

October 14, 2014
St. James Municipal Center
Regular City Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

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

AGENDA ITEM: Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro-tem Moore led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2014 regular meeting. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Bills

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

AGENDA ITEM: Jenna Davis - Community Foundation Organization

Jenna Davis, Treasurer with the Community Foundation Organization discussed with the Council the grant money that was raised for the Community Hall over 6 fundraisers. The amount raised was \$23,693 and was put into an account for the Park Board to apply for and use when they are ready to renovate the Community Hall.

AGENDA ITEM: Audit Report

Mark Kean with Kean & Company presented the most recent 2013-2014 audit to the council and touched on some main items.

AGENDA ITEM: Park Board - Jack Kearby

Councilman Huster had asked Jack Kearby to come to the Council meeting to discuss some questions he had about the Park. Since then, however, Councilman Huster was able to talk with Jack about his concerns and no longer needed him at the meeting. Councilman Huster discussed with the council some of the items that he had spoke with Jack about.

AGENDA ITEM: MOGas Settlement

Jeff let the council know that he had received a letter from MoGas, the city pipeline provider, over the lawsuit that started in 2005 with Cuba, St. Robert, Waynesville, and St. James. The lawsuit started because MO Gas was charging the cities more than what they were charging other customers. Jeff had received a letter from the President of MO Gas offering a \$180,000 all cash settlement. If all cities agree to settle it will not go to court. All other cities besides Waynesville have agreed to settle. Waynesville will go back to their council at the next meeting. Since 2006 we have spent \$118,174 for attorney fees.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to go along with the settlement if all other cities agreed to do the same. Councilman Tonding seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Administrator Comments

Jeff let the council know that Don Walker would be working with a group to clear out the natural glade by the fire ring at the park.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

Councilman Watkins made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Tonding seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

Dennis I. Wilson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date