

MAY 02, 2011

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

ITEM # 1 - Mayor Dennis Wilson called the meeting to order with councilpersons, David Watkins, Danielle Verkamp, Don Moore, Don Poskin, Margaret Roberts, Rodney Edwards and David Cottingham present for the meeting. Also present for the meeting were employees Candace Connell, John Edgar, City Clerk Woolsey, Mark Davis, citizens Lynn Wilson, Terrill Story, Keith Mc Carthy, newly elected Wendy Chitwood and Bryan Lambeth, Leader Journal's Kathleen Meyer and Saint James Press' Chris Daniels.

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

ITEM # 3 – Mayor Wilson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to David Cottingham for his willingness to fill in as Councilman in Ward #1 after Aaron Hunter's July 2010 resignation.

Mayor Wilson also had a plaque to present to Jimmie Wayne White for his 20 years of service as councilman for Ward # 2. Jim was not present for the meeting.

ITEM # 4 - On a motion by David Watkins and a second by Margaret Roberts the April 04, 2011 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-absent, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham - aye .

ITEM # 5 – On a motion by Don Poskin and a second by Margaret Roberts the April 05, 2011 General Municipal Election results, as certified by Carol A. Bennett, Election Authority for Phelps County are as follows:

Mayor	Dennis Wilson	192	Write in
Municipal Judge	Tony Skouby	50	Write in
Ward # 1	Wendy Chitwood	63	
Ward # 2	Bryan T. Lambeth	68	
	Jim W. White	49	
Ward # 3	David Watkins	66	
Ward # 4	Tonya R. Huskey	32	
	Don E. Moore	71	

ITEM # 6 – Citizen Input: None.

ITEM # 7 – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by David Cottingham the April 2011 City General fund bills, listed below, and the Utility General bills in the amount of \$ 73,489.40 were unanimously approved for payment. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-absent, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham - aye .

ITEM # 8 – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Danielle Verkamp Mayor Wilson was authorized to approve the DRA tie line trimming and clearing from the lowest responsible and responsive bid. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-absent, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham - aye .

ITEM # 9 – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Don Poskin Mayor Wilson was authorized to approve the flow line and meter equipment from the lowest responsible and responsive bid. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-absent, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham - aye.

ITEM # 10 – On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Margaret Roberts the Golden Age Lease Agreement was unanimously approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-absent, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham - aye.

ITEM # 11 - On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Margaret Roberts the St. James Fire Protection Lease Agreement for city building at 310 W. Eldon was unanimously approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-absent, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham - aye.

ITEM # 12 – Terrill Story and Principal Keith Mc Carthy were introduced to explain the YEP, Youth Empowerment Program, for which they received a \$20,000 grant to go towards the renovation of the City's building at 125 Parker St. across from the North side of the High School. The lessee will be the School District and the building will be used as a before and after school and week-end gathering place for youth with the intent to encourage our youth to do positive things.

On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Rodney Edwards the Lease Agreement for city building at 125 Parker St. (the old fire house) was unanimously approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-absent, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham - aye.

ITEM # 13 - Proposed Resolution # 11-193– authorizing Mayor Wilson to enter into contract with vendors, supplies and contractors for operational purposes related to the Tiger Sahrk Waterpark was given to the City Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read once by title at the meeting. On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Danielle Verkamp the proposed Resolution passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-absent, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham - aye .

ITEM # 14 – Proposed Ordinance # 11-1008– to approve an application for Federal Assistance under the Delta Regional Authority Grant Program to promote Economic Development in the St. James Industrial Park through the development of a roadway to serve existing and future employers located in the Industrial Park and authorizing the Mayor to execute was posted and given to the City Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. On a motion by Don Moore and a second by David Watkins the proposed Ordinance passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-absent, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham - aye .

ITEM # 15 – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by David Watkins the police department was unanimously approved to destroy 2001 – 2005 Victim Blue Cards and a 2001 Bond receipt book. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-absent, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham - aye .

ITEM # 16 – 2010/2011 Final Committee reports:
 Rodney Edwards reported Spring soccer has concluded, PCB ordered 80 basketballs as a donation to the park, playground equipment is being installed, our park will be home base for AAA USA high school tourney involving 20 teams, the pool has had 10,000 Face Book hits and the opening day for the pool is scheduled for May 27th and free hot dogs will be served.

Margaret Roberts reported our police department is a very active, good and strong force.

Don Moore reported at 10’ X 10’ foundation has been placed to display the historic tree at the Tourist Information Center location and many events are planned this year for the TIC.

On a motion by David Watkins and a second by Rodney Edwards the meeting adjourned. **SINE DIE.**

 Mayor – Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

 City Clerk

<u>APRIL 2011 BILLS & SALARIES</u>		<u>DEPOSITED IN GEN. FUND</u>	
GENERAL	\$ 21,162.53	RE TAX/BLDG PERMIT/MISC	\$ 2,751.25
POLICE	\$ 33,210.09	CABLE TV FRANCHISE	\$ 4,760.32
COMMUNITY DEV.	\$ 4,219.31	SALES TAX	\$ 34,796.93
ENGINEER	\$ 1,575.73	INTEREST	\$ 510.48
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 7,432.32	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 8,546.50
SANITATION	\$ 35,289.09	SANITATION	\$ 36,797.66
STREET	\$ 16,986.84	GAS TAX/PERMITS	\$ 11,360.11
TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 11,774.34	TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 23,033.91
TIC	\$ 2,717.76	TIC	\$ 3,716.46
PARK	\$ 1,501.30	PARKS	\$ 583.15
SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 7,780.25	SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 230.89
SWIMMING POOL	\$ 9,846.49	SWIMMING POOL	\$ 23,784.78
UT TO REIMB	\$ (2,958.29)	UT PILOT	\$ 34,047.70
DEPOT	\$ -	DEPOT	\$ 100.00
TOTAL	\$ 150,537.76		\$ 185,020.14