

APRIL 2, 2012

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

ITEM # 1 – Mayor Dennis Wilson called the meeting to order with councilpersons, Danielle Verkamp, Don Poskin, Don Moore, David Watkins, Margaret Roberts, Alan Sachs and Bryan Lambeth were present for the meeting.

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

ITEMS #3 – Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2012 and March 19, 2012 meetings. Councilman Poskins seconded the motion. All councilmember's voted "aye".

ITEM #4 – Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve the March bills to be paid. Councilwoman Roberts seconded the motion. All councilmember's voted "aye".

ITEM #5 – Citizen Input – Susan Bales spoke to the Council concerning the project in her neighborhood and told the council she felt she was being treated very rudely.

ITEM #6 – Mayor Wilson asked for a motion to appoint Jeff Davis as the new City Administrator. Councilwoman Roberts made a motion, Councilman Poskin seconded the motion. Upon vote, Councilman Lambeth voted "aye"; Councilman Sachs voted "aye"; Councilwoman Roberts voted "aye"; Councilman Moore voted "aye"; Councilman Watkins voted "no"; Councilman Poskin voted "aye"; Councilwoman Verkamp voted "aye".

ITEM #7 – Ordinance No. 12-1023 setting the salary for the City Administrator was read aloud by Clerk Wheeler for the first reading. Mayor Wilson explained to the council the range of the salary. Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 12-1023 for the second and final reading. Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 12-1023, Councilman Poskin seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilwoman Verkamp "aye"; Councilman Poskin "aye"; Councilman Watkins "aye"; Councilman Moore "aye"; Councilwoman Roberts "aye"; Councilman Sachs "aye"; Councilman Lambeth "aye". Ordinance No. 12-1023 was approved and passed as read.

ITEM #8 – Ordinance No. 12-1024 requiring residency for the City Administrator was read aloud for the first reading by Clerk Wheeler. Mayor Wilson explained the ordinance to the council. Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 12-1024 for the second and final reading. Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 12-1024. Councilman Poskin seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilwoman Verkamp "aye"; Councilman Poskin "aye"; Councilman Watkins "aye"; Councilman Moore "aye"; Councilwoman Roberts "aye"; Councilman Sachs "aye"; Councilman Lambeth "aye". Ordinance No. 12-1024 was approved and passed as read.

ITEM #9 – Clerk Wheeler spoke to the Board about the changes she had made in the 2012/2013 budget and asked the Board if there were any final questions or changes before approving the budget. Councilman Watkins questions the extra revenue in the budget this year. Clerk Wheeler explained that she had taken the past 3 years budgets and averaged them to come up with her numbers for this year.

ITEM #10 – Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 12-212 aloud approving the 2012/2013 budget. Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the budget. Councilwoman Roberts seconded the motion. Upon vote, all council members voted "aye".

ITEM #11 – Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 12-213 approving the purchase of I-pads for paperless packets. Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Lambeth seconded the motion. All councilmember's voted "aye".

ITEM #12 – Mayor Wilson informed the council that bids had been opened for the window and roofing projects on the City Hall and Fire House. Moreland Construction had come in with the lowest bid on the roof and N & S Construction with the lowest bid on the windows. Councilwoman Verkamp made a motion to award the contracts to both Moreland Construction for the roof and N & S Construction for the windows. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All councilmember's voted "aye".

ITEM #13 – Clerk Wheeler read aloud Ordinance No. 12-1025 approving purchase of the new City Hall building for the first reading. Clerk Wheeler read aloud Ordinance No. 12-1025 for the second and final reading. Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 12-1025. Councilwoman Verkamp seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilwoman Verkamp "aye"; Councilman Poskin "aye"; Councilman Watkins "aye"; Councilman

Moore “aye”; Councilwoman Roberts “aye”; Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Lambeth “aye”. Ordinance No. 12-1025 was approved and passed as read.

ITEM #14 – Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 12-1026 to create parking limits at the 100 block of East Washington. Mayor Wilson explained the Ordinance to the Council. There was question on whether or not there would be enough handicapped parking available, to which the Mayor assured there would be. Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 12-1026 for the second and final reading. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 12-1026. Councilwoman Roberts seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilwoman Verkamp “aye”; Councilman Poskin “aye”; Councilman Watkins “aye”; Councilman Moore “aye”; Councilwoman Roberts “aye”; Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Lambeth “aye”. Ordinance No. 12-1026 was approved and passed as read.

ITEM #15 – Mayor Wilson informed the council that the owner of the downtown building adjacent to the alley had come to him with a request to reopen the vacated alley. Mayor Wilson also stated that the Caring Center is still looking for grants for their portion of the alley. He informed the Council that the city could have legal issues since there is a utility line running through and there is still the safety concern which is the original reason the alley was vacated. Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to decline the request to reopen the alley. Councilwoman Verkamp seconded the motion. Councilman Poskin, Councilwoman Roberts and Councilman Sachs all voted “aye”; all other council members their relationship with the Caring Center or the property owner.

ITEM #16 – Ordinance No. 12-1027 calling for a meeting on the third Monday each April following the election was read aloud by Clerk Wheeler. Mayor Wilson explained to the council the finding that per state statute all newly elected officials need to be sworn in by the fourth Tuesday of April. Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 12-1027 for a second and final reading. Councilman Poskins made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 12-1027 as read. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmember’s voted “aye”.

ITEM #17 – Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 12-214 renewing the lease agreement between the St. James R-1 School District and the City of St. James for the “Old Fire House”. Councilwoman Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12-214. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All councilmember’s voted “aye”.

ITEM #18 - Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 12-215 renewing the lease agreement between the Golden Age Center and the City of St. James. Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12-215. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All councilmember’s voted “aye”.

ITEM #19 - Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 12-216 renewing the lease agreement between the St. James Chamber of Commerce and the City of St. James for the Tourist Information Center. Councilman Lambeth made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12-216. Councilman Roberts seconded the motion. All councilmember’s voted “aye”.

ITEM #20 – Mayor Wilson asked the council to approve a contract amendment between the City and Allgeire Martin & Associates. He mentioned that the amendment had already been taken to the Utility Board and they had approved. Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve the amendment in the contract. Councilman Poskin seconded the motion. All councilmember’s voted “aye”.

ITEM #21 – Mayor Wilson asked the council to approve an amendment to the contract with Landis & Gyr to extend the contract time. He also mentioned that the Utility Board had approved this amendment as well. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the amendment. Councilman Roberts seconded the motion. All members voted “aye”.

ITEM #22 – Candace Connell reported on the Public Information Night and reminded the Board of all the projects that the city was currently working on. She mentioned that bids for HVAC and flooring in the City Hall had been put in the paper this week, along with lighting and asphalt bids that would be ready to present to the council in May. The city was all requesting bids for mowing the Industrial Park and a new recycle trailer had been ordered for the Sanitation department.

ITEM #23 – Mayor Wilson briefly mentioned that he had attended a meeting to keep encouraging growth around Ft. Leonardwood. He mentioned that the building owner for the downtown building was currently having an engineer look at to see if it needed to be demolished or could be saved, and that citizens will be able to get their personal belongings out.

ITEM #24 – With no further business to discuss, Councilman Moore made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All councilmember’s voted “aye”.

Mayor, Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Sarah Wheeler