

**February 8, 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, 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. Councilwoman Weatherly was absent.

AGENDA ITEM: Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor White led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval

Councilman Anselm made the motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: January 11, 2016 Minutes

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2016 meeting. Councilwoman Watkins seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Bills

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the bills to be paid for February. Councilman Watkins seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

Clerk Wheeler asked for permission to pay reoccurring bills before the meeting to avoid late charges. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve Clerk Wheeler to pay reoccurring bills early. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: MIRMA

Kelly Beets from MIRMA presented the Police Department with a grant in the amount of \$3,150.00 to use on Car Cameras or Tasers.

AGENDA ITEM: Joy Howard – WM Financial

Joy Howard with WM Financial Strategies spoke with the Council about refinancing the General Obligation Bond on the Electric System. She told the Council the way the rates are we could get a possible savings of up to \$400,000 total or \$30,000/year. If we would like to approve moving forward with Joy an ordinance would need to be passed later on the meeting agenda.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 16-1077 Firearms

Discussion: Ordinance No. 16-1077 Firearms

Ordinance No. 16-1077 was read for the first reading by Clerk Wheeler at the January 2016 meeting. Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 16-1077 for the second and final reading.

Vote or To-Do: Ordinance No. 16-1077 Firearms

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-1077 pertaining to Firearms inside city limits as read. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion. Upon roll call the voting was as follows: Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Mitchell “aye”; Councilman Edwards “aye”; Councilman Smith “aye”; Councilman Watkins “aye”; Councilman Huster “aye”; and Councilman Anselm “aye”. The Ordinance was passed as read.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 16-1078 Firepits

Discussion: Ordinance No. 16-1078 Firepits

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 16-1078 for the second and final reading. Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 16-1078 for the first reading at the January 11, 2016 Council Meeting.

Vote or To-Do: Ordinance No. 16-1078 Firepits

Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-1078 as read. Councilman Watkins seconded the motion. Upon roll call the voting was as follows: Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Mitchell “aye”; Councilman Edwards “aye”; Councilman Smith “aye”; Councilman Watkins “aye”; Councilman Huster “aye”; and Councilman Anselm “aye”. The Ordinance was passed as read.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 16-1079 PACE

Discussion: Ordinance No. 16-1079 PACE

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 16-1079 for the first reading at the January 2016 council meeting.

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 16-1079 for the second and final reading.

Vote or To-Do: Ordinance No. 16-1079 PACE

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve the PACE Ordinance No. 16-1079 as read. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion. Upon roll call the voting was as follows: Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Mitchell “aye”; Councilman Edwards “aye”; Councilman Smith “aye”; Councilman Watkins “aye”; Councilman Huster “aye”; and Councilman Anselm “aye”. The Ordinance was passed as read.

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 16-244

Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 16-244 out loud. This resolution would approve the contract with WM Financial and Gilmore & Bell to refinance the existing General Obligation Bonds for the Electric System.

Vote or To-Do: Resolution No. 16-244

Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the Resolution No. 16-244 as read. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. Upon roll call the voting was as follows: Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Mitchell “aye”; Councilman Edwards “aye”; Councilman Smith “aye”; Councilman Watkins “aye”; Councilman Huster “aye”; and Councilman Anselm “aye”. The Ordinance was passed as read.

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 16-245 Anderson & Associates

Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 16-245 for a contract with Anderson & Associates out loud for the first reading.

Mayor White mentioned that this would be the engineering and work for the culvetry issues behind Country Mart.

Vote or To-Do: Resolution No. 16-245

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve the Resolution No. 16-245 as read. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. Upon roll call the voting was as follows: Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Mitchell “aye”; Councilman Edwards “aye”; Councilman Smith “aye”; Councilman Watkins “aye”; Councilman Huster “aye”; and Councilman Anselm “aye”. The Ordinance was passed as read.

AGENDA ITEM: PILOT

Councilman Watkins requested to speak about the PILOT on the utility bills. Councilman Watkins proposed that the city collect up to \$400,000 in a fiscal year and then stop on the bills after that. Councilman Smith asked if this would hurt the city trying to come up with storm water money in the future since anything collected above the \$400,000 now is put into the storm water account.

After lots of discussion, the council agreed to allow Councilman Watkins to come up with an ordinance to present at the next meeting and they would discuss more then.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

POLICE – Councilman Sachs – nothing new to report.

PARKS – Councilman Mitchell – nothing new to report.

STREET – Councilman Huster – The new backhoe will be delivered on Monday, street sweeper to be fixed. Discussion about not smoking in vehicles or equipment. Councilman Huster mentioned he would spend a day riding around with John Edgar to see what is being worked on within the department.

IDA – Councilman Sachs – nothing new to report.

CHAMBER – Councilwoman Weatherly absent – Mayor White mentioned that trout season opened March 1st and the Chamber was preparing for that.

SANITATION – Councilman Watkins – The department is down an employee now but looking for a new one. The department is also looking at prices for the extra pickups and deciding if those should be raised.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Harold Selby – Harold mentioned that MOGAS owns the pipeline and is wanting to charge the city extra fees for the amount of gas we use if we overestimate. MPUA has a guy that is good with determining how much we need and would save the city from the penalties. Harold received permission at the utility board meeting to negotiate gas to get the prices down and save around \$7,000.

Harold next explained that Phase 1 of the sewer line was completed. Brian and Doug found a backup by the treatment plant. Liner was bubbled up, looks like it happened from curing. Archer has been contacted about it and they will make sure it is fixed before moving on with the next phase of the project. They are also checking to make sure it has not happened anywhere else.

Harold mentioned that we will need to hold a special meeting on March 7th at 7:00 pm to discuss the Library grant per CDBG requirements. Applications are due by April 1st. He would also like to discuss a grant for the Community Hall upgrades.

MAYOR – Jim White – the Mayor mentioned that we will hold our quarterly Utility Board/Council meeting together in April.

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