

MARCH 5, 2012

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

ITEM # 1 – Mayor Dennis Wilson called the meeting to order with councilpersons, Danielle Verkamp, Don Poskin, David Watkins, Margaret Roberts, Rodney Edwards, Alan Sachs and Bryan Lambeth were present for the meeting. Councilman Moore was absent and City Clerk Sarah Wheeler was at training and was unable to attend the meeting. Community Developer, Candace Connell took the minutes.

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

ITEMS #3 – Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2012 Regular meeting and the February 28, 2012 Closed Session. Councilman Poskins seconded the motion. Upon vote, all council members voted “aye”.

ITEM #4 – A motion was made by Councilman Watkins and seconded by Councilman Edwards to approve the February 2012 bills to be paid. All council members voted “aye”.

ITEM #5 – The citizen input was the next item on the agenda. Danny Scheel spoke to the Council about the upcoming “Cruisin’ to St. James” on April 7th for the Veteran’s home. Danny mentioned that cars will be coming from Potosi, Springfield and St. Louis Areas and offering rides to residents. There are 200 or more cars expected, radio stations and TV stations from St. Louis are also expected. Danny stated that they are requesting police escort through town and they are also requesting donations for BBQ. Councilman Edwards stated that Grellner would help with soda and water, and Councilwoman Roberts stated she would try and gather supplies or do something through the school.

ITEM #6 – Preston Kramer, the local area engineer for MODOT was asked to attend the meeting to discuss project needs for St. James. Some of the projects mentioned were: yield sign at I-44 overpass; striping needed at west bound I-44 exit; Hwy 63 four lanes, safety improvements; Dillon Outer Road – lots of parking lot debris on roadway; Safe & Sound program – bridge replacement; and a project on James Blvd.

ITEM #7 – Dan Fuhrman with Route 66 Bicycles attended the meeting to give an update on the June 2nd Mountain Bike Race. He mentioned that they expect no more than 100 people, and that it would be very similar to the 5k held last fall. He asked the Council for signage on Route 66 pointing to trail and also on city property.

ITEM #8 – **Resolution No. 12-209** a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with MODOT for trail signage was read aloud. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the resolution with the stipulation that the city not spend more than \$400 on the signage. Councilman Poskins seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Lambeth “aye”; Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Edwards “aye”; Councilwoman Roberts “aye”; Councilman Watkins “aye”; Councilman Poskins “aye”; Councilwoman Verkamp “aye”. The resolution was approved.

ITEM #9 – **Resolution No. 12-210** a resolution accepting and supporting the Revenue Bond was read aloud. Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilwoman Verkamp seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Lambeth “aye”; Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Edwards “aye”; Councilwoman Roberts “aye”; Councilman Watkins “no”; Councilman Poskins “aye”; Councilwoman Verkamp “aye”. The resolution was approved.

ITEM #10 – **Resolution No. 12-211** a resolution adopting the Bypass Elimination Plan was read aloud. Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Poskins seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Lambeth “aye”; Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Edwards “aye”; Councilwoman Roberts “aye”; Councilman Watkins “no”; Councilman Poskins “aye”; Councilwoman Verkamp “aye”. The resolution was approved.

ITEM #11 – **Ordinance No. 12-1021** an ordinance correcting the titles in Ordinance No. 12-1020 to read Article III, Section 2-38 and Article IV, Division 5, Section 2-127 through Section 2-129. The ordinance was read aloud title only for the first reading. Ordinance No. 12-1021 was read aloud title only for the second and final reading. Councilwoman Verkamp made a motion to approve the Ordinance No. 12-1021. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Lambeth “aye”; Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Edwards “aye”; Councilwoman Roberts “aye”; Councilman Watkins “aye”; Councilman Poskins “aye”; Councilwoman Verkamp “aye”. Ordinance No. 12-1021 was approved.

ITEM #12 – A motion was made by Councilman Watkins to enter into contract with Environmental Compliance Solutions. Councilwoman Roberts seconded the motion. All council members voted “aye”.

ITEM #13 – A motion was made by Councilman Poskins to enter into contract with Chapman Metering, LLC for an approximate cost of \$32,000 for meter change outs. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All council members voted “aye”.

ITEM #14 – The Red Flag rules were reviewed as required yearly. Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to approve staff to sign the confidentiality form. Councilwoman Verkamp seconded the motion. All council members voted “aye”.

ITEM #15 – Chris Pigg presented the Board with a contract to redo the city website at a cost of \$3607.00 Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the city to enter into contract with Mr. Pigg. Councilman Lambeth seconded the motion. All council members voted “aye”.

ITEM #16 – Candace mentioned to the Council that the Community Development packet had been updated, and that there would be a Public Information night held on March 22 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm to discuss and answer questions concerning the revenue bond.

ITEM #17 – Mayor Wilson had several items to mention to the council under his report. The items mentioned were: Special Council meeting to be held on March 19th at 7:00 pm to discuss the upcoming 2012/2013 budget; the Saint to Saint run that will be held during the Fall Festival; Adjusting the Business hours for City Hall from 7:30-4:30 during the Spring/Summer months of March-August; the City had received 40 applications so far for the City Administrator job opening; MPUA will be hosting a Spring Tech Day in St. James on May 15th; and on March 16th an appreciation luncheon would be held at the School.

ITEM #18 – With no further items to discuss in open session, Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to go in to closed session as allowed under RSMo 1988, Chapter 610.021 to discuss Real Estate issues. Councilwoman Verkamp seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the votes were as follows: Councilman Lambeth “aye”; Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Edwards “aye”; Councilwoman Roberts “aye”; Councilman Watkins “aye”; Councilman Poskins “aye”; Councilwoman Verkamp “aye”.

ITEM #19 – Mayor Wilson called the open meeting back into session. With no further business to discuss, Councilman Edwards made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Verkamp seconded the motion. All council members voted “aye”. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Mayor, Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Sarah Wheeler