

March 14, 2016
St. James Municipal Center
Regular City Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order. Councilwoman Mitchell was absent.

AGENDA ITEM: Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor White led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval

Councilman Watkins stated that he objected to the agenda because the requested PILOT Ordinance was not included.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to amend the agenda to include the PILOT discussion. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: February 8, 2016 Minutes

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Bills

Councilman Huster made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Councilman Watkins seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Karl Asbury had questions for the council about the PILOT. He asked if it was legal and what the intentions for the PILOT were. Mayor White responded that the PILOT was legal and that the funds were earmarked to help pay for the General fund and Park.

Janine Stoffel spoke next asking the Mayor about his statement telling people to move out of town.

Jesse Singleton read a statement concerning the PILOT asking if it makes it right to charge the PILOT just because it is legal, stating most citizens do not understand what it is, and saying that the citizens should get to vote on whether they want the PILOT or not.

Robert Tessaro made a statement telling the Council thank you for paying the dues for the city to become part of the Missouri Betterment program. He mentioned that St. James has been selected for the group to come and tour our town.

Commissioner Stratmann mentioned that they county would hold their monthly meeting at the St. James City Hall on April 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm and encouraged councilmembers and citizens to attend.

AGENDA ITEM: PILOT

Councilman Watkins stated that he handed out the PILOT ordinance to be reviewed before this meeting. Administrator Selby said that he had given the ordinance to the attorney to review and had not heard back from him yet.

Councilman Watkins stated that the ordinance would fix the rate at 5.75% from 6%. It would do away with the line item PILOT and just increase the rates by the PILOT amount so that the rate is included with the utilities. There was lots of discussion and questions on the proposed changes.

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 16-247

Discussion: Resolution No. 16-247

Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 16-247 out loud for the first reading. Administrator Selby let the council know that this resolution was just to allow MRPC to pass an updated disaster plan.

Vote or To-Do: Resolution No. 16-247

Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve Resolution No. 16-247. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

Discussion: Department Reports

Police – Alan Sachs – The Police Board will hold another meeting in a couple of weeks. Have not had anything since the last meeting.

Parks – Nathaniel Mitchell – Absent

Street – John Huster – received the new backhoe, working on getting the street sweeper going, working on budget now. John mentioned that when he had talked to John Edgar about how their time is spent each day he learned that the majority of their time is spent picking up gumballs. Councilman Huster stated that the gumball trees are tearing up the sidewalks and causing our street department a lot of wasted hours. He would like to propose an ordinance at the next meeting to get rid of the Forestry Board so that the council has more control on making decisions on what to do with these trees.

IDA – Alan Sachs – nothing new to report

Chamber – Carol Weatherly – 836 people were reported on opening day of trout season which is a good turnout but down from previous years. May 7th would be the annual Sip N Savor and sometime in July the chamber will be holding a Rodeo. She also mentioned that the Library had raised \$1,000 on their book sale.

Sanitation – David Watkins – Ron Fraser is at the end of his probation.

City Administrator – Harold Selby – Harold mentioned that the department heads will start attending the monthly council meetings to answer any questions the council may have within their departments. Spring Cleanup will be April 25-29th and the city is raising the rates for the extra trash pickups to be more in line with the actual cost on the Sanitation department.

Mayor – Jim White – Spring Clean-up will be on your normal trash pickup day the week of April 25-29th.

AGENDA ITEM: Mayor’s Appointments

Discussion: Mayor’s Appointments

Mayor White requested the council to approve his appointment of Wayne Tessaro to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Vote or To-Do: Mayor's Appointments

Councilman Sachs made the motion to approve the appointment. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss Councilman Watkins made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

Jim W. White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date