

November 10, 2014
St. James Municipal Center
Regular City Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

The following Councilmembers were present for the City Council meeting: Mayor Wilson, Councilwoman Weatherly, 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.

AGENDA ITEM: Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wilson led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Discussion: Citizen Comments

John McCallister spoke to the council about changing the ordinance for carports to allow carports over the driveway.

Debbie Parton & Quincy Berlin spoke to the council about their concern to change the wording of Rural Residential in the Comprehensive Plan allowing them to have chickens and horses.

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2014 regular meeting. Councilman White seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Bills

Councilman Moore made a motion for the October bills to be paid. Councilman Tonding seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Glade Restoration – Don Walker, Judy Cavendar, Mike Fleischhaurer

Discussion: Glade Restoration

Don Walker, Judy Cavendar and Mike Fleischhaurer spoke to the council about the master naturalist class and how they went about choosing to restore the natural glade in the St. James Park. On November 1st about 30 people met at the park to cut and clear almost 7 acres around the glade area. The naturalists are about preserving, managing, and protecting natural resources of our state; these types of glades are specific to Missouri. The three discussed the definition of a glade, why it was important to restore it, and what types of flowers/plants grow in a glade. When the naturalist class decided to restore the glade, Mike Fleischhaurer helped by putting together a plan of action.

AGENDA ITEM: Health Insurance Renewal - Sheran Ashby

Discussion: Health Insurance Renewal

Sheran Ashby discussed the city health insurance renewal with the council. She let the council know that the current plan had went up 20% for the Non ACA plan, and 99% for the ACA plan. At this time the city is not required to take the ACA plan, therefore it will only be the 20% increase at this time. Sheran also discussed with the council that she had explored other options hoping to find more affordable rates with other companies or plans, however, with the health of the employees most rates were coming back higher.

AGENDA ITEM: Annual Park Report – Jack Kearby

Discussion: Annual Park Report

Park Board President Jack Kearby gave the council a report on projects the park employees had worked on this year. He also discussed with them the Park Boards plans for the future. He mentioned this year the cook shack had been completed, six dances had been put on for middle school kids at the Rec Center and the pool had a very good season. Some of the items discussed for the future was making the ball fields softer, pool repairs, and expanding the pool deck. He also mentioned that the park had decided to hire a part-time employee to work approximately 2 hours a day opening and closing the gates at the park and cemetery to try and cut down on vandalism at both locations.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 14-1062 – MO Gas Settlement

Discussion: Ordinance No. 14-1062

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 14-1062 out loud for the first reading. Jeff told the council that a settlement had been reached and all cities in the lawsuit had agreed to move forward. Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 14-1062 for the second and final reading.

Vote or To Do: Ordinance No. 14-1062

Councilman White made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-1062 as read. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Moore “aye”; Councilman Sachs “no”; Councilman Garver “aye”; Councilwoman Weatherly “aye”; Councilman Huster “aye”; Councilman Tonding “aye”; Councilman White “aye”; Councilman Watkins “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance 14-1063

Discussion: Ordinance No. 14-1063

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 14-1063 for the first reading out loud. Jeff mentioned the park and police had requested a No Parking Ordinance be passed for parking around the ball fields at Nelson Hart Park. Safety issues have come up with kids running around where cars are parked and there is worry someone would get hit. The council discussed several other options such as putting up a gate to block parking and what to do for the fall festival if there is no parking.

Vote or To Do: Ordinance No. 14-1063

After much discussion Councilman White made a motion to table the second reading of the Ordinance until the next meeting. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Watkins “aye”; Councilman White “aye”; Councilman Tonding “aye”; Councilman Moore “aye”; Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Garver “aye”; Councilman Weatherly “aye”; Councilman Huster “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Mayor Comments

Mayor Wilson mentioned the following items to the council: The Veteran's Home BBQ Cook off was a success for the second year in a row and that he had spoken at Ima Jean Avery's memorial service and a donation had been given for a memorial bench to be put in the park.

AGENDA ITEM: Additional Comments

Councilman Watkins brought up the overtime change in the employee handbook and that he felt like it should have come before the Council before any changes or decisions were made.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss Councilman White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Watkins seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted "aye".