

AUGUST 01, 2011

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

ITEM # 1 – Mayor Dennis Wilson called the meeting to order with councilpersons, David Watkins, Danielle Verkamp, Don Moore, Don Poskin, Margaret Roberts, Rodney Edwards, Bryan Lambeth and Wendy Chitwood present for the meeting. Also present for the meeting were employees Candace Connell, John Edgar, Mike Licklider, Chief Anderson, City Clerk Woolsey, citizens Debbie Parton, Peggy Trolinder, Reagan Wilson and Leader Journal’s representative and Saint James Press’ Chris Daniels.

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

ITEM # 3 – On a motion by David Watkins and a second by Danielle Verkamp the July 05, 2011 Regular Council minutes were approved as written. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

ITEM # 4 – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Wendy Chitwood the July 2011 City General fund bills, listed below, and the Utility General bills in the amount of \$753,674.95 were unanimously approved for payment. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

ITEM # 5 – Citizen input:

- Peggy Trolinder, who lives in the county at 26 Jana Lane, had concerns with rain water that runs from within the St. James city limits on to their property and asked for any consideration in re-routing the water if possible.

ITEM # 6 – Jeff Meadows with Archer engineering presented the grant funded water systems improvements report stating the poor interconnection between the northern and southern portions of the water distribution system has led to an imbalance in well pump run times. The city is seeking a means to alleviate the demand on Well # 4 and eliminate dead end lines; provide primary feeder loops; improve system redundancy; and replace portions of the distribution system that have exceeded their design capacity or useful life. The probable project cost to implement needed alternatives is \$2,895,900.

ITEM # 7 – On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Margaret Roberts it was accepted to approve the Utility Boards recommendation in hiring Ric Palmer for one day a week, not to exceed 40 hours a month, regarding certain projects for the Utilities electrical engineering services. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

ITEM # 8 – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Don Poskin it was approved to accept the Utility Board’s recommendation in allowing the change order for clearing and trimming along the electrical distribution lines from Phelps Sub-station to Paker lane sub-station. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

ITEM # 9 – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Donald Poskin the transfer of the matured C.D. # 109228 from Phelps County Bank at .65% to Town and Country banks Premium Gold Account at .80% was unanimously approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

ITEM # 10 – Proposed Ordinance # 11-1009 – regarding procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest was posted, given to the City Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Margaret Roberts the proposed ordinance passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

ITEM # 11 – Proposed Ordinance # 11-1010 – Approving an application for Federal Assistance under the Delta Regional Authority Grant Program to promote economic development in the St. James Industrial Park through the development of a roadway to serve existing and future employers located in the Industrial Park and authorizing the mayor to execute was posted, given to the City 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 Don Moore the proposed ordinance passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

ITEM # 12 - Proposed Resolution # 11-198- Authorizing the mayor to apply for funding from the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District for the purchase of a compactor truck for cardboard recycling collection and for the purchase of a curbside recycling trailer was given to the City Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read once by title at the meeting. On a motion by David Watkins and a second by Danielle Verkamp the proposed Resolution passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

ITEM # 13 – The request from the St. James Fire Protection District asking to be included on the City's health insurance program was postponed until a later time. No action taken.

ITEM # 14 - On a motion by David Watkins and a second by Margaret Roberts the following various board appointments were approved with one abstaining vote as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-abstain, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

Board of Adjustment: Alan Sachs – Tonya Huskey – Jim Burns – Tracy Spencer.
Tourism Tax Commission - Debbie Parton
Park Board - Kathleen Nahm
Sanitation Appeals Board – Frey Marlow – Reagan Wilson – Kirk Alexander.

ITEM # 15 – On a motion by David Watkins and a second by Don Poskin, upon the recommendation of the Utility Board, it was unanimously approved to enter into contract for professional services to perform North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) Registry Compliance Assessments and resulting activities with GDS Associates, Inc. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

ITEM # 16 – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Wendy Chitwood a Public Hearing and Special Council meeting to fix the rate to be levied for tax purposes was approved to held at 5:05 P.M. on August 25, 2011. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

ITEM # 17 – Mayor Wilson appointed Margaret Roberts, Danielle Verkamp, Mark Davis and Jim Anderson to a committee in assisting the Tri-County Humane Society by coming up with solutions for issues there.

ITEM # 18 – Candace reported the waste water system videoing will begin from the Treatment Plant going to the Industrial Park, storm water improvement plans for the north end of Amanda and Benjamin streets have begun and the reserve policy meetings are scheduled for August 3rd and 26th and the building committee will meet August 11 and 24th.

ITEM # 19 – Mayor Wilson reported school will resume soon so be cautious of children; there were many activities in town this last week-end; nuisance letters are being sent out and compliments were received from a citizen regarding the good job employee Richard Shuey did mowing on Parker Lane.

ITEM # 20 – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Don Moore, pursuant to 610.021 (1), the City Council went into closed session. The vote to go into closed session is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

Mayor Wilson opened the closed session on a motion by Don Poskin and a second by David Watkins. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

During the closed session a discussion regarding a fight at the Nelson Hart park on T-ball night where a gun was pulled amongst several children and pointed at another person causing the need to call the police in which an officer arrived and handled the situation but no ticket was issued.

On a vote by Rodney Edwards and a second by Don Moore the Council agreed, with one opposing vote, that a ticket should still be issued regarding the gun. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-opposed, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

On a motion by Don Moore and a second by Don Poskin the Closed Session reconvened to Open Session. The vote to go back to open session is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

ITEM # 21 On a motion by Don Poskin and a second by Don Moore the meeting adjourned.

 Mayor – Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

 City Clerk

JULY 2011 BILLS & SALARIES

DEPOSITED IN GEN. FUND

GENERAL	\$	16,171.92	RE TAX/BLDG		
POLICE	\$	38,209.48	PERMIT/MISC	\$	1,450.68
COMMUNITY DEV.	\$	5,139.07	CABLE TV FRANCHISE	\$	4,851.83
CODES ADMIN	\$	1,421.34	SALES TAX	\$	51,551.15
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$	7,763.85	INTEREST	\$	439.85
SANITATION	\$	32,335.69	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$	11,309.00
STREET	\$	22,398.12	SANITATION	\$	36,433.61
TRANS. SALES TAX	\$	21,442.39	GAS TAX/PERMITS	\$	12,171.20
TIC	\$	6,644.72	TRANS. SALES TAX	\$	25,775.48
PARK	\$	2,663.24	TIC	\$	5,958.65
SUMMER SPORTS	\$	8,873.99	PARKS	\$	458.33
SWIMMING POOL	\$	42,972.78	SUMMER SPORTS	\$	11,429.95
UT TO REIMB	\$	(3,206.54)	SWIMMING POOL	\$	53,556.46
DEPOT	\$	182.85	UT PILOT	\$	32,019.95
			DEPOT	\$	25.00
TOTAL	\$	203,012.90		\$	247,431.14