

**APRIL 06, 2009**

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

The St. James City Council met at City Hall on Monday, April 06, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Dennis Wilson Presiding.

Councilmen David Watkins, Jim White, Margaret Roberts, Aaron Hunter, Richard Woolsey, Rodney Edwards and Don Moore were present for the meeting. City employees Police Chief Kevin Friend, Candace Connell, John Edgar, Larry Wycoff, J.R. Marcus, Clay Coffman, Mike Licklider, and Terry Gibson, reporters Kathleen Meyer with the Leader Journal and Chris Daniels with Saint James Press, Tyson Markham with McLiney and Co. Investment Banking/ Municipal Bonds, and citizens Joe Alexander, John Phillips, Corky Stack, Steph Dean, Tammy Snodgrass and son Jacob were also present for the meeting.

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

**ITEM # 3** - The March 02, 2009 regular council minutes, given to each council member prior to the meeting, on a motion by Don Moore and a second by David Watkins were approved as written. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-absent, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**ITEM # 4** – On a motion by Jim White, finance chairman, and a second by Margaret Roberts it was unanimously approved to pay the bills. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-absent, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**ITEM # 5 - Citizen Input:**

- Jim Ashby, representing St. James Chamber of Commerce, recommended improvements at Nelson Hart Park for the Grape and Fall Festival, such as installing permanent outlets for vendors, finishing the fencing around the park to encourage participants to come through the gates where admission can be charged per person in place of each car. He also recommended using the cities newly purchased property across from the fairgrounds for parking after much needed improvement to the land has been made.
- Tammy Snodgrass and son Jacob expressed their support of the proposal for the city to take ownership of the James Foundation Pool stating “I believe that we have to look at this project as an investment in the future of our community and the quality of life of our residents not just as the bottom line on a budget.”
- Joe Alexander, as a member of St. James Park Board, explained the Park Board met and agreed it would benefit the city to spend a few thousand dollars to put the pool issue on the August 2009 ballot allowing St. James citizens to be a part of the decision of the disposition of the pool.

**ITEM # 6** – Tyson Markham with McLiney and Company, after his introduction by Candace Connell, explained some options where the city could finance the take over and repair of the swimming pool either by the increase of sales tax by the vote of the citizens and general obligation bonds or lease purchase.

After Mr. Markham’s presentation there were questions, answers and discussion including the possibility of taking over the ball field area at the James Foundation Park, if agreeable by the James Foundation, along with the pool property offered to us by the James Foundation.

On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Don Moore Mayor Wilson was given approval to sign an Underwriting Agreement for a Water Park Improvement Project with McLiney and Company with the understanding if the financing is unsuccessful, for any reason, there will be no charge for their services. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-absent, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Aaron Hunter Mayor Wilson was authorized to pursue the swimming pool project, to include the ball field, with the James Foundation. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-absent, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**ITEM # 7** – The Planning and Zoning Committee had no recommendation at this time for the re-subdivision of Rosemary Heights Estates due to the plat not showing water and sewer easements. No action taken.

**ITEM # 8 – Proposed Resolution # 2009-160 stating intent to seek funding through the “Cops Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) and authorizing the mayor to pursue activities regarding such** was given to the council prior to the council meeting and was read once by title at the council meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Don Moore it passed unanimously. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-absent, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**ITEM # 9 – Proposed Resolution #2009-161 authorizing the mayor to give consent to the sale of intoxication liquor at the May 02, 2009 Sip n/ Savor** was posted 24 hours in advance, given to the council prior to the council meeting and was read once by title at the council meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Aaron Hunter it passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-absent, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**ITEM # 10** – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Aaron Hunter the proposed 2009/2010 budget, 10A allowing for an additional amount to pay compensation to police officer’s extra duty for special events and situations and a twenty five cent increase in all employee’s pay, passed unanimously. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-absent, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**2009/2010 CITY OF ST. JAMES BUDGET**

<b>REVENUES:</b>	RE. TAX	\$ 130,000.00	<b>EXPENSES:</b>	GEN. FUND	\$ 250,750.00
	SALES TAX	\$ 450,000.00		RES 04-136 Reimb. UT	\$ 8,000.00
	CABLE T.V.	\$ 20,000.00		POLICE DEPT.	\$ 423,000.00
	BUSINESS LIC	\$ 5,000.00		COMMUNITY DEV	\$ 62,000.00
	BUILDING PERMITS	\$ 2,000.00		ENGINEER 1/2 (ut to pay 1/2)	\$ 39,100.00
	INTEREST	\$ 2,500.00			
	MISC.(GEN.-ST.)	\$ 1,150.00		MUNCIPAL COURT	\$ 51,025.00
	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 49,025.00		STREET DEPT.	\$ 270,800.00
	GAS & VEH TAX	\$ 152,000.00		SPORTS & REC	\$ 118,000.00
	SPORTS & REC	\$ 16,000.00		COMMUNITY PARK	\$ 8,000.00
	COMMUNITY PARK	\$ 8,000.00		TST	\$ 361,425.00
<b>SPECIAL TAX:</b>	TST with carry over	\$ 361,425.00		PARK - RE TAX	\$ 19,000.00
	RE. TAX - PARK	\$ 19,000.00		SANITATION DEPT	\$ 401,000.00
<b>ENTERPRIZE:</b>	SANITATION	\$ 401,000.00		LODGING TAX/TOURISM	\$ 48,000.00
	LODGING TAX	\$ 43,000.00			
<b>UT TRANSFER</b>	approx 6%	<u>\$ 400,000.00</u>			
		\$ 2,060,100.00			\$ 2,060,100.00

