

June 9, 2014
St. James Municipal Center
Regular City Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Call To Order

The following Councilmembers were present for the City Council meeting: Mayor Wilson, Councilman Garver, Councilman White, Councilman Cahill, Councilman Sachs, Councilman Tonding, Councilwoman Weatherly, Councilman Moore and Councilman Watkins. City Administrator Jeff Davis and City Clerk Sarah Wheeler were also in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM: Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wilson led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM: Citizens Comments

Discussion: New Discussion Item

Phil West requested to speak with the Council about JR Marcus. He would like to see request that the city recognize and honor JR Marcus for his hard work in the Parks Department for many years. He said it could be anything from naming the Rec Center after him or something else that the council can come up with. Phil mentioned that JR always went above and beyond in helping the kids of the community and he feels that he deserves this.

AGENDA ITEM: Council Resignation

Discussion: Council Resignation

Mayor Wilson mentioned to the Council that Josh Cahill has moved out of his ward and therefore gave a letter of his resignation after last month's meeting. Mayor Wilson will be looking for someone to appoint to his spot until the next election.

AGENDA ITEM: Approve May 12, 2014 Minutes

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2014 regular City Council meeting. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Bills Presented for Payment

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve the bills to be paid for May. Councilman White seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 14-235

Approving Bid for Midland GIS

Discussion: Resolution No 14-235

Clerk Wheeler read Resolution 14-235 for the first reading. Jeff explained the need for mapping the electrical system and sewer lines. The system will give an overview for the city lines and could help with costs down the road. The GIS will be hosted on the internet but access will be limited to just city use. The system will also give the employees information wherever they are working and offer them a way to make changes and adjustments while they are out in the field as they find or make them.

The council asked several questions about why this system would be any better than the maps that the city already has? After much discussion it was decided to table to the discussion and bring someone from Midland to the next council meeting to discuss and answer questions further.

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 14-236

Approve lease agreement for Golden Age Center.

Discussion: Resolution No 14-236

Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 14-236 for the first reading. The resolution will extend the lease agreement between the City of St. James and the Golden Age Center for 1 year.

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve Resolution No. 14-236. Councilman White seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 14-237

Approve lease agreement for Chamber of Commerce.

Discussion: Resolution No 14-237

Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 14-237 for the first reading. The resolution will extend the lease agreement between the City of St. James and the Chamber of Commerce for the Tourist Information Center for 1 year.

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve Resolution No. 14-237. Councilman Tonding seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Asphalt Bids

Approve bids for asphaltting city roads.

Discussion: New Discussion Item

The council was presented the bids in their packets. Jeff explained that the low bidder could no longer guarantee his price for asphalt; therefore, Rolla Asphalt was the next lowest bidder.

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the bid for Rolla Asphalt. Councilman Watkins seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Sewer Lining Update

Discussion: Sewer Lining Update

Jeff let the council know that Lane Inliner was working around town to camera the sewer lines to see what needs to be repaired before they begin putting the liner in.

AGENDA ITEM: City Administrator Comments

Discussion: New Discussion Item

Jeff gave the council a comparison chart of electric rates from other towns around St. James. He then showed a bill with the new electric increase compared to old rates. Finally he mentioned the utility department would begin distributing new rate structure sheets for any customers wanting them. Councilman Watkins asked if he could know how much the increase was going to bring in for the electric department. Jeff explained that would depend on the weather and how many customers we had year round.

AGENDA ITEM: Mayors Comments

Discussion: New Discussion Item

Mayor Wilson stated he would like to commend the Park, Streets and City Administrator for working so hard to get the cemetery and park property in shape for Memorial Day weekend. He also mentioned the “All School Reunion” coming up on the 4th of July weekend and the annual bike ride from Carolinas to Oklahoma coming through town this Friday.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Watkins made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

Dennis I. Wilson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date