

SEPTEMBER 07, 2010

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

**ITEM # 1** - Mayor Dennis Wilson called the meeting to order with councilpersons, Don Moore, Jim White, David Watkins, Danielle Verkamp, Margaret Roberts, Rodney Edwards, David Cottingham and Don Poskin present for the meeting. Also present for the meeting were employees Candace Connell, Police Chief Anderson, Mike Licklider, John Edgar, Mark Davis and Leader Journal's Kathleen Meyer, Saint James Press' Chris Daniels and Citizen Jesse Singleton.

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

**ITEM # 3** – Mayor Wilson made the presentation of First Responder Plaques to the St. James Ambulance District, accepted by Brian Lambeth and City of St. James Police Dept., accepted by Police Chief Jim Anderson.

**ITEM # 4** - On a motion by Don Poskin and a second by Margaret Roberts the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting Minutes and August 26, 2010 Special Tax Rate Hearing and Special Council Meeting Minutes were approved. Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham - aye .

**ITEM # 5** – On a motion by Jim White and a second by Don Moore the paying of August, 2010 City General and Utility bills were unanimously approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

**ITEM # 6** – Citizen Input: Jessie Singleton expressed his appreciation to the utility and street departments for their assistance at his home on Terry Lane.

**ITEM # 7** – **Proposed Ordinance (TABLED) Establishing the prohibition of the discontinuance of gas and electric utility service during hot weather periods** was posted and given to the Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read once by title at the meeting. On a motion by Jim White and a second by Danielle Verkamp the proposed ordinance was tabled because cities are not under state law to offer this. The vote to table is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

**ITEM # 8** – **Proposed Ordinance (TABLED) Establishing the prohibition of the discontinuance of gas and electric utility service during cold weather periods** was posted and given to the Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read once by title at the meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Danielle Verkamp the proposed ordinance was tabled because cities are not under state law to offer this. The vote to table is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

**ITEM # 9** – Candace Connell gave an over view of Phelps Substation Position Statement and MoPSC Discovery Hearings Schedule.

**ITEM # 10** – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Don Moore the Request for Qualifications for Engineering and Architectural Design and Inspection for the construction and renovation of the St. James City Hall building and the building currently housing the St. James Fire District to serve as the St. James Police Station was unanimously approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

**ITEM # 11** - Mark Davis reported on the “Prioritization Ranking for Storm water/Drainage Improvement” form and suggested that the Council consider the PILOT overage, in excess of \$400,000, be set aside to fund storm water projects.

**ITEM # 12** – Mayor Wilson highlighted net assets, revenues and expenses from 2009/2010 audit report.

**ITEM # 13 – Candace Connell reported:**

- Distributed transportation section of Comprehensive Plan.
- Pool construction project has approx. \$10,000 in change order deductions for August. – Pool house.
- She is working on another Enhancement grant application for sidewalk replacement.
- Missouri Partnership project staff visited St. James on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Candace has been asked to serve on the Statewide Planning team for economic development – Governor’s Strategic Initiative for Economic Growth.

**ITEM # 14 - Committee Reports:**

Margaret Roberts reported the police department is ready to purchase some new equipment and they had 396 calls in August.

Rodney Edwards reported R.V. Ellis completed the renovation on the entry and bathroom floors at the Community Hall building; expressed concerns regarding moving the municipal court to community hall; beginning of pool planning regarding operations and staffing; Grape and Fall Festival the 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> ; and soccer starts this week. He also mentioned the park board has spent \$18,000 toward the upgrade of the Golden Age Center building and felt the \$300 check received monthly from them should be deposited in the Community Park budget rather than the utilities dept.

On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by David Watkins the \$300.00 monthly check received from the Golden Age Center will be placed in the Community Park Budget. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Donald Poskin – aye, David Cottingham – aye.

Jim White stated a budget meeting will be scheduled and announced in October to be held in November.

Don Moore reported 50 cars were exhibited at the St. James Cruise In at the Tourist Information Center on August 28<sup>th</sup> ; Dinner on the Green will resume; the City is assisting with landscaping at the Tourist Center.

David Watkins reported the Sanitation Committee will meet in the near future to discuss possible sanitation pickup rate increases. There has been no increase for twelve years.

Don Poskin commended the Chamber of Commerce for its community activities. He also complimented the city crews and department personnel for their support of the activities..

**ITEM # 15 – Mayor’s Comments:**

- MPUA 3,000 plus rebate
- Discussed the possibility of building a gazebo/band shell downtown for use throughout the year.
- Possible need to increase municipal court charges because of the charges from the county for prisoner board. The court charges the individual but it is usually not collectable.
- He and David Watkins will be attending the MML conference in St. Charles, MO.

**ITEM # 16 – Adjournment on a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by David Watkins.**

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Mayor – Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

AUG. 2010 BILLS & SALARIES

DEPOSITED IN GEN FUND

GENERAL	\$ 16,897.24	RE TAX/BLDG	
POLICE	\$ 32,916.85	PERMIT/MISC	\$ 1,891.41
COMMUNITY DEV.	\$ 4,295.63	CABLE TV FRANCHISE	\$ -
ENGINEER	\$ 2,651.20	SALES TAX	\$ 30,328.19
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 7,183.06	INTEREST	\$ 841.14
SANITATION	\$ 30,478.11	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 7,522.50
STREET	\$ 22,913.44	SANITATION	\$ 31,629.76
TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 71,258.79	GAS TAX/PERMITS	\$ 12,230.37
TIC	\$ 4,156.88	TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 15,164.22
PARK	\$ 2,717.63	TIC	\$ 4,257.21
SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 8,656.07	PARKS	\$ 985.05
SWIMMING POOL	\$ 278,432.84	SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 6,703.35
UT TO REIMB	\$ (10,625.59)	SWIMMING POOL	\$ 14,843.81
		UT PILOT	\$ 32,008.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 471,932.15</b>		<b>\$ 158,405.38</b>