

OCTOBER 03, 2011

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

ITEM # 1 - Mayor Dennis Wilson called the meeting to order with councilpersons, Danielle Verkamp, Don Moore, Margaret Roberts, Rodney Edwards, Bryan Lambeth, Don Poskin, David Watkins and Wendy Chitwood present for the meeting. Also present for the meeting were employees Candace Connell, Chief Anderson, Terry Gibson and Leader Journal's Greg Edwards, Saint James Press' Chris Daniels, M.R.P.C.'s Tammy Snodgrass & Bonnie Prigge, Jack Kearbey, Ron Moreland and Jim White.

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

Mayor Wilson announced the amendment of the agenda stating Item #'s 9, 12, 13 and 14 will be postponed to a later date.

ITEM # 3 – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Danielle Verkamp the September 6th, 2011 Public Hearing, Regular Council minutes and the September 19th, 2011 Special Joint Utility Board and City Council meeting minutes were approved as written. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

ITEM # 4 – On a motion by David Watkins and a second by Margaret Roberts the September 2011 City General fund bills, listed below, and the Utility General bills in the amount of \$98,935.07 were unanimously approved for payment. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

ITEM # 6 – Tammy Snodgrass with M.R.P.C. made a presentation regarding a City Administrator Form of Government which has been available since 1969 and 130 cities currently operate under this form of government. The City Administrator Form of Government is approved by and authority determined by Ordinance in which the Mayor and Council retain the same powers and all Ordinances stay in place.

Bonnie Prigge, also with M.R.P.C., continued the presentation stating the City Administrator Form of Government would allow professional management in-house, carry out city responsibilities, manage services, prepare annual budget, develop performance measures, gives the Mayor opportunity to focus on vision setting and will serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and City Council.

ITEM # 7 – Citizen input: Jim White and Ron Moreland requested the alley that was closed by Ordinance # 10-985 be reopened and lowered to prevent drainage issues to buildings.

Jack Kearbey, Park Board President, reported on the annual activities and projects for the parks and stated fees may have to be increased.

ITEM # 5 – Kelly Beets with MIRMA presented the City with a plaque in recognition of participation in the Association's Risk Management Awards Program for which we were awarded a Risk Management Grant in the amount of \$11,202.11 to go towards the purchase of police equipment and Starfish pool inspection.

ITEM # 8 – Proposed Ordinance # 11-1016 - establishing City and Municipal Utility Reserve Funds and Capital Project Fund Accounts was posted, given to the City Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Wendy Chitwood the proposed ordinance passed on five in favor and three opposing votes. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-nay, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-nay, Bryan Lambeth-nay, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood – aye.

ITEM # 9 – Postponed – amending pool budget.

ITEM # 10 – on a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Don Poskin the Virginia Transformers storage fees of \$9,750. for unit 1 and \$7,250 for unit 2 was unanimously approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

ITEM # 11 – On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Don Moore it was unanimously approved to the selection of an engineer for 2011 Safe Routes To School Projects. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

ITEM # 12 – Postponed – Automatic Meter Reading contract.

ITEM # 13 – Postponed – SCADA radio equipment contract.

ITEM # 14 - Postponed – SCADA system contract.

ITEM # 15 – Candace Connell report:

- Pool – contractor final punch list completion by October 31, 2011
- Wastewater – a Bypass Elimination draft plan is to be presented at the November council.
- Industrial Park lighting provided by a DRA grant.
- The Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District has issued us a \$30,184.20 grant for our sanitation department.

ITEM # 16 – Mayor Wilson extended an invitation to a Sunshine Law presentation to be held here at City hall this week. He also reported our sales tax in staying up and our police department is averaging 700 calls a month.

ITEM # 17 – No action.

ITEM # 18 On a motion by Don Poskin and a second by Danielle Verkamp the meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

 Mayor – Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

 City Clerk

<u>SEPTEMBER 2011 BILLS & SALARIES</u>		<u>DEPOSITED IN GEN. FUND</u>	
GENERAL	\$ 17,459.97	RE TAX/BLDG PERMIT/MISC	\$ 3,199.63
POLICE	\$ 38,248.67	CABLE TV FRANCHISE	\$ -
COMMUNITY DEV.	\$ 9,457.05	SALES TAX	\$ 51,230.90
CODES ADMIN	\$ 2,955.98	INTEREST	\$ 712.01
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 7,898.37	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 8,663.50
SANITATION	\$ 32,237.57	SANITATION	\$ 33,970.85
STREET	\$ 24,945.38	GAS TAX/PERMITS	\$ 13,002.18
TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 214,521.43	TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 25,615.42
TIC/c of c	\$ 3,490.46	TIC	\$ 3,882.16
PARK	\$ 3,094.87	PARKS	\$ 716.09
SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 13,550.78	SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 227.00
SWIMMING POOL	\$ 48,266.10	SWIMMING POOL	\$ 26,632.27
UT TO REIMB	\$ (5,086.75)	UT PILOT	\$ 34,939.99
DEPOT	\$ -	DEPOT	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$ 411,039.88		\$ 202,842.00