

# **March 10, 2014**

## **St. James Municipal Center**

### **Regular City Council Meeting**

#### **AGENDA ITEM: Roll Call**

The following Councilmembers were present for the City Council meeting: Mayor Wilson, Councilman Garver, Councilman White, Councilman Cahill, Councilman Tonding, Councilwoman Verkamp, Councilwoman Roberts, Councilman Sachs and Councilman Moore. City Administrator Jeff Davis and City Clerk Sarah Wheeler were not in attendance. Also present were Debbie Parton-Library Board, Jack Kearbey-Park Board, Clay Coffman, Citizen David Watkins, Officer Chris Pigg, and arriving late were Citizen Greg Edwards and Office Ron Jones. Paulette Craft was also present taking minutes.

#### **AGENDA ITEM: Pledge of Allegiance**

##### **Discussion: Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Wilson led the Council in the Pledge.

#### **AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments**

##### **Discussion: Citizen Comments**

David Watkins stated he was aware he was on the council when ordinance 24-42 was voted in as an ordinance. He asked the council to review the ordinance and possibly reword the ordinance. He objects to some of the wording in the ordinance.

#### **AGENDA ITEM: Minutes**

##### **Vote or To Do: New Vote Item**

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

#### **AGENDA ITEM: Bills**

##### **Vote or To Do: New Vote Item**

Councilman White made a motion to approve the February bills to be paid. Councilwoman Roberts seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

#### **AGENDA ITEM: Approve Missouri Highway Safety Program**

**Discussion: The Missouri Highway Safety Program raises awareness for drinking while intoxicated. If the grant is awarded to the St. James Police Department it would allow for 6 sobriety check points to be fully funded from October 2014 thru September 2015.**

**Councilman Cahill asked about the deadline, had the timeline been missed? Would there be any maintenance or replacement cost to the City due to the equipment the grant would provide? Officer Pigg explained the deadline was March 1, 2014, but that he had sent the paperwork ahead in order to meet the deadline and that the roster was the only missing piece to date. Officer Pigg also explained there should not be any equipment matching or replacement requirements pertaining to the grant.**

##### **Vote or To Do: New Vote Item**

Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to approve the Missouri Highway Safety Program. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye". The roster for signatures was signed by all councilmembers.

##### **Discussion: Park update**

Jack Kearbey spoke to council about Nelson Hart Park and the improvements that have been made and still need to be made. He mentioned playground equipment that had been added, the

need for handicap assessable parking at the South ball field and the need for sidewalks to be placed to and from the playground between the ball fields. Mr. Kearbey spoke about a punch card being implemented to take the place of admission as entrance to ballgames. Jack spoke about the upkeep at the City Park/Pool and all that was being done to prepare for the summer season.

**Discussion: Library update**

Debbie Parton started out by thanking Friends of the Library, March 20, 21, 22 the Library has a book sale planned. Due to the many donations that have come in a scholarship program has been set up to offset the cost of membership to those who show a need. Debbie also mentioned the work that needs to be completed to bring the Library into ADA compliance at the entrance and also the bathroom.

**AGENDA ITEM: Mayor's Appointment**

**Discussion: Mayor Wilson stated he would like to nominate Jerry Macintosh for the Cemetery Board. Councilman Cahill inquired about the political party of Jerry Macintosh. Mayor Wilson stated he had not inquired as to the political party of Mr. Macintosh. Mayor Wilson stated he would inquire as to the rules pertaining to political parties on the cemetery board.**

**Vote or To Do: New Vote Item**

Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to nominate Jerry Macintosh as a member to the cemetery board. Councilman White seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

**Note: Citizen David Watkins objected to the nomination sighting the fact that the rules had not been checked out before the nomination had been made.**

**AGENDA ITEM: Mayor's Comments**

**Discussion: Mayor's Report**

Mayor Wilson discussed wind damage to the storm siren on W. Springfield. The repairs had been made and the siren has been made functional. Mayor Wilson also mentioned the fact that the sirens were not sirens meant to be heard indoors. On another note Mayor Wilson inquired as to whether anyone had knowledge of an agreement with Charter Communications that would provide free cable television to the Golden Age Center. No one was aware of any such agreement.

**AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Roberts seconded the meeting. All councilmembers voted "aye".

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Mayor, Dennis I. Wilson

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Sarah Wheeler

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Date