

MARCH 02, 2009

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The St. James City Council met at City Hall on Monday, March 02, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Dennis Wilson Presiding.

Councilmen David Watkins, Jim White, Margaret Roberts, Danielle Verkamp, Richard Woolsey, Rodney Edwards and Don Moore were present for the meeting. Police Chief Kevin Friend, Candace Connell, Street superintendent John Edgar, Kathleen Meyer with the Leader Journal and several citizens were also present for the meeting.

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

ITEM # 3 - The February 02, 2009 regular council minutes, given to each council member prior to the meeting, on a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by David Watkins were approved as written. 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 # 4 – On a motion by Jim White, finance chairman, and a second by Don Moore it was unanimously approved to pay the 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:

- Jo Beth Brady inquired what the “UP” charge on the utility bill is and was concerned with the utility rate increase and how it has affected St. James citizens.

ITEM # 6 – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Jim White it was unanimously approved to award M.R.P.C. the Grant Administration position for CDBG Tacony expansion Industrial Drive lighting project. M.R.P.C.’s bid was \$3.950 and Infra Consulting’s bid was \$6.000. 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 – Phelps County Bank presentation will be on the April 2009 agenda.

ITEM # 8 – Proposed Ordinance # 09-942 amending Ordinance 08-933 establishing a seven member EEZ board to include necessary wording and appointing Jackie Rogers for a two year term was given to the council prior to the council meeting and was read twice by title at the council meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Rodney Edwards it passed unanimously. 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 Ordinance # 09-943 allowing the “Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday” to apply to the local sales taxes of the City of St. James between April 19 and April 25, 2009 was posted 24 hours in advance, given to the council prior to the council meeting and was read twice by title at the council meeting. On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Danielle Verkamp it passed unanimously. 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 # 09-944 amending Section 23-325 (b), “Private Parking Lot” and (d) “Penalty” was posted 24 hours in advance, given to the council prior to the council meeting and was read twice by title at the council meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Danielle Verkamp it passed six in favor, one abstaining and one absent . The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye , Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Jim White-abstain, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – absent, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 11 - Proposed Ordinance # 09-945 amending Chapter 23 Section 23-381 to include “Inoperable Vehicles” definition was posted 24 hours in advance, given to the council prior to the council meeting and was read twice by title at the council meeting. On a motion by David Watkins and a second by Rodney Edwards it passed unanimously. 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 – No action was taken regarding financial options discussion regarding electric upgrade.

ITEM # 13 – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Rodney Edwards it was approved to pursue bonding information with the possibility of placing the repair of the pool on the August ballot allowing the citizens of St. James to be a part of the decision. 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 – Mayor Wilson reported construction on the new rail road crossing will begin the first part of April.

ITEM # 15 – The city council gave approval to pursue, with the approval of BNSF, leasing the old depot to the St. James Community Development Corporation. 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 Jim White it was unanimously approved to allow St. James Director of Tourism to be Ex Officio on the St. James Chamber of Commerce Board.

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 – Mayor Wilson was given the approval to re-appoint eleven members to the TIF Board. Those appointed will be announced at the April 6th , 2009 meeting. 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, director of community development, reported as follows:

- The Enhanced Enterprise Zone application is to be submitted to the State by May 2009.
- She has been appointed to the Transportation Advisory Council.
- She and Larry Wycoff will do a land use/housing survey on every property in St. James.
- The Industrial Park billboard is to be replaced soon.
- A project to revitalize old/unused fueling stations is in the works of which St. James has some to be considered.
- Mayor’s breakfast is scheduled for March 27th at 8:00 A.M.

ITEMS # 19 – Absent.

ITEM # 20 – Committee Reports:

All Departments are reportedly doing well.

Don Moore invited everyone out to the Tourist Information Center to see the upgrades.

Jim White mentioned the March 26th budget committee meeting at 8:30.

Margaret Roberts reported the city will soon be responsible for some of the 911 costs due to the decrease in land line usage income.

ITEM # 21 - MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

1. Support of Lady Tigers.
2. Tour of Missouri meeting in Jefferson City 3 3 09.
3. City sign survey shows many repairs needed.
4. St. Louis Post Dispatch mentioned Maramec Springs trout opening.
5. Discussed utility rate increase stating 44 State of Mo. cities use the PILOT.

On a motion by Don Moore and a second by Margaret Roberts the meeting adjourned.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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FEBRUARY 2009 BILLS AND SALARIES

DEPOSITED IN GENERAL FUND

GENERAL	\$ 10,909.62	RE TAX/BLDG	
POLICE	\$ 31,925.07	PERMIT/MISC	\$ 1,343.34
COMMUNITY DEV.	\$ 4,545.15	CABLE TV FRANCHISE	\$ -
		SALES TAX	\$ 25,914.38
		INTEREST	\$ 215.90
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 4,792.80	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 5,722.00
SANITATION	\$ 33,581.46	SANITATION	\$ 34,204.19
STREET	\$ 25,304.91	GAS TAX/PERMITS	\$ 10,330.97
TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ -	TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 12,957.07
TIC	\$ 6,272.86	TIC	\$ 1,038.77
PARK	\$ 370.54	PARKS	\$ 384.23
SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 8,609.28	SUMMER SPORTS	\$ -
UT TO REIMB	\$ (3,992.03)	UT PILOT	\$ 56,241.90
TOTAL	\$ 122,319.66		\$ 148,352.75

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