

DECEMBER 06, 2010

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

**ITEM # 1** - Mayor Dennis Wilson called the meeting to order with councilpersons, Jim White, David Watkins, Danielle Verkamp, Margaret Roberts, Rodney Edwards, Don Moore, Don Poskin and David Cottingham present for the meeting. Also present for the meeting were employees Candace Connell, Police Chief Anderson, Mike Licklider, City Clerk Woolsey, and Leader Journal's Kathleen Meyer, Saint James Press' Chris Daniels, Daniel Fuhrmann and our insurance agent of record Sheran Ashby.

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

**ITEM # 3** - On a motion by David Cottingham and a second by Margaret Roberts the November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 Regular Council minutes and the November 15, 2010 Special council meeting minutes were approved as written. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham - aye .

**ITEM # 4** – On a motion by Jim White and a second by David Cottingham the paying of November 2010 City General, listed below, and the Utility General bills, in the amount of \$179,998.87 were unanimously approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham - aye .

**ITEM # 5** – Citizen Input:

- Daniel Fuhrmann of Route 66 Bicycles LLC was present to donate \$2,500 towards materials to build a covered rest stop with water available at the entrance to the mountain bike path on city property by the Industrial Park area.

**ITEM # 6** – Sheran Ashby stated there will be a 14.9% premium increase with the renewal of the City's employee health insurance current plan with Anthem Blue Cross and Shield but they have two other options where the premium percentage increase would be less with similar coverage. She also stated each employee will be filling a Mercy Health Plan application out before renewal date as a possible competitive option to Anthem Blue Cross and Shield.

**ITEM # 7 - Proposed Ordinance – 10-1000 establishing a date for the General City Election and filing period for the candidates seeking city offices** was posted and given to the 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 Jim White the proposed ordinance passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp- aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

**ITEM # 8 - Proposed Ordinance # 10-1001 authorizing the Mayor of St. James, Missouri to sign and execute a petition and all necessary supporting documents in the circuit court of Phelps County, Missouri naming Steven O. Stumpe, Catherine L. Stumpe, Citizens Bank and Sandy Anderson, trustee as defendants, the purpose of which is to request a judgment to remove and abate a nuisance in Block 31 of the City of St. James, Missouri and for a declaratory judgment and for authority to authorize the costs and expenses of litigation** was posted and given to the 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 Danielle Verkamp the proposed ordinance unanimously passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

**ITEM # 9 - Proposed Resolution # 10-185 authorizing the Mayor of St. James, Missouri to sign documents regarding the Delta Regional Authority Grant for the electrical distribution system tie line project** was given to the Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read once by title at the meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Rodney Edwards the resolution unanimously passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

**ITEM # 10** – Of five bids received for consulting engineer to the St. James 2010 Enhancement Grant, C.M. Archer received the highest points of the consultant selection rating.

On a motion by Don Poskin and a second by Margaret Roberts the consultant engineer for the St. James 2010 Enhancement Grant contract was awarded to C.M. Archer. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

**ITEM # 11** – Candace Connell reported the City of St. James has received an A2 bond rating which will mean a difference of ½% in the interest for the Sub-station bonds with a savings of approximately \$350,000 on interest.

**ITEM # 12/15** – Mayor Wilson and Candace Connell gave a power point presentation of the City's 2010/2011 revenues and expenditures, capital improvements in process and planned, 2009/2010 major accomplishments and goals for 2011.

**ITEM # 13 - Postponed.**

**ITEM # 14** - On a motion by Jim White and a second by David Watkins the City employee year-end bonus was set at \$125.00 to be given to employees by separate check. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

**ITEM # 16** – Committee Reports:

Councilman Cottingham shared information and pictures of the storm water improvement project on F. Street.

Councilwoman Roberts reported the police department received 507 calls in November and the resignation of officer Christopher Cook who has been replaced by Mikey Boles.

Councilman Edwards reported on the walk through at the swimming pool on November 30<sup>th</sup> stating it is not ready for final inspection but the activities committee has met.

Councilman White reported it is time to decide if we want to continue to financially support the Humane Society monthly. No action was taken at this time.

Councilman Moore reported the Tourist Information Center building is decorated nicely.

Councilman Watkins stated his concerns regarding the semi-trucks parking on the Matlock/Freeman property North of town and of the gate installed by the Caring Center across the closed alley next to it stating it is more of a burden for employees.

**ITEM # 17** – Mayor's Comments:

- A breakfast was served at the Old Depot to the IDA board and representatives from many of our large natural gas customers for the purpose of explaining the natural gas rates.
- Walmart donated \$1,000 to our police department to purchase first aid kits and flares for each police car.
- Candace Connell was elected Vice President for RREC.

On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by David Watkins the meeting adjourned.

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Mayor – Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

NOVEMBER 2010 BILLS & SALARIES

DEPOSITED IN GEN. FUND

GENERAL	\$	31,990.86	RE TAX/BLDG PERMIT/MISC	\$	104,084.00
POLICE	\$	44,987.84	CABLE TV FRANCHISE		
COMMUNITY DEV.	\$	4,302.55	SALES TAX	\$	22,868.27
ENGINEER	\$	3,855.40	INTEREST	\$	308.51
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$	7,554.55	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$	11,460.00
SANITATION	\$	33,392.65	SANITATION	\$	35,813.55
STREET	\$	23,871.99	GAS TAX/PERMITS	\$	11,918.14
TRANS. SALES TAX	\$	10,165.73	TRANS. SALES TAX	\$	11,434.20
TIC	\$	3,035.36	TIC	\$	3,675.79
PARK	\$	3,527.79	PARKS	\$	1,043.48
SUMMER SPORTS	\$	8,487.07	SUMMER SPORTS	\$	334.12
SWIMMING POOL	\$	12,017.98	SWIMMING POOL	\$	27,930.16
UT TO REIMB	\$	(8,729.63)	UT PILOT	\$	26,269.31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>178,460.14</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>257,139.53</b>