

MAY 04, 2009

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The St. James City Council met at City Hall on Monday, May 04, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Dennis Wilson Presiding.

Councilmen David Watkins, Jim White, Margaret Roberts, Aaron Hunter, Richard Woolsey, Rodney Edwards, Danielle Verkamp and Don Moore were present for the meeting. City employees Police Chief Kevin Friend, Candace Connell, Larry Wycoff, J.R. Marcus, Clay Coffman, Mike Licklider, and Terry Gibson, reporters Kathleen Meyer with the Leader Journal and Chris Daniels with Saint James Press, Tyson Markham with McLiney and Co. Investment Banking/ Municipal Bonds, Corky Stack, Vickie Frazier, Kevin Klossner, Mark Macey, Betty Grotha and 5 other citizens were also present for the meeting.

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

ITEM # 3 - The April 06, 2009 regular and public hearing council minutes, given to each council member prior to the meeting, on a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Danielle Verkamp 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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 4 – On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Don Moore the April 07, 2009 General Election results, as certified by Carol A. Bennett Election Authority for Phelps County are as follows:

Ward I – Aaron Hunter	32 Votes
Ward II – Jim White	48 Votes
Ward III – David W. Watkins	48 Votes
Ward IV – Don Moore	53 Votes
Municipal Judge write in votes	18 Votes

ITEM # 5 – Citizen Input:

Vickie Frazier, reporting on the “Sip n Savor” event held May 02, 2009 stated the results were very favorable and express appreciation for every ones help.

Betty Grotha expressed concern regarding the sweet gum balls and trees, plus the trailer park on W. James Blvd.

ITEM # 6 – 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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 7 – Tyson Markham with McLiney and Company, after his introduction by Candace Connell, reiterated the options where by the city could finance the take over and repair of the swimming pool either by the increase of sales tax by the vote of the citizens and general obligation bonds or lease purchase.

Proposed Ordinance # 09-946, providing for the imposition of a Sales Tax of ½ of 1% for the purpose of funding storm water control and local park improvements and calling an election of such tax to be held on August 4, 2009, was posted twenty-four 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 Rodney Edwards it passed on a seven for and one abstaining vote. 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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 8 – Proposed Ordinance # 09-947 calling a General Obligation Bond Election authorizing certain actions in connection therewith declaring its intent to borrow \$1,950,000 for the purpose of providing the community with a public swimming pool by acquiring an existing swimming pool from the James Foundation and making renovations and improvements thereto and to evidence such borrowing by the issuance of general obligation bonds of the City in the amount of \$1,950,000, was posted twenty-four 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 Aaron Hunter passed unanimously.

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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 9 – Proposed Ordinance # 09-948 accepting the Final Plat of Rosemary Heights Estates No. 2 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 Margaret Roberts it 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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 10 – Proposed Ordinance # 09-949 rezoning 405 W. Washington from R-1 to I-1 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 Don Moore it passed. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye, David Watkins-abstain, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 11 – Proposed Ordinance # 09-950 Repealing Sections 11-1 through 11-21 Fire Department and amending the wording, “Fire Chief/Chief of the Fire Department” for the remainder of Chapter 11 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 Don Moore it 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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 12 - Proposed Ordinance # 09-951 regarding P & Z submitter to pay current publishing rate 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. 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 # 13 – Proposed Ordinance regarding building code penalties and building permit fees was postponed until city attorney review. 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 – Proposed Ordinance regarding Planning & Zoning General Provisions was postponed until city attorney review. 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 # 15 – Resolution # 2009-162 regarding EDA American Recovery Program for essential public infrastructure was given to the council prior to the council meeting and read once by title at the council meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts 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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 16 – Resolution # 2009-163 regarding MoDot American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Sidewalks) Phase # 1 & #3 was given to the council prior to the council meeting and read once by title at the council meeting. On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Aaron Hunter 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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 17 - Resolution # 2009-164 regarding leases with Chamber of Commerce for the Old Depot and Old City Hall Museum buildings was given to the council prior to the council meeting and read once by title at the council meeting. On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by David Watkins 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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 18 - Resolution # 2009-165 de-obligating CDBG funding of 2008-ED-03 (City of St. James/Tacony Manufacturing) was given to the council prior to the council meeting and read once by title at the council meeting. On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by David Watkins 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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 19 – On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Rodney Edwards it was unanimously approved amending the City of St. James Personnel Policies Handbook to include Bereavement time off. 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 # 20 – Candace Connell, director of community development, reported the housing survey is close to completion.

