

January 11, 2021
St. James Municipal Center
City Council Meeting
7:00 pm

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor Krawiecki called the meeting to order. Councilmember Edwards attended in person. Councilmembers Gray, Boulware, Wagnon, Swanson and Anselm were in attendance via Zoom. Councilmembers Marston and Smith were absent.

Others in attendance via Zoom were Public Works Director Lyle Thomas, City Attorney Justin Head, Alliance Supervisor Billy Bowers, Police Chief Ron Jones, Library Director Michael Lewis and Parks Director John Cutsinger.

Mayor Krawiecki led in the Pledge of Allegiance, Administrator Fleming led in a word of prayer.

AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of Agenda

Councilwoman Edwards apologized for the Use Tax comment at the last meeting as it was not a correct statement.

Councilman Boulware made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Swanson seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes

Councilman Boulware made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2020 meeting. Councilwoman Edwards seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Bills

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Councilman Boulware seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Budget Review

Administrator Fleming went over the monthly budget numbers with the council.

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Mayor Krawiecki had one comment sent in to him from Heather Rogers Witt, she requested that the council consider opening spring sports back up.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 20-1186 – Board of Adjustment Fee

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 20-1186 aloud for the second and final reading. Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 20-1186 as read. Councilman Boulware seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Anselm “aye”; Councilman Boulware “aye”; Councilman Gray “aye”; Councilwoman Wagnon “aye”; Councilwoman Edwards “aye”; Councilwoman Swanson “aye”. The ordinance was approved as read.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 20-1187 – City Property Annexation

Clerk Wheeler read aloud Ordinance No. 20-1187 for the second and final reading. Councilman Gray made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilwoman Swanson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Anselm “aye”; Councilman Boulware “aye”; Councilman Gray “aye”; Councilwoman Wagnon “aye”; Councilwoman Edwards “aye”; Councilwoman Swanson “aye”. The ordinance was approved as read.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 20-1188 – Pitts Property Annexation

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 20-1188 for the second and final reading. Councilwoman Edwards made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilman Gray seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Anselm “aye”; Councilman Boulware “aye”; Councilman Gray “aye”; Councilwoman Wagnon “aye”; Councilwoman Edwards “aye”; Councilwoman Swanson “aye”. The ordinance was approved as read.

AGENDA ITEM: 110 W. Washington Proposal

The City published a request for bid proposals for anyone interested in purchasing the property at 110 W. Washington. Administrator Fleming only received one proposal in the amount of \$15,000 from the Underwood Foundation. They agreed to build a sports court as planned which would include two pickle ball courts, a half basketball court and possibly room for restrooms if the city chooses. They would begin building early 2021.

Councilman Gray asked if the property has to be sold or can the city keep and maintain after they build? Administrator Fleming mentioned that if the city keeps the property we would have to go out for bids for builders, etc. Attorney Head mentioned we cannot allow someone else to build on city owned property so it would need to be sold. Gray asked if once the courts are built would the city maintain, or could the foundation be responsible for this? Administrator Fleming stated that would be worked out when we got to the contract part of it, however, the foundation also made a donation to the city in order to help maintain the property they are wanting to build on.

Councilman Anselm asked if the foundation would donate a portion of the property for the bathrooms and what the cost would be to put in bathrooms? Administrator Fleming said the foundation has agreed to donate to allow the city to put in bathrooms, however, we have not looked into the cost of this project yet. Lyle Thomas, Public Works Director mentioned that there is no access to sewer lines up front and that if

we would like to do a bathroom we would have to install early on before the slabs are poured for the courts.

Attorney Head stated that if the board was interested, they could go ahead and accept the offer and then the city would draft a contract ordinance for the next meeting and move forward.

Councilman Boulware made a motion to accept the offer and move forward with a contract ordinance at the February meeting. Councilwoman Wagnon seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Anselm "aye"; Councilman Boulware "aye"; Councilman Gray "aye"; Councilwoman Wagnon "aye"; Councilwoman Edwards "aye"; Councilwoman Swanson "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Mayor Appointments

Mayor Krawiecki stated that he would like to appoint Maretta Diestelkamp and Sue Hilkemeyer to the library board. The council voted "aye", the new appointments passed.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

See attached reports – Alliance, Park, Library, Police, Animal Shelter and Chamber.

Public Works – Lyle mentioned that the Street and Electric departments worked hard during the New Years Eve ice storm, treating roads and getting power turned back on as soon as possible.

IDA – No report.

Schools – No report.

Senior Center – No report.

Street/Sanitation – Councilman Anselm mentioned that both departments had been working hard over the holidays and thanked them for all their hard work.

Police – Chief Jones mentioned that he would like to shred documents on the attached list. Councilman Gray made a motion to approve the destruction of the files. Councilwoman Edwards seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye". Chief also mentioned that they had taken 813 calls for the month of December. Last Saturday was Law Enforcement Appreciation day and he wanted to thank his officers for all their hard work. Finally, he mentioned that he had taken 264 animal control calls in the month of December.

City Administrator – Administrator Fleming mentioned that Lyle's workorder system had logged the leaf pickup and was estimating that they city spent approximately \$27,000 on leaf pick up from November 1st through December 10th. He also mentioned that the city would be moving \$100,000 of sanitation general fund money into their reserve account. Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve the move of the sanitation money. All councilmembers voted "aye".

Mayor – Mayor Krawiecki mentioned that they would be having a meeting soon to discuss reopening the Rec Center and Spring Sports programs, they would also discuss and the money for the Community Hall renovations and will get started on that project. He mentioned that we will be moving council meetings to

the Library Board room so that we can continue to social distance and get out of the way for the Rec Center to open back up. Finally he mentioned the Use Tax money for the month and that the city would like to put some of the money towards the police station repairs.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Gray made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Edwards seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye". The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Rick Krawiecki, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date