

**December 12, 2016
St. James Municipal Center
City Council Meeting**

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order. All councilmembers were present for the meeting.

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Mayor White led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor White also asked Councilman Watkins to lead in a word of prayer before the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval

Councilwoman Weatherly made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”

AGENDA ITEM: MINUTES: November 14, 2016 Meetings

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2016 regular meeting. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Bills

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

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Kelly Beets from MIRMA presented the Mayor with two grant awards for the city. The first was for 2 police Tasers and a tire deflation device. The second was for the utility department for a crimper. The total of the grant was \$3,278. Kelly also mentioned that the city had one of the lowest work comp ratings in the state which was a great thing and meant everyone was doing their trainings and working safe!

Jo Willson presented the Police Department with a check from the Lions Club to assist the youth in town.

Robert Tessaro spoke for the Missouri Community Betterment Committee and presented the Mayor with an Award for 1st place in our division.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 16-1088

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 16-1088 for the second and final reading. This ordinance would change the fee from \$10 to \$150 when applying for an appeal to cover costs of a court reporter.

Councilman Watkins questioned who the city engineer would be? After some discussion Councilman Edwards made a motion to table the bill until the new code book was updated and then we would look at again. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all council members voted “aye”.

The ordinance did not pass at this time and will be brought back to the council at a later date.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 16-1089

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 16-1089 out loud for the second and final reading. If approved this ordinance would allow the choice between poly-pipe or copper when tapping a main, instead of just copper.

Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

The ordinance did pass and will be made part of the City of St. James Code book.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 16-1090

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 16-1090 out loud for the first reading.

Harold explained that this ordinance would put a Tourism Committee in place per the suggestion of the Missouri Community Betterment Tour. This committee would open up the doors for grants and other funds to be made available to the city to assist and plan for the city’s brand.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-1090 for the first reading. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 16-1091

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 16-1091 out loud for the first reading.

This ordinance would help better control bulk water purchases straight from the hydrants.

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 16-1091 for the first reading. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Wal-Mart Wind Energy Contract

Harold explained that Wal-Mart DC would like to purchase the wind energy from the city at a rate of \$.001/kwh. This would allow the DC to be able to say they are running on 60% wind energy.

Councilman Huster made a motion to approve the contract. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion. Councilman Watkins and Sachs both voted “no”. Councilmembers Weatherly, Edwards, Mitchell, Huster, Smith & Anselm voted “aye”. The motion to sign the contract was approved.

AGENDA ITEM: Sanitation Truck Bid

Harold let the Council know that the city went out for bid twice for the sanitation truck and both times only received one bid from Hutcheson Ford. The bid amount was for \$32,942 or \$35,691 for a 4WD. The department has received a \$10,000 grant from MRPC and would pay the remaining amount out of their Capital Improvements account.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the bid for \$35,691 to purchase the 4WD truck. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Employee Christmas Bonuses

Harold asked the council if they would like to approve Christmas Bonuses again for the St. James employees in the amount of \$125 each.

Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the bonuses. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

Police: Councilman Sachs reported everything was running smoothly. The department had received two awards this month from the Special Olympics for Outstanding Agency and Most Fundraising.

Public Works Director: Lyle Thomas reported that there had been 6 water main breaks since last month & 2 sewer back-ups. He also mentioned that the water department had been working on smoke testing and storm water testing.

Parks: Councilman Mitchell reported maintenance updates that the park had been working on.

Street: Councilman Huster stated that the Street department had been very busy picking up leaves for the month.

Sanitation: Councilman Watkins stated that the department had ran into a few issues over the month with citizens not knowing when to put their trash out on holiday weeks. Other than that things had been running smoothly.

IDA: Councilman Sachs reported no meeting this month.

Chamber: Councilwoman Weatherly reported that the Christmas parade had went over well and that there had been approximately 200 kids stopped by to see Santa. January 27th was the annual Chamber dinner.

City Administrator: Administrator Selby reported that the yearly audit was completed and that the auditor would be here next month to give a short report on the finished audit. He also mentioned that he had spoken with Councilman Edwards and he would like the Mayor to appoint him as the new liaison for the Tri-County Humane Society to look after maintenance issues, contracts, etc.

Mayor: The Mayor stated that the annual Employee Appreciation luncheon would be held on January 5th and we would do awards and lunch at that time. He also mentioned election sign-ups opened up tomorrow and went through January.

Councilmembers: no report

AGENDA ITEM: Mayors Appointments

Mayor White requested the City Council approve the following appointments:

- Greg Edwards – Liasion for the Tri-County Humane Society
- Harold Selby, Shane Anselm, Debbie Parton, Judy Cavender, Sam Auxier, Cyndra Lorey, Jerry Mitchell, Peter Hoeffler & Sybil Sheffler for the Tourism Committee.
- Dick Elgin & Dennis Wilson to the Board of Adjustment.

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the appointments. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

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

Jim W. White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date