ITEMS # 21 – Larry Wycoff - No report.

ITEM # 22 – Committee 2008/2009 final Reports:

On a motion by Aaron Hunter and a second by Don Moore Rolla Asphalt's low bid for St. James 2009 Overlay at a cost of \$47.34 per ton 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 Aaron Hunter and a second by David Watkins it was unanimously approved the purchase of a new \$6,000 bed for the TST truck. 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.

David Watkins reported not all of the extra sanitation expense figures are in regarding Sip n Savor and the clean up week.

Don Moore reported they have increased the Farmer's Market spots from \$3.00 to \$4.00 and have rearranged the spacing.

Jim White reported the sales tax is 96% of the budgeted amount for 08/09.

Rodney Edwards complimented the murals at the TIC and the Chamber of Commerce for their involvement in the May 2nd Sip n Savor event stating hopefully sales tax will increase due to the event.

J.R. Marcus reported on the meeting of the St. James Park Board held April 22, 2009 at Rodney Edwards request stating Jack Kearbey was nominated as Park Board President and Stephanie Dean as Secretary and Tim Seams as Vice President. As part of their actions it is recommended the charges at the Nelson Hart Park be adjusted as follows:

- **Community Hall:**
 - \$200.00 Refundable Damage Deposit for **all** Community Hall usage.
 - \$200.00 Rent – Within St. James School and Ambulance District.
 - \$250.00 Rent - Outside St. James School and Ambulance District.
 - \$300.00 Rent for 2 day events.
 - \$75.00 for non for profit organizations and churches. Their 501C, Non-for profit form, must be received before approval. (100% of any profit from non for profit organizations and church use must benefit the St. James Community).
 - \$75.00 for City of St. James employee, immediate family member of an employee who resides in the employee's home, part time employees, volunteer firemen and auxiliary policemen. To be used for personal wedding, anniversary, birthday, graduation and family reunion.
- **Outside Stage** - allow the use of the stage to the public with a payment of \$50.00 rent and \$50.00 refundable deposit, if no damages. Outside Stage Rental Agreement must be signed. No free usage.
- **Arena Usage Agreement** – \$50.00 non-refundable cost for the first day and \$25.00 for each consecutive day. Arena Usage Agreement must be signed. No free usage.
- **Cook Shack** - \$25.00 for the first day and \$15.00 each consecutive day, non refundable. Cook Shack Usage Agreement must be signed.
- **Pavilion** - \$25.00 non-refundable cost. Pavilion Usage Agreement must be signed.

On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Margaret Roberts Ryan Shockley will replace the original appointment of Joe Alexander as a Park Board member because Joe already has an appointment on a city 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 – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

On a motion by Margaret Roberts and a second by Jim White it was unanimously approved to pursue the BJA FY 09 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$15,164.00 for the Police Department. 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 Aaron Hunter and a second by Margaret Roberts the meeting adjourned **SINE DIE**.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APRIL 2009	BILLS AND SALARIES	DEPOSITED IN GENERAL FUND	
GENERAL	\$ 17,391.05	RE TAX/BLDG PERMIT/MISC	\$ 4,292.82
POLICE	\$ 30,070.12	CABLE TV FRANCHISE	\$ 4,488.44
COMMUNITY DEV.	\$ 4,062.06	SALES TAX	\$ 38,456.67
		INTEREST	\$ 172.72
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 5,597.05	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 6,672.69
SANITATION	\$ 30,774.98	SANITATION	\$ 33,309.45
STREET	\$ 5,249.11	GAS TAX/PERMITS	\$ 11,192.69
TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 20,632.71	TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 19,228.39
TIC	\$ 3,190.55	TIC	\$ 1,707.42
PARK	\$ 1,688.89	PARKS	\$ 1,089.04
SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 9,107.15	SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 137.55
		UT PILOT	\$ 41,661.74
TOTAL	\$ 127,763.67		\$ 162,409.62

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