

April 13, 2015
St. James Municipal Center
Regular City Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Call To Order

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order. Present were: Councilman Huster, Councilwoman Weatherly, Councilman Garver, Councilman Sachs, Councilman Moore, Councilman Tonding, Councilman White, Councilman Watkins. City Administrator Jeff Davis and City Clerk Sarah Wheeler were also in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM: Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wilson asked incoming Mayor Jim White to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Discussion: Citizen Comments

Brad Frazier asked to speak to the Council about the Walmart Distribution Center. He mentioned that they had received the Walmart Distribution Center of the year which was a huge accomplishment. Brad invited everyone to come and take a tour of the center and help celebrate on April 28th at 10:00 am.

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes - March 10, 17, 19, 2015

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction; changing the word Councilwoman Sachs to Councilman Sachs in all three of the minutes. Councilman Watkins seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Bills

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Moore made a motion to pay the bills. Councilman White seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Review Budget

Discussion: Budget Discussion

Administrator Davis asked if there were any final questions before approving the budget. Councilman Huster asked if the raises would be 1%? Administrator Davis confirmed that they would. Councilman Huster also presented a question on the backhoe being purchased for the Street Department. He stated that Street Superintendent John Edgar had said that we could no longer get parts for the backhoe and that is why the new one was needed. Councilman Huster had made two phone calls and stated that both vendors said they could get parts. Jeff explained that yes some parts were still available but some were having to be rebuilt, such as the water pump. Councilman Tonding asked how much downtime it was causing for the department to continually work on the current backhoe. Jeff also mentioned that we would receive \$12,000 trade in credit for our current backhoe. Councilman Watkins made a motion to restrict the purchase of the backhoe until it can be looked at further, but pass the budget as is. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 15-239

Vote or To Do: Res 15-239

Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 15-239 approving the 2015-2016 City and Utility Budget. Councilman White made a motion to approve the budget. Councilwoman Weather seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Motion to Certify Election Results

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Clerk Wheeler read the certified election results from the County Clerks office out loud. Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the election results. Councilman Watkins seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Plaque Presentation

Discussion: New Discussion Item

Mayor Wilson presented plaques to the outgoing councilmembers. Councilman Garver for 2 years of service, Councilman White for 3 years of service and Councilman Moore for 16 years of service and 8 years of service as Mayor Pro-tem.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn Sine Die

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Sachs made a motion to adjourn Sine Die. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Oath for Newly Elected

Clerk Wheeler swore in all newly elected officials. Councilman Robert Smith, Councilman Alan Sachs, Councilman Shane Anselm, Councilman Greg Edwards, Councilman John Huster and Mayor Jim White.

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order - New Council

Mayor White called the new council to order.

AGENDA ITEM: Mayor Pro-Tem

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Mayor White asked for a nominee for Mayor Pro-tem.

Councilman Huster nominated Councilman Watkins. Councilwoman Weatherly nominated Councilman Sachs. The voting was as follows: For Councilman Watkins – Councilman Anselm, Councilman Edwards, Councilman Huster and Councilman Watkins. For Councilman Sachs – Councilwoman Weatherly, Councilman Smith, Councilman Tonding, Councilman Sachs. Since it was a tie vote, Mayor White asked if anyone would like to change their vote or he would vote to break the tie. Councilman Watkins changed his vote to Councilman Sachs. Therefore Councilman Sachs was nominated 5-3 as Mayor Pro-tem.

AGENDA ITEM: City Clerk Appointment

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

Councilman Sachs made a motion to appoint Sarah Wheeler as City Clerk for the upcoming year. Councilman Tonding seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: City Administrator Comments

Discussion: City Administrator Comments

Administrator Davis mentioned the upcoming Newly Elected Officials Training to be held in Columbia, MO on June 11 & 12, if anyone would like to go please see Sarah to get signed up. Secondly, a reminder of the upcoming Library book sale this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Author Emily Raymond will be there for a book signing on Saturday.

AGENDA ITEM: Mayors Comments

Discussion: New Discussion Item

Mayor White wanted to let everyone know that he had ran with the intent of downtown business revitalization and that he will continue to push very hard for this during his term. He would also like to relook at the electric rates and budget again in June or July. He asked that information be sent out as quickly as possible to start reviewing. Finally, he made a statement saying “Whether for me or against me it is our town and we need to work together to make the town right.”

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

Vote or To Do: New Vote Item

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Watkins made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Edwards seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

Mayor, Jim W. White

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Sarah Wheeler

Date