

January 11, 2016
St. James Municipal Center
Regular City Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order. The following councilmembers were present: Councilman Sachs, Councilwoman Weatherly, Councilman Huster, Councilman Watkins, Councilman Anselm, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mitchell, and Councilman Edwards. City Administrator Harold Selby and City Clerk Sarah Wheeler were also in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM: Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor White led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval

Councilman Watkins made the motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: December 14, 2015 Minutes

Councilman Huster made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2015 meeting. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Bills

Councilman Huster made a motion to approve the bills to be paid for January. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: St. James Winery

Peter Hoeferr with the St. James Winery and Josh Campbell with the MO State PACE Program presented the Council with an ordinance for the City to join the PACE program. This would allow the Winery to get a loan through the program with a 20 year fixed rate and would not show additional debt for the company. If the ordinance passes, other businesses within the City are able to use the PACE program services as well. Projects that qualify are Water Conservation, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency.

Harold mentioned that the IDA Board would be able to benefit from this program as well to help draw in new prospective businesses into the community.

ORDINANCE NO. 1079 was read for the first reading by Clerk Wheeler. It was discussed after the reading that the ordinance should be changed to read “Show-Me District”. A revised ordinance will be brought to the next Council meeting and read for the second and final reading.

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Phelps County Associate Commissioner, Larry Stratman spoke briefly to the council. Larry introduced himself and offered any assistance needed by the city.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

Discussion: Department Reports

POLICE - Alan Sachs – The Police Board held interviews and hired a new officer, Dustin Davis. Alan also mentioned that Chief Jones raised the most money for his dodge ball tournament for charity. Councilman Huster mentioned that he would like to find the money in the budget to raise the pay for the police officers.

PARKS – Nathaniel Mitchell – No meeting this month.

IDA – Alan Sachs – The IDA discussed the Cohen expansion and the PACE program.

CHAMBER – Carol Weatherly – Chamber dinner to be held January 29, 2016 and discussion about holding a rodeo at the end of July.

SANITATION – David Watkins – Department received the new truck. A grant has been received from OSWD in the amount of \$9,900 towards a new 1 ton truck. The truck total will cost approximately \$26,000 so the city would need to pay the remaining balance. David asked the council if they wanted to accept the grant and move forward. Councilman Smith made a motion to move forward and accept the grant. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Harold mentioned that with the heavy rain the city had 4 or 5 house with sewer backups. These are the same problem areas we have had in the past. He stated one thing that could be done to help this problem and lessen our claims with MIRMA would be to have the homeowner install a backflow valve. The Council agreed to purchase the backflow devices for these 4 houses only and have them installed by another outside company since it is on the home owners property.

Harold mentioned next that himself and John had been looking into backhoe prices and had received a quote for a new Case Backhoe in the amount of \$70,924. They would give us \$12,500 towards the trade-in value of the old backhoe, leaving the city with a total of \$58,424. Councilman Smith made a motion to purchase the backhoe from Crown Power & Equipment in the amount of \$70,924 with a trade in of \$12,000. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. Upon voting Councilman Sachs voted “no”; all other councilmembers voted “aye”.

MAYOR – Mayor White appointed Councilmember Huster to be the liaison over the Street Department.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 16-1075 Electric Rates

Discussion: Ordinance No. 16-1075 Electric Rates

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 16-1075 for the first reading. The ordinance would increase the electric rates by 1%. Councilman Watkins discussed the PILOT and how it increases each time the electric rates do. He would like to discuss this further on next month’s agenda.

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 16-1075 for the second and final reading.

Vote or To-Do: Ordinance No. 16-1075 Electric Rates

Councilman Huster made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-1075 as read. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Huster “aye”; Councilman Smith “aye”; Councilman Anselm “aye”; Councilman Edwards “no”; Councilman Sachs “no”; Councilman Mitchell “aye”; Councilwoman Weatherly “aye”; Councilman Watkins “aye”. Ordinance No. 16-1075 was approved as read.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 16-1076 Water Rates

Discussion: Ordinance No. 16-1076 Water Rates

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 16-1076 for the first reading. The ordinance would increase the water rates by 20%.

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 16-1076 for the second and final reading.

Vote or To-Do: Ordinance No. 16-1076 Water Rates

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-1076 as read. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Huster “aye”; Councilman Smith “aye”; Councilman Anselm “aye”; Councilman Edwards “aye”; Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilwoman Weatherly “aye”; Councilman Mitchell “aye”; Councilman Watkins “aye”. Ordinance No. 16-1076 was approved as read.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 16-1077 Firearms

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 16-1077 out loud for the first reading. Harold discussed the changes made to the firearms ordinance and that the ordinance followed the laws at state level.

Second reading to follow next month.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 16-1078 Fire Pits

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 16-1078 out loud for the first reading. The Council discussed changing the wording in Letter G to 10 ft instead of 25 ft for portable fire pits.

Second reading to follow next month.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss Councilman Watkins made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

Jim W. White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date