

August 12, 2013

St James City Hall

Regular City Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Roll Call

The following Councilmembers were present for the Regular City Council meeting:

Mayor Wilson, Councilman Moore, Councilwoman Roberts, Councilman Garver, Councilman Tonding, Councilwoman Verkamp, Councilman Cahill, Councilman White and Councilman Sachs. City Administrator Jeff Davis and City Clerk Sarah Wheeler were also in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM: Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wilson led the Council in the Pledge.

AGENDA ITEM: Tax Levy Public Hearing

Discussion: Tax Levy Public Hearing

Mayor Wilson opened the Public Hearing. There were no citizens in attendance wishing to be heard.

AGENDA ITEM: Approve Minutes

Vote or To Do: July 1, 2013 Regular & Closed Meeting and July 23, 2013 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Councilman Sachs to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2013 regular and closed meetings and the minutes from the July 23, 2013 special meeting. Councilwoman Roberts seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: July Bills

Vote or To Do: July Bills to be paid

Councilman White made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Councilwoman Verkamp seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Discussion

There were no citizens requesting to speak.

AGENDA ITEM: Approve Bids for Police Cars

Discussion: Police Car Bids

Jeff mentioned that \$56,000 had been set aside this year in the budget to purchase new police cars per the original plan. The city went out for bid and received 3 bids back. In the original bids the city had asked for Eco-Boost, after reviewing the bids it was decided that it would be more cost efficient to go without the Eco-Boost. Therefore, all three of the bidders were contacted and asked to rebid without the Eco-Boost. The bids were then reevaluated and the lowest bidder was Hutchenson Ford. The bids were as follows: Dave Sinclair Ford - \$50,670; Joe Machens Ford - \$50,068 and Hutchenson Ford - \$49,980. There will be an additional cost of approximately \$3,000 to set each car up with all the equipment needed.

Vote or To Do: Police Car Bids

Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) new police cars from Hutchenson Ford in the amount of \$55,086. Councilman Garver seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 13-1044

An ordinance amending the 2013-2014 budget moving funds from the General Department to the Police Department to allow for the purchase of new digital radios.

Discussion: Ordinance No. 13-1044

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 13-1044 aloud for the first reading. Jeff explained to the council that money had been saved on insurance premiums this year because the city had received a high audit score. The Police Department is now required to change over all of their radios from analog to digital as soon as possible, therefore, the proposed ordinance will transfer the insurance savings of \$25,000 over to the police department allowing them to purchase the required equipment. Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 13-1044 aloud for the second and final reading.

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Cahill made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 13-1044. Councilman Tonding seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 13-1045

An Ordinance fixing the rate to be levied for tax purposes including taxes for the public park.

Discussion: Ordinance No. 13-1045

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 13-1045 aloud for the first reading. Clerk Wheeler explained to the council that the city was taking the allowed increase of \$0.002, bringing the new rate to \$0.3931 for General Revenue and \$0.0607 for Parks and Recreation Revenue for a total of \$0.4538. Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 13-1045 aloud for the second and final reading.

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 13-1045. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Mayor's Appointments

Discussion: Mayor's Appointments

Mayor Wilson appointed Nathaniel Siders & Lori Dixon as the last two members of the Cemetery Board and Brenda Gibson to fill an empty spot on the Park Board.

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman White made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: City Administrator Report

Discussion: City Administrator Report

Jeff mentioned that a court date of December 17, 2013 had been set for the property at 110 W. Washington. He also mentioned that there was a need to have a special meeting this week to select a Police Chief. It was decided to have the meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

AGENDA ITEM: Mayor's Report

Discussion: Mayor's Report

Mayor Wilson mentioned there would be a group of around 300-400 motorcyclists riding in support of the American Legion. They will be making a stop Sunday at the Veteran's home to visit with the residents. He also mentioned the upcoming Grape Jam that was taking place this coming weekend August 16th and 17th.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

Vote or To Do: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss Councilman White made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted "aye".

Dennis I Wilson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date