

FEBRUARY 02, 2009

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Mayor Dennis Wilson Presiding.

Councilmen David Watkins, Jim White, Margaret Roberts, Danielle Verkamp, Aaron Hunter, Richard Woolsey, Rodney Edwards and Don Moore were present for the meeting. Police chief Kevin Friend, Candace Connell, Street superintendent John Edgar, Sanitation supervisor Terry Gibson and several citizens were also present for the meeting.

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

ITEM # 3 - The January 05, 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 with the exception of Aaron Hunter's name having been erroneously left out as being present. 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 Jim White, finance chairman, and a second by Margaret Roberts 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 # 5 - Citizen Input:

- Jesse Singleton spoke of his concern regarding debris in the yard next door to him on Terry Lane.
- Sharon Wilson reported on the activities of Beautify St. James and requested they be considered again on the 2009/2010 City budget.

ITEM # 6 – Mayor Wilson and Candace Connell reported St. James has once again been chosen to host as a start city, September 10, 2009, for the 2009 Tour of Missouri professional cycling race, scheduled for September 7-13, 2009. St. James Chamber of Commerce, Jennie Miller and St. James Tourist Information Center manager, Jamie Hunt, will organize the event along with many volunteer committees.

ITEM # 7 – Resolution # 2009-158 regarding the Phelps County Landfill Board, authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract of obligation with the Department of Natural Resources was given to the council prior to the council meeting and was read once by title at the council meeting. On a motion by Rodney Edwards and a second by Margaret Roberts 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 # 8 – Resolution # 2009-159 authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of St. James and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for the installation, operation and maintenance of a school crossing on Route 8/68 at Hardy St. was given to the council prior to the council meeting and was read once by title at the council meeting. On a motion by Don Moore 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 # 9 – Proposed Ordinance # 09-941 repealing sections 2-144 through 2-152 regarding obsolete salary schedule 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 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 # 10 – On a motion by Jim White and a second by Margaret Roberts it was approved on a six for and two opposed votes to amend the City of St. James Personnel Policies Handbook to allow employees to donate, to their own departments, accumulated sick leave benefits to a catastrophic sick leave pool. The vote is as follows: Don Moore-aye, Danielle Verkamp-aye, Margaret Roberts-aye,

David Watkins-nae, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - nae.

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ITEM # 11 & 12 – Mayor Wilson reported vacancies on the Tourism Committee and Historic Preservation Society Commission and asked the council for recommendations to fill those seats.

ITEM # 13 – On a motion by Jim White and a second by Margaret Roberts the Comprehensive Planning Committee members were approved as follows: Alan Sachs, Bill Kirgan, Bob Wilson, Bruce Carter, Butch Tucker, Daniel Cavender, Debbie Parton, Dick Elgin, Dominic DeLuca, Don Carson, Don Moore, Don Walker, Gary Huffman, Jennie Miller, Jim Fleming, Jim White, JoAnn Davidson, John Phillips, Kathleen Meyer, Keith McCarthy, Marge Huffman, Matt Woessner, Mike Tucker, Joy Tucker, Peter Hofherr, Quincy Berlin, Ramona Rinehart, Rich Kimerle, Robert Tessaro, Ryan Stack, Sam Auxier, Sharon Wilson, Shirley Hofstetter, Vicki Frazier, Candace Connell, Connie Willman, Kelly Sink-Blair, Larry Wycoff. The vote is as follows: David Watkins-aye, Jim White-aye, Rodney Edwards-aye, Aaron Hunter – aye, Richard Woolsey - aye.

ITEM # 14 –Candace Connell, director of community development, reported as follows:

- Two meetings on the Comprehensive Plan for St. James have been held so all members could attend. Information given to the committee was handed out to each council person for their review.
- The Industrial Park lighting project is progressing.
- Buck up for energy and revenue increase letters will be mailed out to utility customers.
- St. James plans for EEZ are still in the works.

ITEMS # 15 – In the absence of Larry Wycoff, Mayor Wilson handed out, to each councilperson, the 2008 Building Permits Summary.

ITEM # 16 – Committee Reports

Richard Woolsey reported the city employee health insurance will be with Anthem Blue Cross and Shield.

Margaret Roberts reported the police department needs more officers and more space.

Rodney Edwards reported 190 middle school students attended the dance at the Rec. Center over the week end.

Jim White reported a Budget Committee meeting will be held in March to prepare for the 2009/2010 budget for Council review and approval at the April meeting.

Don Moore reported revenue is down for the Tourist Information Center because of a major motel being shut down for renovation. He also reported the Beautify St. James committee has offered to purchase 2 picnic tables to set on the property as well as a waste can matching those placed downtown.

David Watkins reported all sanitation trucks are up and running again and surveillance cameras will be place when the Industrial Dr. lighting is completed.

Aaron Hunter reported meetings will be scheduled soon for the Transportation Sales Tax plans and Street department plans for 09/10.

ITEM # 15 - MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Thank you notes from Huster's for employee 2008 year end bonus and Wilson family in memory of Ira.
2. 59 building permits were issued in 2008.
3. At the end of 2009 school year the city will no longer man the school crosswalks.
4. Streets and sidewalks will be combined with forestry board.
5. Several complements and some complaints regarding snow removal.
6. A monthly City Engineer meeting will be scheduled for 3:00 P.M. on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.
7. The swimming pool will not be open this year. We will check into the cost and process for putting a pool tax of some sort on the August ballot.

On a motion by Don Moore and a second by David Watkins the meeting adjourned.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

JANUARY 2009 BILLS AND SALARIES		DEPOSITED IN GENERAL FUND	
GENERAL	\$ 14,461.48	RE TAX/BLDG PERMIT/MISC	\$ 97,321.22
POLICE	\$ 29,722.95	CABLE TV FRANCHISE	\$ 4,646.31
COMMUNITY DEV.	\$ 3,925.21	SALES TAX	\$ 37,084.38
		INTEREST	\$ 334.01
MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 5,164.16	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ 7,691.63
SANITATION	\$ 27,159.91	SANITATION	\$ 31,817.65
STREET	\$ 22,891.26	GAS TAX/PERMITS	\$ 10,927.89
TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ -	TRANS. SALES TAX	\$ 18,542.32
TIC	\$ 3,546.26	TIC	\$ 2,301.76
PARK	\$ 840.92	PARKS	\$ 15,353.70
SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 7,698.16	SUMMER SPORTS	\$ 89.30
UT TO REIMB	\$ (9,431.46)	UT PILOT	\$ 33,333.33
TOTAL	\$ 105,978.85		\$ 259,443.50

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