**ITEM # 11** – On a motion by Don Moore and a second by David Watkins the St. James Municipal Utilities 2009/2010 budget was approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-absent, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**2009/2010 ST. JAMES MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BUDGET**

	<u>REVENUES</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS</u>	<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>
ELECTRIC	\$ 6,094,337.00	ELECTRIC	\$ 5,701,450.00	\$ 392,887.00	
WATER	\$ 291,754.00	WATER	\$ 254,700.00	\$ 37,054.00	
SEWER	\$ 308,864.00	SEWER	\$ 223,120.00	\$ 85,744.00	
NATURAL GAS	<u>\$ 1,995,197.00</u>	NATURAL GAS	<u>\$ 1,863,433.00</u>	<u>\$ 131,764.00</u>	
	<b>\$ 8,690,152.00</b>		<b>\$ 8,042,703.00</b>	<b>\$ 647,449.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,690,152.00</b>

**ITEM #12** – On a motion by Aaron Hunter and a second by David Watkins the 2009/2010 Transportation Sales Tax work list was approved as follows: The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-absent, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

2009 TST APPROVED OVERLAY				
STREET	WIDTH-FT.	LENGTH-FT.	DEPTH	SQ. FT.
Evergreen - Aida to James B.	40	1409	2 INCHES	9581
Jackson - Aida to James B.	30	1014	2 INCHES	5171
Kathryn Dr.	24	2372	2 INCHES	9677
Valley View	22	1343	2 INCHES	5002
Trevor Lane	28	1450	2 INCHES	6902
Cartall	22	750	2 INCHES	2805
Benjamin-Amanda	24	2452	2 INCHES	10,004
Walnut	20	440	2 INCHES	1496
Elm	22	442	2 INCHES	1653
Helen-Carson	20	1900	2 INCHES	6460
Lois	20	308	2 INCHES	1047
Scioto	20	590	2 INCHES	<u>2006</u>
<b>SQ. FT.</b>				<b>61804</b>
<b>YARDAGE</b>	2289			
<b>TONS</b>	4578			
<b>EST. COST \$50. PER TON</b>	\$ 228,903.70			

**ITEM # 13** – Candace Connell, director of community development, reported as follows:

- The City of St. James Comprehensive Plan Planning Advisory Committee has 28 citizens participating.
- The St. James Comprehensive Plan Draft Vision states: **St. James will be a community of choice, where people choose to visit, live, raise families and retire – a community of unified leadership that prepares for future generations, and offers citizens and visitors the opportunity to discover St. James’ exceptional quality of life.**
- The participants completed an analysis for St. James to list the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats for the City of St. James of which she handed out their responses to include their responses to “Characteristics of Ideal Community”, St, James would be the best possible place if .....” And “3 Most Important Issues for St. James’ Success”.
- A summer job program is available that will pay 480 hours to individuals between the age of 14 and 24 years of age. The city is eligible to participate in this program at no cost.
- She announced up coming scheduled meetings.

**ITEMS # 14** – Larry Wycoff handed out his Engineering-Tech Support Office March Activities and answered pertinent questions regarding the report.

**ITEM # 15** – Committee Reports:

On a motion by Aaron Hunter and a second by Don Moore it was unanimously approved the purchase of a new one-ton truck for the Transportation Sales Tax department from Hutcheson Ford, the low bidder, at \$23,927.00. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-absent, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

On a motion by Jim White and a second by Don Moore it was unanimously approved to adjust the deficit accounts within the departments to include the month of April. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-absent, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

Jim White explained the 2008/2009 Municipal Court Costs and Fines collected are \$13,664 more than anticipated and the Court Clerk salary and Attorney fees expenses are more than budgeted.

On a motion by Jim White and a second by David Watkins it was unanimously approved to amend the 2008/2009 Municipal Court Budget by \$13,664 to cover the Municipal Court deficit accounts. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-absent, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

Rodney Edwards reported the rate structure for the rent of the Nelson Hart Community Park facilities will be reviewed by the Park Board soon and the fencing at the park for the Fall Festival issues will also be addressed.

Margaret Roberts reported the City has purchased a used Highway Patrol car with 54,000 miles for the police department at a cost of \$10,000.

All other departments are reportedly doing well.

**ITEM # 16 - MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

1. Reminded the Council and those present to please fill out a Comprehensive Plan Survey.
2. Reported Tacony was featured on Channel 4 evening news – excellent clip.
3. Seedling trees will be handed out to grade school children for annual tree day.
4. A delay in the rail road crossing project because MoDOT has not received permit from the Railroad yet.

On a motion by Don Moore and a second by David Watkins the meeting adjourned.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

MARCH 2009 BILLS AND SALARIES		DEPOSITED IN GENERAL FUND	
GENERAL	\$ 14,181.99	RE TAX/BLDG PERMIT/MISC	\$ 2,768.76
POLICE	\$ 43,360.82	CABLE TV FRANCHISE	\$ -
COMMUNITY DEV.	\$ 4,697.37	SALES TAX	\$ 40,422.39
		INTEREST	\$ 349.11
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 4,617.68	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 7,567.00
SANITATION	\$ 34,917.62	SANITATION	\$ 31,569.48
STREET	\$ 28,414.96	GAS TAX/PERMITS	\$ 10,648.86
TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 4,911.02	TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 20,221.23
TIC	\$ 2,990.75	TIC	\$ 1,364.56
PARK	\$ 1,445.86	PARKS	\$ 850.98
SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 8,957.15	SUMMER SPORTS	\$ -
		UT PILOT	\$ 44,957.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 148,495.22</b>		<b>\$ 160,720.14</b>

cc: Mayor Wilson – Watkins- White – Edwards – Roberts – Moore – Hunter-Verkamp-Woolsey