

AUGUST 09, 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, Rodney Edwards, David Cottingham and Don Poskin present for the meeting. Also present for the meeting were the City Clerk, Candace Connell, Police Chief Anderson, Rolla Daily News representative, Saint James Press' Chris Daniels and 4 citizens.

Mayor Wilson commented on the school bus/band tragedy and wished the best for students, families and school staff for this school year stating it was a very sad day.

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

ITEM # 3 – Councilman Watkins noted the July 06, 2010 regular council minutes did not include council's approval of Mayor Wilson's appointment of David Cottingham to fill the position of Aaron Hunter's unexpired term in Ward # 1. (The approval is in the minutes w/o council vote.)

On a motion by David Watkins and a second by Jim White the July 06th, 2010 regular council meeting minutes were approved with the correction of Item #5, showing approval by the Council's vote of Mayor Wilson's appointments. Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, .

ITEM # 4 – On a motion by Jim White and a second by David Watkins it was unanimously approved the paying of July, 2010 City General and Utility bills. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

ITEM # 5 – Citizen Input: None.

ITEM # 14 – In consideration of Jackie Rodger's time, Mayor Wilson moved agenda item # 14 to this position at which time Ms. Rodgers showed proposed drawings of the city hall building renovations without the police department in it and the fire house renovations as the police department.

Candace Connell presented a proposed project schedule for the police station and city hall renovations.

ITEM # 6 – **Proposed Ordinance # 10-984 – Procedure to Disclose Potential Conflicts of Interest** 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 Rodney Edwards and a second by Margaret Roberts the ordinance passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

ITEM # 7 – **Proposed Ordinance # 10-985 – Vacating the E-W running alley in Block 57 of Paces Addition** 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 Don Moore the ordinance passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

ITEM # 8 – **Proposed Ordinance # 10-986 – To enter into the Safe Routes to School Program Agreement** 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 Don Moore the ordinance passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

ITEM # 9 – Proposed Ordinance # 10-987 – To Increase reimbursement of cost for arrest 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 ordinance passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

ITEM # 10 – Proposed Ordinance # 10-988 – To include I-44 speed 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 Donald Moore the ordinance passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

ITEM # 11 Proposed Ordinance # 10-989 – Amending St. James Code of Ordinances to include Pawnbroker/Pawnshops 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 Rodney Edwards and a second by David Watkins the ordinance passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

ITEM # 12 – On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by David Cottingham the St. James Historic Depot rental agreement form was approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

ITEM # 13 – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Don Poskin the renewal of the City of St. James Historic City Hall Lease Agreement with St. James Chamber of Commerce was approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

ITEM # 15 – On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Don Moore the renewal of the Golden Age Center Lease Agreement was approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

ITEM # 16 – On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Margaret Roberts it was unanimously approved the amending of the City's agreement with Larking Group for the New Municipal Aquatic Facility and Renovation of Associated Bath House to include materials testing during Phase III- Construction Administration and Part D – Payment to Engineer for services rendered not to exceed the amount of \$7,500.00. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

ITEM # 17 – On a motion by Jim White and a second by David Cottingham, out of four bids submitted, the low bid from Fletcher Rinehart for the Industrial Park street lighting was approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

ITEM # 18 – Candace Connell reported the transportation section of the Comprehensive Plan is coming up soon, and several grant applications are pending.

ITEM # 19 - Committee Reports:

Margaret Roberts thanked the police department for their assistance and being sensitive to people during the school bus disaster this week.

Rodney Edwards reported the dug outs at the park now have new roofing, Pepsi donated \$4,000 towards a scoreboard at the park, progress has been made at the pool and pool house and the park board is working on getting playground equipment at the park.

Jim White recommended the City assist the Tri County Humane Society with their medical and veterinarian bills from July through December 2010.

On a motion by Jim White and a second by Margaret Roberts it was unanimously approved to help Tri County Humane Society by paying no more than \$1,000 a month from City General fund, July through December 2010, towards their veterinarian and medication bills and then review the situation to see if further help is needed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

Don Moore reported 11,000 tourists have visited the Tourist Information Center since the beginning of the year. He also thanked Danny Scheel for getting the Cruise Ins together at the Tourist Information Center.

David Watkins reported new fenders on recycling wagon and a new sign has been placed on the Sanitation building.

Danielle Verkamp reported many positive remarks regarding the cleanup of the drainage ditches.

ITEM # 20 – Mayor’s Comments:

- We have reviewed the draft copies of our 2009/2010 audit and should have originals by Sept. council meeting at which time the PILOT can be discussed. The intention is to use any overage, if any, to go towards storm water control if possible.
- Missouri Public Service Commission time line.
- FERC – Mo gas pipe line – the natural gas transportation cost will be cheaper.
- A special meeting will be scheduled this month for the RE tax rate as soon as we receive the Pro Forma back from the State.
- He has received many compliments of our town and condolences from e-mails and the press during this week of tragedy.

ITEM # 22 – Adjournment on a motion by David Watkins and a second by Don Moore.

Mayor – Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

City Clerk

JULY 2010 BILLS & SALARIES		DEPOSITED IN GEN FUND	
GENERAL	\$ 12,246.56	RE TAX/BLDG PERMIT/MISC	\$ 1,849.95
POLICE	\$ 45,405.28	CABLE TV FRANCHISE	\$ 4,596.64
COMMUNITY DEV.	\$ 5,082.99	SALES TAX	\$ 43,297.85
ENGINEER	\$ 3,446.87	INTEREST	\$ 762.11
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 6,119.08	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 7,050.00
SANITATION	\$ 32,003.38	SANITATION	\$ 23,593.16
STREET	\$ 19,202.04	GAS TAX/PERMITS	\$ 12,318.69
TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 15,295.70	TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 21,649.13
TIC	\$ 3,717.01	TIC	\$ 6,867.28
PARK	\$ 4,917.26	PARKS	\$ 211.34
SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 9,618.42	SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 2,519.29
SWIMMING POOL	\$ 225,985.63	SWIMMING POOL	\$ 21,318.00
UT TO REIMB	\$ (2,088.52)	UT PILOT	\$ 21,121.24
TOTAL	\$ 380,951.70		\$ 167,154.68