

April 14, 2014
St. James Municipal Center
Regular City Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Public Hearing to Annex Property

Discussion: Annex Property

Jeff explained to the Council and the citizens that Mr. Tim Reinhold, the owner of the property located on North State Route B to the North Edge of St. James (former Dace Property) would like to be annexed in to the city. His plan is to build duplexes and he would like to be able to be on city utilities.

Councilman Sachs asked what the cost would be to the city and if the front part of the property would be annexed as well? Jeff explained that the only cost to the city would be the utility hookups which should not be a significant cost. He then explained that the owner of the front part of the property would need to come to the city if they would like to be annexed in as well. We have not heard anything yet from them. Councilwoman Roberts mentioned that she had heard some concern about where the entrance will be located at. Mr. Reinhold said he had obtained a permit and worked everything out with MODOT.

Mayor Wilson asked if there were any further questions or comments for the public hearing. Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to close the public hearing and go into the regular meeting. Councilwoman Verkamp seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor Wilson called the regular City Council meeting for April 14, 2014 to order. Present were: Councilman Moore, Councilwoman Roberts, Councilman White, Councilman Sachs, Councilman Garver, Councilman Cahill and Councilwoman Verkamp. Also in attendance were: David Watkins, Carol Weatherly, members of the St. James Forestry Board, Chief Jones, Tim Reinhold and Shawn Sisco.

Councilman Tonding was absent from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wilson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Discussion: Shawn Sisco & David Watkins

Shawn Sisco introduced himself and stated that he was running for the 120th district in the upcoming August election, the district was made up of Eastern Phelps and all of Crawford County. He handed out a flyer to citizens and the council.

David Watkins spoke next. He wanted to address some issues on the 2014-2015 budget to be passed. Some of the issues he discussed were the decrease in interest received, no budget for storm water, and finally the decrease in revenues.

AGENDA ITEM: March 10, 2014 Minutes

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to approve the March 10, 2014 minutes. Councilman White seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: March Bills to Be Paid

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Cahill made a motion to approve the March bills to be paid. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Amend Agenda

Discussion: Amend Agenda Annexation

Councilman White made a motion to amend the agenda to add a vote for the annexation property. Councilwoman Roberts seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

Councilman White made a motion to approve the annexation at the former Dace property. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Review Budget

Discussion: New Discussion Item

Jeff talked about the budget and answered any questions from the Council. He also discussed the June 1st increase that will be needed for utility rates to help with the budget.

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 14-234

A resolution to approve the 2014-2015 City of St. James Budget.

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 14-234 aloud for the first and only reading. Councilman White made a motion to approve Resolution No. 14-234 approving the 2014-2015 fiscal budget. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 14-1054

An ordinance amending Chapter 2-18 which will discontinue the need for a second meeting in April.

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Clerk Wheeler read aloud Ordinance No. 14-1054 for the first reading. Clerk Wheeler explained since the regular monthly meeting had been changed to the second week of the month, there was no longer a need to hold an extra meeting in April after the election. Clerk Wheeler read aloud Ordinance No. 14-1054 for the second and final reading. Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-1054. Councilman Garver seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Garver “aye”; Councilman Cahill “aye”; Councilman Moore “aye”; Councilwoman Roberts “aye”; Councilman White “aye”; Councilwoman Verkamp “aye”. Ordinance No. 14-1054 was passed as read.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 14-1055

Turning the property located adjacent to the South end of the St. James High School football field over to the St. James School District for further development.

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 14-1055 aloud for the first reading. Jeff explained the ordinance and the need for the school to have the property. Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 14-1055 for the second and final reading. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-1055. Councilman White seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Garver “aye”; Councilman Cahill “abstain”; Councilman Moore “aye”; Councilwoman Roberts “abstain”; Councilman White “aye”; Councilwoman Verkamp “aye”. Ordinance No. 14-1055 was passed as read.

AGENDA ITEM: Tree City USA Designation

Discussion: New Discussion Item

Mayor Wilson mentioned that the Forestry Board had received recognition from the National Arbor Day organization and the City of St. James had been dedicated as a Tree City USA. Ron Moreland Forestry Board member stated that the Forestry Board has been working very hard figuring out what to do with the gumball trees. The Forestry Board had applied for a TRIM Grant allowing them to have a firm come in and inventory the trees in the city. The Forestry Board members were presented with a plaque for the Tree City designation from members of the National Arbor Day Organization.

AGENDA ITEM: Motion to Certify the Election Results

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Cahill made a motion to approve the certification of the election results from the April 8, 2014 election. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Plaque Presentations

Discussion: New Discussion Item

Mayor Wilson presented a plaque to outgoing councilmembers, Danielle Verkamp for 6 years of service on the Council and to Margaret Roberts for 10 years of service on the Council. Other councilmembers expressed their appreciation for the hard work and time they had both put in serving the city.

AGENDA ITEM: Motion to Adjourn Sine Die

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Moore made a motion to adjourn Sine Die. Councilman White seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Administer Oath to Newly Elected Officials

Clerk Wheeler administered the oath of office to the newly elected officials: David Watkins, Carol Weatherly and Josh Cahill. Lowell Tonding was unable to attend the meeting and will be sworn in at another time.

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order new council

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Sachs made a motion to call the newly formed council meeting back to order. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Nomination of Mayor Pro Tem

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Sachs made a motion to nominate Don Moore as Mayor Pro-Tem for the 2014 year. Councilman White seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: City Clerk Appointment

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Moore made a motion to appoint Sarah Wheeler as City Clerk for the 2014 year. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Approve bid from Excel Utility Contractors

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Jeff explained that the utility department was looking to put in a bore for a gas line. They would hook up Country Bobs now and maybe down the road Sybill’s. Sybill’s is currently under contract with another gas company but she is interested when the contract expires to possibly look at city gas again. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the bid from Excel Utility Contractor’s. Councilman Watkins seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “Aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 14-1056

Angled Parking on South Seymour

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-1056. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: City Administrator Comments

Discussion: New Discussion Item

Jeff gave an update on the Bike Trail. Dan Furman with Route 66 bikes, worked last week on the mountain bike trail getting it ready for bikers. Jeff also mentioned that St. James had been recognized for our great trails.

Councilman Moore asked for an update on the W. Washington building. Jeff mentioned that he would be going to court in the morning to decide the best plan of action. It looks like the city will end up splitting any money made off the property 50/50 with the bank.

AGENDA ITEM: Mayors Comments

Discussion: New Discussion Item

Mayor Wilson mentioned the following to the Council and Citizens:

- The city received a thank you card from the Verkamp family for the flowers sent to funeral.
 - 2nd grade students doing a welcome folder project, they would like to create a tiger den to welcome any new elementary students.
 - National Library week is this week. The St. James Library will be holding a 3 day event. Thursday through Saturday which will feature live music, family story hour, and patron appreciation day with refreshments and giveaways.
 - Veterans home will be hosting their second annual BBQ. It is currently being planned with almost twice as many vendors as last year. It will be held the weekend of November 9th.
 - Mayor Wilson mentioned MML and the newly elected officials conference to anyone interested in attending.
 - Sip N Savor, All Class Reunion, and the Phelps County Commission meeting all coming up as well.
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AGENDA ITEM: Closed Session

Councilman Moore made a motion to close the regular meeting to go into closed session for litigation issues as allowed under RSMO 1988, Chapter 610.021. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”

Councilman Moore made a motion to call the regular open session back to order. Councilman Cahill seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

With no further items to discuss, Councilman Watkins made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

Dennis I. Wilson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date