

JUNE 06, 2011

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

**ITEM # 1** - Mayor Dennis Wilson called the meeting to order with councilpersons, David Watkins, Danielle Verkamp, Don Moore, Don Poskin, Margaret Roberts, Rodney Edwards, Bryan Lambeth and Wendy Chitwood present for the meeting. Also present for the meeting were employees Candace Connell, John Edgar, Mike Licklider, Mark Davis, Chief Anderson, City Clerk Woolsey, citizens Renee Ridling, Debbie Parton, Jennie Miller, Robert Tessero, Larry Garner, Betty Grotha Leader Journal's Greg Edwards and Saint James Press' Chris Daniels.

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

**ITEM # 3** – On a motion by David Watkins and a second by Margaret Roberts the May 02, 2011 Regular Council minutes were approved as written. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

**ITEM # 4** – Citizen input:

- Larry Garner voiced his concern regarding the un-kept neighboring property at 215 W. Springfield.
- Betty Grotha wanted to know what is being done about the Sweet Gum tree gum balls and the trailer park on W. James Blvd.
- Robert Tessaro officially thanked the City for the concrete pad we installed to display the History Tree Slab at the Tourist Information Center.

**ITEM # 5** – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Danielle Verkamp the May 2011 City General fund bills, listed below, and the Utility General bills in the amount of \$ 429,385.27 were unanimously approved for payment. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

**ITEM # 6** – St. James Chamber of Commerce President Renee Ridling presented a plan regarding the City of St. James and the St. James Chamber of Commerce merging to promote Tourism.

On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Wendy Chitwood, on a two opposing and six in favor vote, it was agreed for the City of St. James to go into a contractual agree with the St. James Chamber of Commerce to merge using the St. James Tourist Information Center as a central location for visitors and community members to go for information for one year and then evaluate to see if the merger benefits the City. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-Nay, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-Nay, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

**ITEM # 7** – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Rodney Edwards the Kiowa Line Builders Parker Industrial Tie Circuit Phase 1 Contract Change Order was unanimously approved. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

**ITEM # 8 – Proposed Resolution # 11-194– regarding the abatement of all utility user fees for the term of the existing lease agreement to expire in May 2012 for the Youth Empowerment Program project at the Old Fire House at 125 Parker Street** was given to the City Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read once by title at the meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Wendy Chitwood the proposed Resolution passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-nay, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

**ITEM # 9 – Proposed Resolution # 11-195– authorizing Mayor Wilson to enter into contract with vendors, suppliers and contractors for sanitary sewer collection system including video inspection and cleaning** was given to the City Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read once by title at the meeting. On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by David Watkins the proposed Resolution passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

**ITEM # 10 – Proposed Resolution # 11-196– in support of the MRPC and its Transportation Advisory Committee's request to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission delays decision on the accepting the proposed “ MoDOT'S BOLDER FIVE-YEAR DIRECTION” plan for 90 days** was given to the City Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read once by title at the meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Wendy Chitwood the proposed Resolution passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle

Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

**ITEM # 11** – The first reading of **Proposed Ordinance** – **to amend Ordinance # 834 prohibiting smoking in public buildings owned and operated by the City of St. James, Missouri to include City owned property** was posted and given to the City Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read once by title at the meeting. No action taken.

**ITEM # 12** – The first reading of **Proposed Ordinance** – **regarding concealed weapons amending sections 18-96 (a) (b) & (c) in Chapter 18, Article XI to include city owned peopert** was posted and given to the City Council 24 hours prior to the meeting and read once by title at the meeting. No action taken.

**ITEM # 13** - On a motion by David Watkins and a second by Margaret Roberts the police department was unanimously approved to destroy ticket #'s 040597814-04597825/040597998-04059800/030281831-030281850/010669553-010669575/030283261-030283275/01066942-010669425/030282620-030282625/030283371-03283375/030282663-030282675/010669265-010669275. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye.

**ITEM # 14** – Candace Connell reported we have authorization to proceed with the Enhancement grant for the overpass and SRTS grant for sidewalks. We are still waiting on the grant for sidewalks from Highway 68 S. to Valley View subdivision. The sub-station completion date is set for October 28, 2011. The pool construction project committee will have their final meeting to include change orders. The PINE LLC building is up in the Industrial Park. The findings from attorney’s regarding the Hancock/PILOT issue turned out favorable for Cities.

**ITEM # 15** – Mayor Wilson reported the Utility Board had toured the Phelps Substation earlier today. Tom Luebbert had videoed the pool grand opening. A special council meeting is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. to discuss options for the City Hall and Fire House renovations. City employee evaluations are ongoing. St. James Historical Society is the owner of record in Crawford County and Phelps County of the Snelson Brinker Cabin but some paper work was not completed some years back so we are not sure where we stand at this point.

On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Rodney Edwards the Mayor’s Council Committee Assignments were approved on a seven in favor and one opposing vote. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-aye, Bryan Lambeth-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Don Poskin – aye, Wendy Chitwood - aye. (See attached.)

**ITEM # 16** – No action.

**ITEM # 17** – On a motion by Don Poskin and a second by David Watkins the meeting adjourned.

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 Mayor – Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

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 City Clerk

MAY 2011 BILLS & SALARIES		DEPOSITED IN GEN. FUND	
GENERAL	\$ 79,453.89	RE TAX/BLDG PERMIT/MISC	\$ 2,009.45
POLICE	\$ 36,953.67	CABLE TV FRANCHISE	\$ -
COMMUNITY DEV.	\$ 5,288.77	SALES TAX	\$ 25,045.61
CODES ADMIN	\$ 1,748.86	INTEREST	\$ 412.90
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 12,315.55	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 9,968.00
SANITATION	\$ 34,764.89	SANITATION	\$ 35,779.08
STREET	\$ 23,942.30	GAS TAX/PERMITS	\$ 12,288.78
TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 9,996.37	TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 12,522.80
TIC	\$ 4,767.85	TIC	\$ 4,145.77
PARK	\$ 5,046.15	PARKS	\$ 771.22
SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 7,855.76	SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 4,149.74
SWIMMING POOL	\$ 17,837.17	SWIMMING POOL	\$ 24,061.19
UT TO REIMB	\$ (3,705.78)	UT PILOT	\$ 24,940.36
DEPOT	\$ 240.00	DEPOT	\$ 50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 236,505.45</b>		<b>\$ 156,144.90</b>