

MARCH 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, and Margaret Roberts present for the meeting. Also present for the meeting were the City Clerk, police chief Jim Anderson, Candace Connell, 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 Margaret Roberts and a second by Danielle Verkamp the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 regular 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 – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**ITEM # 4** – On a motion by Jim White and a second by David Watkins it was unanimously approved the paying of the February, 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 – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**ITEM # 5 – Citizen Input:** None.

**ITEM # 6 – Proposed Ordinance # 10-977 amending Ordinance # 10-970 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 each City Council member prior to the meeting, posted 24 hours in advance and read twice by title at the council meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Rodney Edwards the ordinance passed with one opposing vote. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-nae, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**ITEM # 7 – Proposed Ordinance # 10-978 repealing section 24-42 (c) 2. (a) of the Code of Ordinance regarding refund of customer deposits after 12 & 24 months of no delinquency** was given to each City Council member prior to the meeting, posted 24 hours in advance and read twice by title at the council meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by David Watkins the ordinance passed. 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 # 8 – Proposed Ordinance # 10-979 rescinding \$1,350,000 authority to issue general obligation bond of \$8,075,000 reducing issuance authority to \$6,700,000 if general obligation bond approved by voters** was given to the City Council members prior to the meeting, posted 24 hours in advance and read twice by title at the council meeting. On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Margaret Roberts the ordinance passed. 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 # 9 - Proposed Resolution # 10-173 – endorsing the Phelps County Emergency Dispatch Sales Tax (“Proposition 911”) issue on the April 6, 2010 election** was given to the each City Council member prior to the meeting and read once by title at the meeting. The Resolution passed on a motion by Margaret Roberts 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 Resolution # 10-174** authorizing the Mayor to sign the “Agreement of Contract” with the County of Phelps for City Property Assessment Service at an increased rate was given to each City Council member prior to the meeting and read once by title at the meeting. The Resolution passed on a motion by Margaret Roberts 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 # 11** – Candace Connell handed out a brochure the G.O. Bond Public Relations Committee will be using to help explain to our citizens the importance of going with the G.O. Bonds for the purchase of the Phelps Substation. She also handed out March dates to remember, reported the IDA lighting project is officially underway, and spoke of up coming utility issues to be reported on at a later date.

**ITEM # 12 – Committee Reports:**

David Watkins reported the sanitation department is doing well.

Don Moore reported the need for additional parking at the TIC.

Rodney Edwards reported final bids for a fence on the south field for girl’s soft ball and a plan to replace old score boards.

On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Rodney Edwards it was approved to increase the police department budget enough, approximately \$28,000, to hire an additional officer and to pay a portion of a SRO officer sharing that cost with the school. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-abstain, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-nae, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

**ITEM # 13** – Mayor Wilson reported on the Trout fishing opening day, the Three Squirrels Winery is now open for business and the Rosati Winery building will be available for receptions and other functions.

**ITEM # 15** – On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by David Watkins the meeting adjourned.

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Mayor – Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

FEBRUARY 2010 BILLS & SALARIES

DEPOSITED IN GEN FUND

GENERAL	\$ 12,911.85	RE TAX/BLDG	
POLICE	\$ 50,739.72	PERMIT/MISC	\$ 2,105.39
COMMUNITY DEV.	\$ 4,005.09	CABLE TV FRANCHISE	\$ -
ENGINEER	\$ 1,820.42	SALES TAX	\$ 28,623.71
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 2,585.79	INTEREST	\$ 482.80
SANITATION	\$ 30,317.76	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 6,529.00
STREET	\$ 39,826.29	SANITATION	\$ 31,860.08
TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ -	GAS TAX/PERMITS	\$ 11,372.54
TIC	\$ 3,077.39	TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 14,311.89
PARK	\$ 531.16	TIC	\$ 2,125.61
SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 8,135.96	PARKS	\$ 2,019.34
SWIMMING POOL	\$ 41,958.91	SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 195.68
UT TO REIMB	\$ (1,801.44)	SWIMMING POOL	\$ 2,184.78
		UT PILOT	\$ 51,664.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 194,108.90</b>		<b>\$ 153,474.91</b>