

NOVEMBER 01, 2010

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

ITEM # 1 - Mayor Dennis Wilson called the meeting to order with councilpersons, Jim White, David Watkins, Danielle Verkamp, Margaret Roberts, Don Poskin and David Cottingham present for the meeting. Also present for the meeting were employees Candace Connell, Police Chief Anderson, Mark Davis, John Edgar, J.R. Marcus, City Clerk Woolsey, and Leader Journal's Kathleen Meyer, Saint James Press' Chris Daniels, Kelly Beets with MIRMA, Jack Kearbey for the Park Board, Lions Club president Rich Hashagen and several of the club's members and Nathan Howard with WM Financial.

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

ITEM # 3 – Kelly Beets, MIRMA's Senior Loss Control Consultant, presented Police Chief Anderson with a risk management achievement award worth \$12,681.00 in grant money for new police equipment.

ITEM # 4 - On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by David Watkins the October 04, 2010 Public Hearing and Regular Council minutes and the October 25, 2010 Special council meeting minutes were approved as written. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-absent, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham - aye .

ITEM # 5 – On a motion by Jim White and a second by David Cottingham the paying of October 2010 City General, listed below, and the Utility General bills, in the amount of \$85,556.84, were unanimously approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-absent, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham - aye .

ITEM # 6 – Citizen Input:

- Lions Club President Rich Hashagen and other Lions Club members were present to report on projects they would like to do in the community such as assisting a needy family, erect railings at the depot and a welcome sign at the Tourist Information Center.
- Larry Garner expressed his concerns regarding the un-kept house at 215 W. Springfield next door to his rental house.

ITEM # 7 – Nathan Howard with WM Financial Strategies was invited to the Council meeting to explain the need for the City to have a Reserve Policy. He stated the importance of the City getting a good credit rating and the importance of spending the City's reserves down.

Margaret Roberts made a motion to pursue a rating policy with deliberations in December. There was no second. The motion died.

ITEM # 8 – Nate with WM Financial Strategies also reviewed the Bond issuance schedule and discussed the bond rating.

On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Don Poskin the council agreed, with the exception of one opposing vote, to expend 60% of the rating fee of the City fund. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-absent, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-nay Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham - aye .

ITEM # 9 – Park board president Jack Kearbey reported on the accomplishments of the park board and park employees since the committee became active in April 2009. He also thanked the City Council for its support.

ITEM # 10 – **Proposed Ordinance – 10-997 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 October 4th meeting and a second time by title at the November 01, 2010 meeting. On a motion by David Watkins and a second by Danielle Verkamp the proposed ordinance passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-absent, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

ITEM # 11/13 - Proposed Ordinance # 10-998 authorizing the Mayor of St. James, Missouri to execute a contract between the City of St. James and the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission providing for funding through the 2010 Enhancement Grant for the construction of a pedestrian walkway across I-44 overpass to include barricades, signals, crossing islands, barriers, ramps, and construction of sidewalks in the City of St. James 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-absent, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

ITEM # 12/14 - Proposed Ordinance # 10-999 authorizing the Mayor of St. James, Missouri to execute a contract between the City of St. James and the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission providing for funding through the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Grant Program for the construction or reconstruction of sidewalks in the City of St. James 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 David Watkins and a second by Margaret Roberts the proposed ordinance unanimously passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-absent, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

ITEM # 15 – Mark Davis reported on the annual prioritization ranking storm-water/drainage improvements and recommended the highest scoring projects to be completed with the \$36,146 available funds.

On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Jim White projects 2 through 6 recommendations, to complete all projects with \$2,100.00 cash and \$2,700.00 in-kind cost from 2010/2011 Street Department Budget, was approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-absent, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Jim White task work authorization number 7 from C.M. Archer to assist the City of St. James in evaluating the existing storm water drainage issues in the Courtney Street/North Springfield area north of Robinson Creek was approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-absent, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

ITEM # 16 – The Fidelity property discussion was postponed to a later time.

ITEM # 17 – Candace Connell reported an application has been sent for a permit to clean the upper part of Robinson Creek. She also handed out a draft Public Utility Policy for review, a project schedule for the police station and city hall renovations and a pool/pool-house construction funding revenues and expense update.

ITEM # 18 – Committee Reports:

Councilman Watkins had recycle program concerns.

Councilman White reminded us of the budget meeting to be held November 15, 2010 at 6:00 P.M.

Councilwoman Roberts reported 720 police calls have been made in October and 302 dog related calls from January through October 2010.

ITEM # 19 – Mayor's Comments:

- MRPC annual dinner is set for November 9th.
- The sub-station selection committee is Fred Goodwin, Louis Gorman, Jason Brackin, Mike Licklider, Candace Connell, Mark Davis and the Mayor.
- MoDOT is in the process of changing the speed limit and signs for the North and South side of town.

ITEM # 20 – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Danielle Verkamp the meeting went in to closed session pursuant to RsMO 610.021 (3). The vote to close the meeting is as follows: Don Moore-absent, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

There was no action taken in the closed session.

On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by David Watkins the closed session was adjourned and went back to the open session. The vote to close the closed session and return to open session is as follows: Don Moore-absent, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

The meeting adjourned.

 Mayor – Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

 City Clerk

OCTOBER 2010 BILLS & SALARIES

DEPOSITED IN GEN. FUND

GENERAL	\$	18,454.53	RE TAX/BLDG PERMIT/MISC	\$	644.91
POLICE	\$	44,889.55	CABLE TV FRANCHISE	\$	4,556.84
COMMUNITY DEV.	\$	5,959.90	SALES TAX	\$	40,246.90
ENGINEER	\$	2,212.18	INTEREST	\$	380.71
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$	6,702.53	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$	10,096.34
SANITATION	\$	28,176.76	SANITATION	\$	33,866.42
STREET	\$	21,447.63	GAS TAX/PERMITS	\$	10,464.19
TRANS. SALES TAX	\$	10,457.14	TRANS. SALES TAX	\$	20,123.40
TIC	\$	3,095.38	TIC	\$	6,184.65
PARK	\$	2,870.18	PARKS	\$	1,323.89
SUMMER SPORTS	\$	9,432.98	SUMMER SPORTS	\$	477.21
SWIMMING POOL	\$	334,977.71	SWIMMING POOL	\$	31,480.29
UT TO REIMB	\$	(3,056.58)	UT PILOT	\$	36,220.75
TOTAL	\$	485,619.89		\$	196,066.50