

October 15, 2013

St James City Hall

Regular City Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Roll Call

The following Councilmembers were present for the City Council meeting: Mayor Wilson, Councilman Moore, Councilman Garver, Councilman Tonding, Councilman White, Councilman Cahill, Councilwoman Verkamp, Councilwoman Roberts and Councilman Sachs. City Administrator Jeff Davis, City Clerk Sarah Wheeler and Police Chief Ron Jones were also in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM: Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion: Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wilson led the Council in the Pledge.

AGENDA ITEM: Approve Minutes

Vote or To Do: September 9, 2013

A motion was made by Councilman Sachs to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2013 regular meeting. Councilman Tonding seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: September Bills

Vote or To Do: September Bills to be paid

Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Councilwoman Roberts seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Discussion

David Watkins asked to address the council. David mentioned he had noticed a loose dog while working on James Blvd a couple of weeks ago, he had called the Humane Society to take it but they said they were full. David had concerns about the Humane Society not taking animals. Councilwoman Roberts stated that she had been aware of the problem with the Humane Society and that it was best to call the Police Department for loose animals in the future because the Humane Society would not turn away any animals brought in by the police. David also read a statement to the Council concerning allegations made toward him. Administrator Davis apologized and let David know it had been a communication error.

Alexander Petrov requested to speak with the council about owning chickens on his property. Alexander wanted to know the exact reason he was not allowed to have chickens, when dogs were more dangerous. Councilman Cahill mentioned that the ordinance stated "Livestock Prohibited" not just chickens and that it would take redoing the ordinance in order to allow chickens. He reiterated to Alexander that if he would like to see if brought back up he would need to take the proper steps and talk with the Councilman in his ward first.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 13-1047

An ordinance allowing for a handicap parking space on E. Springfield Road.

Discussion: Ordinance No. 13-1047

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 13-1047 aloud for the first reading. Jeff explained to the Council that a physical therapist had moved into 117 E. Springfield and had requested a handicap parking space for her clients. Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 13-1047 for the second and final reading.

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Moore made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 13-1047. Councilwoman Roberts seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 13-1048

An ordinance allowing the City of St. James to take control of the St. James Cemetery from the James Foundation.

Discussion: Ordinance No. 13-1048

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 13-1048 aloud for the first reading. Jeff explained to the Council that they were still working on some final steps in taking over the cemetery; however, he expected it to be finalized in the next two to three weeks. Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 13-1048 for the second and final reading.

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 13-1048. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Mayor’s Appointments

Discussion: Mayor’s Appointments

Mayor Wilson stated he would like to appoint Melissa Keeney to the Library Board and Louis Gorman to the Cemetery Board. Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to accept the mayor’s appointments. Councilman Tonding seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: City Administrator Report

Discussion: City Administrator Report

Administrator Davis mentioned the following items in his report:

- Direct Deposit had been rolled out for all employees.
- The sidewalk project would hopefully be underway again very soon.
- A settlement was being discussed over the MOGAS lawsuit.
- Asphaltting to begin October 28th.

AGENDA ITEM: Mayor’s Report

Discussion: Mayor’s Report

Mayor Wilson mentioned the following items in his report:

- Tri-County Humane Society Issues
- Concerns with Post Office and putting up new mailboxes.
- A new Dollar General Market was going to open in St. James.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

Dennis I Wilson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date