

SEPTEMBER 08, 2009

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

**ITEM # 1** - Mayor Dennis Wilson called the meeting to order with councilpersons, David Watkins, Don Moore, Jim White, Rodney Edwards, Danielle Verkamp, Richard Woolsey, Aaron Hunter and Margaret Roberts present for the meeting. Also present for the meeting, City Clerk, street superintendent John Edgar, Candace Connell, Kevin Friend, Tyson Markham, School Board members and Joy Tucker, Vickie Frazier, Corky Stack, Leader Journal's Kathleen Meyer, and Saint James Press Chris Daniels.

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

**ITEM # 3** – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by David Watkins the August 03, 2009 Public Hearing, Regular Council and August 26, 2009 Special meeting minutes were approved as written.

**ITEM # 4** – On a motion by Jim White and a second by Aaron Hunter it was unanimously approved the paying of August 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 # 5 – Citizen Input:**

- Vicki Frazier reported the organization portion for the Tour of Missouri is well on its way and more volunteers are needed.

**ITEM # 6 – Proposed Ordinance # 09-964 Authorizing and directing the issuance, sale and delivery of \$1,250,000 principal amount of taxable general obligation bonds (Build America Bonds – Direct Payment), series 2009A, and \$700,000 principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009B of the City of St. James, Missouri; prescribing the form and details of the bonds; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of the interest on the bonds as they become due; and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith, was given to the City Council prior to the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. It passed unanimously on a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Rodney Edwards. 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** – Joy Tucker, superintendent of the St. James School District, was present to discuss and answer questions regarding the schools bond issue to be placed on the November 03, 2009 ballot. She stated the purpose of the bond is to provide safety and security for the Elementary school by enclosing the walkways, adding new classrooms and a new cafeteria. The bond will be a maximum of four years extension on the existing bond, which mean no tax increase, and will be used for the Elementary School upgrades only.

**ITEM # 8** – Mayor Wilson reported we have received the results of the City's 2008/2009 Audit and the recommendations/corrections made by the auditor are in the process of being corrected.

**ITEM # 9** – Five proposals were received from the Request for Qualifications solicitations regarding Engineering Design Firms for the design, construction and inspection of the City's swimming pool. Three of the five firms were chosen to be interviewed using a rating system by the committee. After calculating the points the committee recommended Archer Engineering with Larkin Aquatics for the project.

With the recommendation from the Pool Committee and on a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Margaret Roberts, with a seven in favor and one opposing vote, Archer Engineering/Larkin Aquatics was awarded the St. James swimming pool project. 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** – Candace Connell reported the St. James 2009 ARRA Sidewalk replacement project, MoDOT Transportation Enhancement (TE), has gone out for bid with a Pre-bid conference to held at City Hall at 1:00 P.M., September 21, 2009 and the sealed bid dead line set for 1:00 P.M. on October 01, 2009.

**ITEM # 11** – Candace Connell reviewed the St. James-Maramec Iron Works Bike Path Recreation Trail Grant, FY2009 Application, proposal. She stated the City will have to pay \$25,000 of the \$125,000 project if approved.

**ITEM # 12** – A review of possible income and expenses for the St. James Pool was discussed based on the surrounding area cities swimming pool operating budgets.

**ITEM # 13** – MoDOT has concerns regarding downtown business signs being placed on its Right of Way. It was discussed that a committee of merchants should be formed to make recommendations of standards for our down town signage to include businesses to the North and South.

**ITEM # 14** – On a motion by Don Moore and a second by Margaret Roberts it was approved on a seven in favor and one opposing vote, to retain Larry Wycoff on a part time contractual basis, duties to include Utility and Zoning Map Updates, Transportation Systems Map Updates, GIS Transition, Website Maintenance and Training. It was also approved to hire a part time person 20 hours a week at \$14.00 per hour, as Codes Administrator, duties to include Building Permits, Nuisance Violations, Planning and Zoning Staff Support, Housing Inspections, Sign and Fence Permits. 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 - nae.

**ITEM # 15** – The trailer park on W. James Blvd. was discussed with much concern regarding the debris, dangerous dogs, lack of personal property tax being paid and the difficulty delivering mail by the postal workers. Additional information and preparation is needed before action can be taken.

**ITEM # 16** – Candace Connell reported the Comprehensive Plan is moving forward. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:00 P.M. on September 24<sup>th</sup> at M.R.P.C.

**ITEM # 17** - Council Committee Reports:

On a motion by Aaron Hunter and a second by David Watkins the bid of \$1,250 from Everett Hatcher for the sell of the 1985 Chevy one ton dump truck was accepted. 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.

Mayor Wilson stated in the future, because of the expense in advertising, we will advertise city excess property for sale no more than two times a year.

All other departments are reportedly doing well and are busy preparing for the Tour of Missouri and Fall Festival events this month.

**ITEM # 18** - Mayor Wilson commented on:

- Letters and notes from various citizens.
- Tour of Missouri.
- Grape & Fall Festival.
- Targeted Non-Sheltered Census. (aware of none)
- October 15, 2005 at Community Hall – Scheduled Regional Homeland Security meeting.
- Purchase a brick- St. James Depot Renovation Project 2009.
- Tacony Vacuum Museum Article.
- Rolla/ St. James Mayors visit to Jefferson City.

- Utility PILOT comparison worksheet.
- “Active Shooter” exercise at the High School a success.
- Planning and Zoning Committee meeting scheduled for September 30, 2009.
- St. James Cemetery’s White Oak tree is dying.
- Thanks to Robert and Mary Jane Tessaro for placing the mural on the side of Staples building and to Leo Cardetti for storing it for years so it could be used again.

On a motion by Don Moore and a second by Margaret Roberts the meeting adjourned.

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Mayor – Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

AUGUST 2009 BILLS & SALARIES		DEPOSITED IN GEN FUND	
GENERAL	\$ 25,771.23	RE TAX/BLDG PERMIT/MISC	\$ 2,412.71
POLICE		CABLE TV FRANCHISE	\$ -
COMMUNITY DEV.	\$ 8,242.80	SALES TAX	\$ 21,355.98
ENGINEER	\$ 2,724.50	INTEREST	\$ 837.83
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 4,815.86	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 6,694.50
SANITATION	\$ 38,044.81	SANITATION	\$ 31,798.05
STREET	\$ 19,100.96	GAS TAX/PERMITS	\$ 11,915.04
TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 235,677.24	TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 10,677.98
TIC	\$ 3,424.42	TIC	\$ 5,733.32
PARK	\$ 13,197.91	PARKS	\$ 760.25
SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 9,659.19	SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 10,633.34
UT TO REIMB	\$ (12,261.75)	UT PILOT	\$ 33,346.72
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 348,397.17</b>		<b>\$ 136,165.72</b>