certainly, if we didn't have this virus, it would have been standing room only. Supervisor Kniffen said to Gayle Diffendorf, personally we go way back. I can remember when I first married Kimmie we lived downstairs in the old Post Office on Main Street. The Covert family lived upstairs (Gayle Covert Diffendorf) so as the years rolled by we all got a little bit older. We then moved down the street in front of the old Schoolhouse, which is now the existing Kirkwood Historical Society. Gayle Diffendorf was getting older all the time with us and we had two children and Gayle Diffendorf was always there for us when we needed a babysitter. Somewhere along the way she fell in love with Marchie Diffendorf. Supervisor Kniffen jokingly said, I don't know how that happened. Marchie Diffendorf said, I got lucky. Supervisor Kniffen said, Gayle Diffendorf, it's about time we honor you and we have a special resolution and I'd like Councilman Diffendorf to read it. Councilman Diffendorf read the resolution declaring December 1, 2020 as Gayle M. Diffendorf Day.

136:20
Honor
G.Diffendorf

Councilman Diffendorf moved to adopt resolution honoring Gayle M. Diffendorf for her retirement and many years of service, in accordance with the attached resolution. Councilman Weingartner seconded.

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| Roll Call Vote: | Councilman Weingartner | - yes |
| | Councilman Grubham | - yes |
| | Councilwoman Legg | - yes |
| | Councilman Diffendorf | - yes |
| | Supervisor Kniffen | - yes |

MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER:

137:20
Exec.
Session

Councilman Grubham moved to adopt resolution to adjourn this meeting to conduct an Executive Session pursuant to Section 105 paragraph f of the Public Officers Law to discuss a matter relating to the medical, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation. Councilman Diffendorf seconded.

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| Roll Call Vote: | Councilman Weingartner | - yes |
| | Councilman Grubham | - yes |
| | Councilwoman Legg | - yes |
| | Councilman Diffendorf | - yes |
| | Supervisor Kniffen | - yes |

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Weingartner moved to adopt resolution to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Diffendorf seconded. All voted in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley M. Diffendorf
Town Clerk