

**May 12, 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, Councilman Garver, Councilman White, Councilman Cahill, Councilman Sachs, Councilman Tonding, Councilwoman Weatherly, Councilman Moore and Councilman Watkins. City Administrator Jeff Davis and City Clerk Sarah Wheeler were also in attendance.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Pledge**

Mayor Wilson led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments**

**Discussion: New Discussion Item**

Jason Chipman, republican candidate for state representative, introduced himself to the council and citizens attending the meeting. He told a little about himself and handed out a flyer.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Approve Minutes**

**Vote or To Do: Alan**

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2014 meeting. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

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**AGENDA ITEM: Approve Bills**

**Vote or To Do: Lowell**

Councilman Tonding made a motion to approve the April bills to be paid. Councilman White seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

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**AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 14-1057**

An ordinance establishing the rates for 60 hertz electrical energy services furnished by the city, replacing previous ordinances.

**Discussion: New Discussion Item**

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 14-1057 aloud for the first reading. Jeff explained to the council the need for the increase so that the city could continue to afford the debt service payment for the substation. The council asked several questions: How was the 3% rate determined? Did the Utility Board recommend the increase? Is 3% going to be enough to cover the deficit? Jeff answered all questions of the council explaining that 3% will take care of the loss at this point, the city may have to look at increasing it again over the next year depending where the numbers are after the next audit.

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 14-1057 for the second and final reading.

**Vote or To Do: New Vote Item**

Councilman Moore made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-1057 to increase electric rates. Councilman White seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilwoman Weatherly "aye"; Councilman Garver "aye"; Councilman Cahill "aye"; Councilman Sachs "aye"; Councilman Moore "aye"; Councilman Tonding "aye"; Councilman White "aye"; Councilman Watkins "no". The ordinance passed as read.

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## **AGENDA ITEM: Library Board Presentation**

### **Discussion: New Discussion Item**

Lynn Wilson member of Friends of the Library made a short speech to the Council and citizens of the importance of the Library.

Mitch Weatherly, Library Board President made a presentation asking the Council to approve an ordinance that would allow the library to place, on the August ballot, a property tax increase to be voted on by the public. Melissa Keeney, Deb Parton, Linda Ray, Nikki Moen and several others were all present representing the library.

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## **AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 14-1058**

An ordinance providing for the imposition of a tax of thirty cents for each one hundred dollars of taxable property for the purpose of funding the City of St. James, Missouri, public library, and calling an election on such tax to be held on August 5, 2014.

### **Vote or To Do: New Vote Item**

Councilman Moore made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 14-1058 calling for an election on August 5, 2014 for the imposition of a tax for the purpose of funding the St. James Library. Councilman White seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the voting was as follows: Councilman White “aye”; Councilman Moore “aye”; Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Garver “aye”; Councilwoman Weatherly “abstain”; Councilman Tonding “aye”; Councilman Cahill “aye”; Councilman Watkins “aye”. The ordinance was passed as read.

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## **AGENDA ITEM: Police Board Appointments**

### **Discussion: Police Board Appointments**

Mayor Wilson told the Council that he would like to appoint Alan Sachs, Carol Weatherly, Don Moore & Dale Garver to the Police Board.

### **Vote or To Do: Police Board**

Councilman White made a motion to approve the Mayor’s appointments. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

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## **AGENDA ITEM: Mayor's Appointments**

Appoint new members for open spots on all Boards, Committees and Commissions

### **Discussion: Mayor’s Appointments – Boards, Committees and Commissions**

Mayor Wilson gave the Council a list of everyone he would like to reappoint or newly appoint to open spots on various boards.

### **Vote or To Do: Mayor’s Appointments – Boards, Committees and Commissions**

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the Mayor’s appointments. Councilman Tonding seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

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## **AGENDA ITEM: City Administrator Comments**

### **Discussion: City Administrator Comments**

Jeff mentioned the list of state bills he had included in the packet for the month. Included are bills with issues that will effect municipal governments. He let the council know that he would start including these as he received them from the MML. He will try to bring up the bills of most importance and that may need the council to call the state representative to show their support for or against it.

Jeff also mentioned the Newly Elected Officials training hosted by MML June 12-13 in Columbia, MO. He encouraged anyone wanting to go to let Sarah know and she would get them registered.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Mayor's Comments**

**Discussion: Mayors Comments**

Mayor Wilson mentioned the All School Reunion that will be held on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> and the BBQ competition at the Veteran's Home. Lastly he let everyone know that Daryl James was in critical care in St. Louis and to please keep him in your thoughts.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn**

**Vote or To Do: New Vote Item**

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

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Dennis I. Wilson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

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