

JANUARY 05, 2010
(Tuesday)

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

ITEM # 1 - Mayor Dennis Wilson called the meeting to order with councilpersons, Don Moore, Jim White, Rodney Edwards, David Watkins, Danielle Verkamp, Richard Woolsey, and Margaret Roberts present for the meeting. Also present for the meeting the City Clerk, Mike Licklider, John Edgar, Jim Anderson, Sheran Ashby, Dan Fuhrmann and other citizens, Leader Journal's Kathleen Meyer, and Saint James Press Chris Daniels.

ITEM # 2 – Boy Scout Adler Davidson, working on a Communications Merit Badge, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 – On a motion by Don Moore and a second by David Watkins the December 07, 2009 Regular Council minutes were approved as written. Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter-absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 4 – On a motion by Jim White and a second by Margaret Roberts it was unanimously approved the paying of the December 2009 bills. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 5 – Citizen Input: None

ITEM # 6 – Mayor Wilson introduced Dan Fuhrmann who gave a presentation regarding mountain bike trails and requested the Mayor and Council give consideration to the use of City Property on the South East side of town for a mountain bike trail to complement the hiking and biking path already there.

On a motion by Don Moore and a second by Margaret Roberts it was unanimously approved to gather more information and support the project. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 7 – Sheran Ashby, our Agent of Record, reported the City's employee health insurance renewal premium increased 23.5 %. After speaking with the majority of employees and the Insurance Committee Chairman, Councilman Richard Woolsey, she recommended going with an option which would increase the premium 11% and allowing the employee to "Buy Up" or pay the difference in premium cost if they want to keep the current plan.

On a motion by Richard Woolsey and a second by Margaret Roberts it was unanimously approved for the City to go with the \$3,000 out of pocket Co-pay plan with the city paying the second \$2,000 after the employee pays the first \$1,000 Co-pay for In-Network charges only and/or allowing the employee to Buy Up with the current \$1,000 Co-pay plan, by paying the difference in premium. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

On a motion by Richard Woolsey and a second by Margaret Roberts it was approved for Sheran Ashby to set up a HRA to process the health bills, after the first \$1,000 dollar co-pay has been paid by the employee, to pay directly to the health care providers for the next \$2,000 co-pay. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye. (The employee will take their EOB's and bills directly to Sheran for processing and she will send the City a statement for the expenses when processed.)

ITEM # 8 – On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Margaret Roberts the updated Personnel Policy Handbook, given to the Council at the December meeting for review, 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, Aaron Hunter – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

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ITEM # 9 – Proposed Ordinance # 09-969 – regarding utility customers and services rates was given to the City Council prior to the meeting, posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. It passed on a motion by David Watkins and a second by Rodney Edwards. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 10 - Proposed Ordinance # 09-970 – agreeing to requirements of the James Foundation as conditions for conveyance of a portion of the St. James Park for the operation of the Municipal Swimming Pool was given to the City Council prior to the meeting, posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. It passed on a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Margaret Roberts. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 11 – Proposed Ordinance # 09-971 – repealing the no parking on the East side of Jefferson St. between Hardy & Scioto was given to the City Council prior to the meeting, posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. It passed on a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Margaret Roberts. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 12 – Proposed Ordinance # 09-972 – repealing the no parking on Hardy Street from Seymour to Jefferson St. was given to the City Council prior to the meeting, posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. It passed on a motion by Don Moore and a second by Margaret Roberts. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 13 – Proposed Ordinance # 09-973 – allowing for two 30 minute parking spaces on the South side of E. Scioto St. across from the school’s administrative office was given to the City Council prior to the meeting, posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. It passed on a motion by Don Moore and a second by Jim White. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 14 – Proposed Ordinance # 09-974 – establishing a board member reappointment policy and leadership structure for the St. James EEZ Board was given to the City Council prior to the meeting, posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. It passed on a motion by Jim White and a second by Margaret Roberts. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 15 – Proposed Ordinance # 09-975 – establishing an incentives matrix for reducing the real estate tax on eligible projects within the designated Enterprise Zone was given to the City Council prior to the meeting, posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting and read twice by title at the meeting. It passed on a motion by Jim White and a second by Don Moore. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 16 – On a motion by Don Moore and a second by Rodney Edwards the Mayor’s appointment of the City Clerk and Utility Office Manager as purchasing agents for the City to comply with Section 2-13 of the City Code 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, Aaron Hunter – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 17 – On a motion by Jim White and a second by Don Moore the Mayor’s appointment of the Codes Administrator as the City Building Inspector, to comply with Section 2-13 of the City Code, 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, Aaron Hunter – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 18 – Candace Connell reporting on the sidewalk project stated Don Maggi has 120 days to complete the project. She also gave a short summary on the pool project, sub-station financial advisor and comprehensive plan.

ITEM # 19 - Committee Reports: All departments are reportedly doing well.

ITEM # 20 – Mayor Wilson commented on:

- The trailer park on James Blvd. has a For Sale sign posted.
- Cole Co. Court ruled in favor of I-44 Cities regarding the Mo. Gas Commission.
- Sewer line to the treatment plant was broken by the property owner and a temporary correction has been made.
- 2010/2011 Budget Committee meeting will be held at 5:00 P.M. prior to the March 01, 2010 regularly scheduled Council meeting.

ITEM # 22 – On a motion by David Watkins and a second by Don Moore the meet adjourned.

Mayor – Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

City Clerk

DECEMBER 2009 BILLS & SALARIES		DEPOSITED IN GEN FUND	
GENERAL	\$ 10,182.02	RE TAX/BLDG PERMIT/MISC	\$ 31,814.05
POLICE	\$ 38,134.97	CABLE TV FRANCHISE	\$ -
COMMUNITY DEV.	\$ 4,049.42	SALES TAX	\$ 47,614.97
ENGINEER	\$ 1,201.00	INTEREST	\$ 109.42
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 4,309.45	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 5,067.50
SANITATION	\$ 28,325.90	SANITATION	\$ 31,217.18
STREET	\$ 22,532.87	GAS TAX/PERMITS	\$ 11,750.29
TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 1,464.00	TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 23,807.43
TIC	\$ 3,409.37	TIC	\$ 1,987.72
PARK	\$ 1,314.05	PARKS	\$ 5,334.43
SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 8,515.91	SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 311.30
UT TO REIMB	\$ (1,761.72)	UT PILOT	\$ 39,249.85
TOTAL	\$ 121,677.24		\$ 198,264.14