

JULY 06, 2009

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 P.M.

**ITEM # 1** - Mayor Dennis Wilson called the meeting to order.

Councilpersons, David Watkins, Don Moore, Jim White, Rodney Edwards Aaron Hunter, Richard Woolsey, Danielle Verkamp and Margaret Roberts and community development director Candace Connell, engineering technician Larry Wycoff, City Clerk, street superintendent John Edgar, TIC director Jamie Hunt, Dan Smith, Leader Journal Kathleen Meyer, Saint James Press Chris Daniels were present for the meeting.

**ITEM # 2** – Mayor Wilson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM # 3** – On a motion by Jim White and a second by David Watkins the June 01, 2009 Public Hearing, Regular council and June 22, 2009 Special meeting minutes were approved as written.

**ITEM # 4 – Citizen Input:** None. TIC director Jamie Hunt introduced Dan Smith who was hired as part time help at the TIC.

**ITEM # 5** – On a motion by Jim White and a second by Margaret Roberts it was unanimously approved the paying of June bills. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**ITEM # 6 - Proposed Ordinance # 09-954, regarding Planning and Zoning General Provisions- Discontinued Nonconforming Use** was posted twenty four hours in advance, provided to each councilperson prior to the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Don Moore it passed unanimously. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**ITEM # 7 – Proposed Ordinance # 09-955, regarding Planning and Zoning Regulations** was posted twenty four hours in advance, provided to each councilperson prior to the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. On a motion by Don Moore and a second by Danielle Verkamp it passed unanimously. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**ITEM # 8** – tabled until later in the meeting after further evaluation and picked back up after Item # 9 - **Proposed Ordinance # 09-957, providing for vehicle equipment regulations and lighting requirements for tail lamps and reflectors** was posted twenty four hours in advance, provided to each councilperson prior to the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Don Moore it passed unanimously. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**ITEM # 9 – Proposed Ordinance # 09-956, reducing natural gas rates for utility customers** was posted twenty four hours in advance, provided to each councilperson prior to the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Aaron Hunter it passed unanimously. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**ITEM # 10 – Resolution # 2009-167 approving EEZ redevelopment strategy** was given to the City Council prior to the meeting and read once by title. It passed unanimously on a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Don Moore. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**ITEM # 11** – Information was not available to discuss the Recreation Trail Grant. It was postponed until the August council meeting.

**ITEM # 12** – Candace had several hand outs and reported on some preparations for Tour of Missouri, sidewalk grants, survey results and St. James Comprehensive Plan progress.

On a motion by Aaron Hunter and a second by Margaret Roberts the St. James Comprehensive Plan Vision, which reads as follows, was unanimously approved, “St. James will be a community of choice, where people choose to visit, live, raise families and retire- a community of unified leadership that prepares for future generations, and offers citizens and visitors the opportunity to discover St. James’ exceptional quality of life.”. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**ITEM # 13** – Larry Wycoff passed out maps showing TST asphaltting progress and plans, reported 31 building permits have been issued from January through June 2009, 26 nuisances letters have been sent 10 of which are repeat violations, 2 of 4 dangerous buildings have been demolished, several storm water drainage complaints have been received of which a City of this size is not responsible unless we caused the problem and explained the 2009 Tour of Missouri tentative layout.

#### Council Committee Reports:

Aaron Hunter reported the street department is getting streets ready for paving.

David Watkins reported the month of June this year is a record in tonnage for trash removal.

Don Moore thanked those involved for pouring the foundation for the picnic area at the Tourist Information Center.

Rodney Edwards reported the ball games will end this week and soccer will start soon. The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2009 at the sports club building.

Margaret Roberts reported the police department is in search of another officer to fill the vacancy.

**ITEM # 14** - Mayor Wilson commented on:

- The Sunshine Law seminar he will be attending on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- A mail carrier was knocked down by a dog on Emory Street resulting in a broken leg.
- The gas pipe line co. issue is still in the works.
- He and Mike Lickliger met with Ameren – “small technicalities with long term issues”.
- The upcoming Mo. Vet. Home Golf tournament is scheduled for August 10, 2009.
- David Watkins will be the City’s representative to The Ozark River Solid Waste Management meeting.

#### **Item # 15** – Closed Session

On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Jim White it was unanimously approved to go into closed session pursuant to 610.021 (3) RSMO. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

Results of closed session: It was unanimously agreed to support Mayor Wilson’s decision to terminate city employee Donald F. Huster effective July 14, 2009. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

On a motion by Jim White and a second by David Watkins it was unanimously approved to return to open session. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Danielle Verkamp the meeting adjourned.

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Mayor – Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

| JUNE 2009 BILLS & SALARIES |                      | DEPOSITED IN GEN FUND   |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| GENERAL                    | \$ 30,799.38         | RE TAX/BLDG PERMIT/MISC | \$ 2,123.10          |
| POLICE                     | \$ 33,135.95         | CABLE TV FRANCHISE      | \$ -                 |
| COMMUNITY DEV.             | \$ 4,697.26          | SALES TAX               | 46,648.90            |
| ENGINEER                   | \$ 5,080.41          | INTEREST                | \$ 530.98            |
| MUNICIPAL COURT            | \$ 6,947.59          | MUNICIPAL COURT         | \$ 5,982.00          |
| SANITATION                 | \$ 33,263.47         | SANITATION              | \$ 31,852.21         |
| STREET                     | \$ 8,898.11          | GAS TAX/PERMITS         | \$ 11,540.50         |
| TRANS. SALES TAX           | \$ 34,828.16         | TRANS. SALES TAX        | \$ 23,324.59         |
| TIC                        | \$ 4,864.55          | TIC                     | \$ 2,945.44          |
| PARK                       | \$ 1,362.19          | PARKS                   | \$ 588.11            |
| SUMMER SPORTS              | \$ 9,080.79          | SUMMER SPORTS           | \$ 12,352.27         |
| UT TO REIMB                | \$ (10,191.00)       | UT PILOT                | \$ 29,465.51         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>               | <b>\$ 162,766.86</b> |                         | <b>\$ 167,353.61</b> |