

October 25, 2021
Golden Age Center Building
Nelson Hart Park
Special City Council Meeting
7:00 pm

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor Krawiecki called the meeting to order.

Councilmembers in attendance: Michael Gray, Mark Gray, Stephanie Swanson, Brittney Marston, Joe Boulware, Tracy Edwards & David Watkins, Tyler Wagnon.

Administrator Fleming led in a word of prayer.

AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of Agenda

Councilman Boulware made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Several citizens requested to speak about the UTV Ordinance and give their opinion on whether they were for or against it.

Mr. Durcus, Mr. Kelly, Mrs. House, Mr. Siders, Mrs. Siders, Ms. Jennings, Mr. Herodone, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Brand, Mr. Armistead and Mr. Holt all spoke to the council about the proposed ordinance. Mr. Livingstone sent in comments to be read by Administrator Fleming.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance 21-1213 – UTV Ordinance

Councilman Michael Gray stated that he would like to see an amendment to the ordinance that requires drivers of the UTV’s to be licensed drivers, he would also like to see a charge for a permit so that we can make sure that each driver has the required insurance on their UTV.

Councilwoman Edwards stated that the changes we make to this ordinance will effect safety for years to come. She had met with State Representatives and was told that UTV’s are not required to be maintained or inspected.

Councilman Boulware mentioned that he would like to make sure to add the amendment for the permits as Councilman Michael Gray mentioned. He also mentioned that he had spoke with several people in his ward and some didn’t care either way, some would like to see it passed. Councilman Boulware also read a statement to the council concerning the bullying he felt was going on to make sure this ordinance is not passed.

Councilman Mark Gray stated that he had not had one person in his ward asking him to change his vote from the last time he voted no. He stated that he thought this was trying to make something that was illegal, legal just to satisfy a few. He also mentioned that if this ordinance were to pass, he would want to make sure that the city incorporates insurance requirements into the ordinance.

Councilwoman Marston stated that the city keeps mentioning the negative things that could happen, but we haven't tried it out so how do we know these things would happen. We need to give the citizens the chance to prove it won't be a problem. She would also like to see the insurance incorporated into the ordinance.

Councilman Watkins stated that he had called the Missouri Municipal League, he said that they mentioned that several cities have already passed similar ordinances. What they are seeing is that cities with small populations are not having any problems, but cities with populations the size of St. James or bigger are having problems. He also mentioned he has gone to the streets to talk to people in his ward and 60% of them said they did not want to see the ordinance passed.

Councilwoman Swanson said while she went to the streets with Councilman Watkins, they did get the 60% feedback of people not wanting the ordinance to pass, however, when she started making phone calls to others in her ward, she had more people say they would like to see it. She did agree that the insurance requirement should be added if the ordinance is to move forward.

Councilwoman Wagnon mentioned that she had spoken with several people in her ward, and most did not care if the ordinance was passed or not. She would like to see the minimum age requirement be 18 years old. She mentioned that the city cannot live in fear of what could happen and should give the citizens a chance.

Attorney Downard mentioned that they must be a licensed driver and that there was nothing that prohibited the city from adding an age requirement. He also stated that this would strictly be for UTV's, no golf carts or lawn mowers could be driven on city streets still.

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 21-1213 for the first reading. Councilwoman Marston made a motion to approve the ordinance with the amendment that the driver of the UTV must be 18 years old and that all UTV's must pay a \$15 permit fee and show proof of insurance. Councilwoman Wagnon seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilmember Marston "aye"; Michael Gray "aye"; Mark Gray "no"; Edwards "no"; Swanson "aye"; Watkins "no"; Wagnon "aye", Boulware "aye".

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 21-1213 for the second and final reading. Councilmember Boulware made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Marston seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilmember Marston "aye"; Michael Gray "aye"; Mark Gray "no"; Edwards "no"; Swanson "aye"; Watkins "no"; Wagnon "aye", Boulware "aye". The ordinance was approved as amended and read.

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 21-344 – Archer Contract

Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 21-344 aloud for the first and only reading. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the resolution as read. Councilmember Michael Gray seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 21-345

Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 21-345 aloud for the first and only reading. Councilmember Edwards made a motion to approve the resolution as read. Councilmember Boulware seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 21-346

Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 21-346 aloud for the first and only reading. Councilmember Watkins made a motion to approve the resolution as read. Councilmember Gray seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

With no further business to discussion Councilman Mark Gray made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Marston seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Rick Krawiecki, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date