

September 9, 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 and Councilman Sachs. City Administrator Jeff Davis, City Clerk Sarah Wheeler was also in attendance, along with Chris Daniels and Jim Brock from the newspapers. Councilwoman Roberts was absent.

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: August 12, 2013 Regular Meeting and August 14, 2013 Special & Closed Meetings

A motion was made by Councilman Sachs to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2013 and August 14, 2013 regular, special and closed meetings. Councilman White seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: August Bills

Vote or To Do: August Bills to be paid

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

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Discussion

Cassie Pritchett from MOCA (Missouri Ozarks Community Action) requested to speak with the Council. Cassie asked permission to raise general awareness of the MOCA organization by writing on sidewalks to help spread the word. She presented the Council with a couple different statements of what would be written and said she would like to do this in areas of high traffic such as by businesses, library and coffee shop. Councilman White and Councilman Cahill asked Cassie to put a more specific plan together and come back to the council for a decision. Mayor Wilson asked Cassie to call and set up a meeting later in the week so they could discuss it further.

Alexander Petrov requested to speak with the council about owning chickens on his property. Alexander mentioned that he currently has been raising chickens and the St. James police stopped by and told him he could not have any per city ordinances. Alexander expressed that he did not see a problem in having them and would like the council to consider changing the ordinances to allow them. Councilman Cahill told Alexander that he would need to start by getting in touch with the Councilmen in his ward and speak with them directly. If they then wanted to bring it back up they could request that it be put on the agenda at a future meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Employee Handbook

Discussion: Employee Handbook

Jeff presented a new personnel policy to the Council for approval.

Vote or To Do: Employee Handbook

Councilman Cahill made a motion to accept the new policy. Councilman White seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: James Lane & Matlock Drive

Discussion: James Lane & Matlock Drive

Jeff requested that the Council accept James Lane as a City Street. This would allow for several necessary changes including paving the street with Transportation Sales Tax money, allowing citizens on that street to put in driveways and allowing the city to make the street no parking on one-side for safety reasons.

Matlock Drive was also discussed. Jeff mentioned that MODOT had requested the City change the name due to confusion for truck drivers. Jeff had spoke with the Matlock family who was against changing the name. Since an original agreement had been made with the Council for naming the street it was decided to leave it as is.

AGENDA ITEM: Mayor's Appointments

Discussion: Mayor's Appointments

Mayor Wilson told the Council he would like to appoint Hope Hunter to the open position on the Library Board and Sam Auxier to the open position on the IDA Board.

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Tonding made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 13-1046

An ordinance amending certain sections of Chapter 7 of the City of St. James Code Book.

Discussion: Ordinance No. 13-1046

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 13-1046 aloud for the first reading. Jeff explained to the Council that the ordinance will add a new \$3 fine to all court costs per a new state statute. The money will be sent directly to a Sheriff's retirement fund. Other sections of the ordinance have been revised or taken out per the Judge and City Attorney's discretion. With no further discussion Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 13-1046 for the second and final reading.

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Garver made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 13-1046. Councilman White seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: City Administrator Report

Discussion: City Administrator Report

Jeff had no new items to report this month other than what had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Mayor's Report

Discussion: Mayor's Report

Mayor Wilson mentioned the following items in his report:

- Passing of Randy Ray
 - Library Fundraiser coming up
 - Ward 2 trees in bad shape. Forestry Board looking into fixing.
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AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn to Closed Session

Vote or To Do: Adjourn to Closed Session

With no further business to discuss in open meeting Councilman Moore made a motion to go into closed session to discuss litigation issues as allowed under RSMO 1988, Chapter 610.021. Councilman White seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

Councilman White made a motion to come back into open session. Councilwoman Verkamp seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted "aye".

The sidewalks in town were briefly discussed and ideas on how to fix them.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Verkamp seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

Dennis I Wilson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date