

OCTOBER 04, 2010

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

**ITEM # 1** - Mayor Dennis Wilson called the meeting to order with councilpersons, Don Moore, Jim White, David Watkins, Danielle Verkamp, Margaret Roberts, and David Cottingham present for the meeting. Also present for the meeting were employees Candace Connell, Police Chief Anderson, Mike Licklider, City Clerk Woolsey, Jamie Hunt and Leader Journal's Kathleen Meyer, Saint James Press' Chris Daniels.

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

**ITEM # 3** – On a motion by David Watkins and a second by David Cottingham the September 07, 2010 Regular Council Minutes were approved as written. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-absent, Don Poskin – absent, David Cottingham - aye .

**ITEM # 4** – On a motion by Jim White and a second by Margaret Roberts the paying of September 2010 City General and the Utility General bills, in the amount of \$429,549.12, were unanimously approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-absent, Don Poskin – absent, David Cottingham - aye .

**ITEM # 5** – Citizen Input: None

**ITEM # 6 – Resolution # 10-180 Determining the intent of the City of St. James to reimburse itself for certain capital expenditures relating to city hall and the new police station** was given to the Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read once by title at the meeting. On a motion by Jim White and a second by Margaret Roberts the Resolution passed unanimously. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-absent, Don Poskin – absent, David Cottingham - aye .

**ITEM # 7 – Resolution # 10-181 Authorizing a local match of \$899.50 for the project title “St. James Police Department: Improving Public and Officer Safety”** was given to the Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read once by title at the meeting. On a motion by David Watkins and a second by Margaret Roberts the Resolution passed unanimously. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-absent, Don Poskin – absent, David Cottingham - aye .

**ITEM # 8 - Resolution # 10-182 Authorizing a local match for the Enhancement grant** was given to the Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read once by title at the meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Jim White the Resolution passed unanimously. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-absent, Don Poskin – absent, David Cottingham - aye .

**ITEM # 9** – Candace Connell and Chief Anderson announced the Safe Routes to School Program Agreement has been received and executed in the amount of \$6,400.00 which will pay an officer's overtime for two years to patrol one hour before and one hour after school in designated areas.

**ITEM # 10 - Proposed Ordinance # 10-991 Amending Chapter 24, Article 7 regarding water and wastewater rate increase** was posted and given to the Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Jim White the proposed ordinance unanimously passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-absent, Donald Poskin – absent, David Cottingham – aye.

**ITEM # 11 - Proposed Ordinance # 10-992 Amending Chapter 14, regarding increase in refuse collection and trash bag limitations** was posted and given to the Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by David Watkins the proposed ordinance unanimously passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David

Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-absent, Donald Poskin – absent, David Cottingham – aye.

**ITEM # 12 - Proposed Ordinance - Amending Section 24-154, regarding Natural Gas Rates** was posted and given to the Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read once by title at the meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by David Watkins the proposed ordinance was postponed awaiting the Utility Boards decision to set the rate. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-absent, Donald Poskin – absent, David Cottingham – aye.

**ITEM # 13 - Proposed Ordinance # 10-993 To vacate undeveloped Pinoak Drive in Stricker Addition Replat** was posted and given to the Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by David Watkins the proposed ordinance unanimously passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-absent, Donald Poskin – absent, David Cottingham – aye.

**ITEM # 14 - Proposed Ordinance # 10-994 To vacate undeveloped Park Street in Stricker Addition Replat** was posted and given to the Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Jim White the proposed ordinance unanimously passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-absent, Donald Poskin – absent, David Cottingham – aye.

**ITEM # 15 - Proposed Ordinance # 10-995 To vacate undeveloped Ave. Forty Four in Stricker Addition Replat** was posted and given to the Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by David Watkins the proposed ordinance unanimously passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-absent, Donald Poskin – absent, David Cottingham – aye.

