

**May 9, 2016
St. James Municipal Center
Regular City Council Meeting**

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor White called the regular Council meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM: Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor White led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval

Councilwoman Weatherly made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion. All council members voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: April 11 & 25, 2016 Minutes

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2016 meeting. Councilman Watkins seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2016 meeting. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Bills

Councilman Huster made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Melissa Coffman thanked the city employees for helping out with Sip N Savor again this year. She mentioned that there were approximately 900 in attendance which was down about 300 from last year.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 16-1082

Discussion: Ordinance No. 16-1082

Councilman Edwards made a motion to discuss Ordinance No. 16-1082 concerning the Forestry Board. Councilman Watkins seconded the motion.

There was lots of discussion concerning the ordinance for the trees. Councilman Sachs asked how it was different from the current ordinance. Mayor White mentioned that a tree inventory had been done a year ago telling us a plan on which trees we should start with replacing. Melissa Keeney explained more of the Forestry Boards plan and what direction they would like to go.

Vote or To-Do: Ordinance No. 16-1082

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 16-1082 out loud for the first reading. Councilmembers Smith, Huster, Watkins, Weatherly and Edwards voted “aye”. Councilmembers Sachs, Mitchell and Anselm voted “no”. The second reading will take place next month.

AGENDA ITEM: Flood Base Elevation

Discussion: Flood Base Elevation

Harold explained to the Council that in 2014 the city had asked Integrity to do a study on the flood base elevation and it had never went any further. Terris Cates, with Integrity Engineering explained that it was time to do one to update the maps and possibly be able to get people out of flood zones that do not need to be there. This would save the citizen money on insurance. The cost for the project would cost \$21,760 if all done at once or \$27,000 if done in sections.

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve Integrity Engineering to do the flood base elevation study all in one time for the \$21,000. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

Discussion: Department Reports

Police – Alan Sachs – Chief told him that Sip N Savor went smooth. No major issues.

Parks – Nathaniel Mitchell – Pool filled and staff hired. Cemetery mowing is taking up most of the park employee’s time right now. Park Board is looking to put the mowers on a replacement plan about every 3-5 year. New members are still needed to fill the empty spots on the Park Board.

Street – John Huster – Street department has went out for Asphalt Bids. Finished sidewalk on DD, getting ready to start on overpass.

IDA – Alan Sachs – no meeting.

Chamber – Carol Weatherly – meeting tomorrow night.

Sanitation – David Watkins – bulk trash week was double the normal tonnage this year. 132 tons total.

City Administrator – Harold Selby – attended the annual City Administrators meeting and talked with several other administrators and found out that the number one problem in other cities at this time is keeping police officers and making it a noble profession.

Mayor – Jim White – nothing new to report

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

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

Jim W. White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date