

FEBRUARY 01, 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, Rodney Edwards, David Watkins, Danielle Verkamp, Richard Woolsey, Aaron Hunter and Margaret Roberts present for the meeting. Also present for the meeting were the City Clerk, Mike Lickliger, police chief Jim Anderson, Candace Connell, Jamie Hunt, Sharon and Bob Wilson, Dan Fuhrmann, Tonya Huskey, Leader Journal's Kathleen Meyer, and Saint James Press Chris Daniels.

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

ITEM # 3 – On a motion by Don Moore and a second by David Watkins the January 5th, 2010 regular and January 20th, 2010 special council meeting 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-aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 4 – On a motion by Jim White and a second by Margaret Roberts it was unanimously approved the adjusting of the deficit accounts and the paying of the January 2010 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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 5 – Citizen Input: Sharon Wilson, representing the Beautify St. James committee, reported on their activities, expenditures for 2009 and plans for 2010. She asked the Council to consider including them again in the 2010/2011 City budget.

ITEM # 6 – Mayor Wilson introduced Michael Alley, representing Ft. Leonard Wood, who shared how the different people and activities associated with Ft. Wood helps the surrounding area in many different ways.

ITEM # 7 – Proposed Resolution # 10-172 – authorizing a volunteer group and mountain biking organization to clear a path for a mountain bike trail was given to the City Council prior to the meeting and read once by title at the meeting. After an amendment to include a definite location, it passed on a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Danielle Verkamp. 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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 8 – The City of St. James requested proposals for bond counsel in connection with the proposed issuance of general obligation bonds or certificates of participation for the purpose of providing funds for the acquisition of an electrical substation and possibly other improvements to the City's electric system. As a result of the request three firms responded, Gilmore & Bell; Thompson, Coburn; and Cunningham, Vogel & Rost.

On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Rodney Edwards it was unanimously approved to select Gilmore and Bell, who meets the qualifications on lowest and best, to serve as the bond counsel on the substation financing. 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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 9 – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Jim White the Wholesale Distribution Service Agreement, for the purpose of Ameren UE providing Wholesale Distribution Service to the City of St. James, 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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Jim White the Asset Purchase Agreement, amending the word change from St. James Municipal Utilities to City of St. James, where the City of St. James agrees to buy from Ameren UE the Phelps Substation and certain related assets 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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 10 – Mayor Wilson explained the importance of our citizens understanding the need to go with the G.O. Bonds for the purchase of the Phelps Substation. He appointed Fred Goodwin from the Utility Board, Rodney Edwards and Jim White from the City Council and will appoint 2 citizens to form a G.O. Bond Public Relations Committee.

ITEM # 11 – On a motion by Aaron Hunter and a second by Rodney Edwards the low bidder, MRPC, was approved as grant administrator for the CBDB fund project to provide lighting along Industrial Drive (08-ED-03). 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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 12 – Director of Community Development handed out dates for upcoming meetings and project schedules. She also gave a guide line regarding additional Personnel Policy update subjects to be proofed before and finalized in March, 2010.

ITEM # 13 – Committee Reports:

Aaron Hunter reported the street department is getting ready to clean the creek out near the Veteran's Home and is waiting to hear from the insurance co. regarding the burned up bulldozer.

David Watkins would like to check into purchasing the remainder of the trash can lids, approximately \$2,500 worth, needed for the trash cans ordered by Beautify St. James who is buying \$3,000 dollars worth to eliminate shipping and handling.

Don Moore reported the Tourism Tax Commission is working on a plan to improve the appearance and availability of the tourist information center.

Jim White reminded those present of the budget meeting on March 1, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. and recommended the departments start to think of their needs.

Rodney Edwards reported the intent of the Park Board to erect a fence on the south field for girl's soft ball.

Margaret Roberts reported the need for more security & web site control for the police department computers.

On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Aaron Hunter it was unanimously approved to bid out and the purchase of an appropriate computer system for the Police Department at a cost of approximately \$5,500. 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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 14 – Mayor Wilson commented on:

- The MML Conference to be held February 17 & 18 encouraging the Council's attendance.
- Gene Carney's term on the Forestry Board is up and are looking for his replacement.
- E911 issue meeting to be held at the court house on Feb. 11th at 5:30 P.M.
- Feb. 19th the Beautify St. James committee will be providing a luncheon of appreciation for City employees.
- The MoGas Pipeline refund of \$384,068.77 has been received by SJMU.
- Phelps for the Fort meeting is held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at RTC.
- Introduction of Tonya Huskey who is running for Ward # 4 council position.
- Ron Moreland resigned his recently appointed part time position as Codes Enforcement so the second choice person will be contacted to see if he is still interested.

ITEM # 16 – On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Jim White the meeting adjourned.

Mayor – Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

City Clerk

JANUARY 2010 BILLS & SALARIES

DEPOSITED IN GEN FUND

GENERAL	\$ 14,211.22	RE TAX/BLDG	
POLICE	\$ 33,865.84	PERMIT/MISC	\$ 89,841.62
COMMUNITY DEV.	\$ 4,548.54	CABLE TV FRANCHISE	\$ 4,499.59
ENGINEER	\$ 1,810.56	SALES TAX	\$ 36,256.37
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 4,084.12	INTEREST	\$ 459.35
SANITATION	\$ 26,964.67	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 4,227.50
STREET	\$ 28,630.22	SANITATION	\$ 32,178.18
TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ -	GAS TAX/PERMITS	\$ 11,392.60
TIC	\$ 3,557.78	TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 18,085.62
PARK	\$ 367.31	TIC	\$ 2,764.14
SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 7,341.43	PARKS	\$ 550.00
SWIMMING POOL	\$ 7,948.51	SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 382.49
UT TO REIMB	\$ (1,827.70)	SWIMMING POOL	\$ -
		UT PILOT	\$ 33,036.05
TOTAL	\$ 131,502.50		\$ 233,673.51

Cc: Mayor – Watkins- White – Edwards – Roberts – Moore – Hunter – Verkamp - Woolsey