**ITEM # 16 - Proposed Ordinance # 10-996 To vacate undeveloped Aida Street in Stricker Addition Replat** was posted and given to the Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Danielle Verkamp the proposed ordinance unanimously passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-absent, Donald Poskin – absent, David Cottingham – aye.

**ITEM # 17** – On a motion by Jim White and a second by David Watkins the City Clerk was authorized to solicit six month to one year bids for the City's \$888,574.79 Certificate of Deposit when it matures on 10-26-2010 and to accept the high bid. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-absent, Donald Poskin – absent, David Cottingham – aye.

**ITEM # 18** – It was unanimously agreed that more research should be conducted before considering the discontinuation of adding fluoride to the city's water supply and will be placed again on the November 2010 Utility Board and City Council agenda.

**ITEM # 19** – On a motion by Jim White and a second by Margaret Roberts the August 05, 2010 IDA Street Lighting Project bid minutes and authorization to accept the low bid from Fletcher Reinhart were unanimously approved.

**ITEM # 20** – Mayor Wilson appointed the architect/engineer selection team for the City Hall and Police Station renovation as follows: Candace Connell, Marilyn Woolsey, Paulette Craft, Jim Anderson, Margaret Roberts, Rodney Edwards and the Mayor.

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**ITEM # 20.1 – Candace Connell reported:**

- October 15 deadline for building project to respond at which time the committee will meet and go through the RFQ packets.
- WM Financial is working with Substation and reserve policy recommendations.
- Bonds for substation will be issued in January or February 2011.
- November 01 date set to view the pool.
- Working with schools on a contest to name the new swimming pool.

**ITEM # 21 - Committee Reports:**

David Cottingham reported the Street dept. is looking to buy a used dump truck from the State and the Street department is clearing ditches.

Margaret Roberts reported Officer Jones and his wife have a new baby girl and he will be off three weeks so Mickey Boles will be filling in while Jones is out. She also reported the Police department is exploring the possibilities of lease purchase for their vehicles.

Jim White stated the mid-year budget meeting is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

Don Moore reported misuse of the dumpster at the Tourist Information Center and citizens in his Ward are complaining about noisy and owners of dogs violating the City’s leach law. Chief Anderson is to put the department’s dog call information together for further review to possible come up with a plan of action for the problem.

David Watkins reported with the refuse pickup rate increase we should be able to add \$2,400 a month to the depreciation line item in the budget for the purchase of a new sanitation truck in the future.

**ITEM # 22 – Mayor’s Comments:**

- The Utility Department has received their first gas settlement check.
- The trailer park initiative is moving forward.
- Due to the 911Sales Tax the rate has increased to 7.85%

**ITEM # 24 – Adjournment on a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by David Watkins.**

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Mayor – Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

<u>SEPT. 2010 BILLS &amp; SALARIES</u>		<u>DEPOSITED IN GEN FUND</u>	
GENERAL	\$ 12,876.61	RE TAX/BLDG	
POLICE	\$ 45,743.83	PERMIT/MISC	\$ 1,341.39
COMMUNITY DEV.	\$ 4,083.85	CABLE TV FRANCHISE	\$ -
ENGINEER	\$ 2,683.83	SALES TAX	\$ 49,440.52
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 6,117.68	INTEREST	\$ 746.57
SANITATION	\$ 29,590.09	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 8,499.00
STREET	\$ 6,965.44	SANITATION	\$ 33,743.12
TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 6,830.71	GAS TAX/PERMITS	\$ 12,500.13
TIC	\$ 3,551.81	TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 24,720.35
PARK	\$ 7,700.02	TIC	\$ 5,706.95
SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 11,223.00	PARKS	\$ 860.52
SWIMMING POOL	\$ 386,322.77	SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 5,647.50
UT TO REIMB	\$ (3,590.50)	SWIMMING POOL	\$ 24,437.83
		UT PILOT	\$ 36,824.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 520,099.14</b>		<b>\$ 204,468.13</b>

