

October 9, 2017
St. James Municipal Center
City Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Hockersmith, Weatherly, Mitchell, Sachs, Watkins, Huster, Anselm and Smith were present for the meeting. City Clerk Wheeler, City Administrator Selby, Public Works Director Thomas, Street Superintendent Scheel, Police Chief Jones were also in attendance.

Other attendees signed in and are attached to these minutes.

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor White led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilman Watkins led in a word of prayer.

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Enhanced Enterprise Zone

City Administrator Harold Selby let the Council know that Cohen Architectural had requested a 50% tax abatement on their real property tax for 10 years on the building only.

Councilman Smith asked how this would benefit St. James. Selby mentioned that Cohen had already created 40 new jobs and the city had received a \$250,000 grant to put a new street through that part of the industrial court because of the building.

With no other comments the Public Hearing was closed at 7:18 pm.

AGENDA ITEM: MINUTES: September 11, 2017

Mayor White asked for the comment to be added to the minutes that he had mentioned three separate times at the September meeting that he was excusing himself from the Caring Center decision. Mayor White also asked that the minutes for the September meeting be changed to show that the Council had left the meeting with the understanding that the Caring Center Ordinance did not pass, and later it was found out that it actually had passed and could be read for the second and final reading.

Councilman Smith asked why we had changed the Resolutions for the lease agreements to Ordinances at the last meeting. Mayor White stated that the City Attorney had requested we do so since new Service Agreements were being added on to the original agreements.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes requested. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Bills

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

Councilman Hockersmith requested that the lease agreement for the Humane Society be brought to the next meeting to be reviewed.

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Cyndra Lorey with RREC & St. James Regional Tourism Economic Committee spoke to the council about ways to promote tourism and sales tax. She also discussed what the committee has been working on and the progress that has been made in the past months.

Corky Stack told the council he was interested in purchasing the city property east of his building and would like to add on to his current building with the property. He showed a plan of what he would like to build and stated that the city would still have easements to waterline if we sold to him. The council agreed to have the engineer take a look at the plans and see what can be done.

Debbie Parton spoke to the council about the library board appointment. The Library Board has requested numerous times that Nate Singleton be appointed to the board and has not been able to get the Mayor to appoint him. Mayor White asked that the board submit 3 names instead of just one for him to choose from and then he will decide. The board agreed to submit 3 names for the next council meeting but requested that they think hard about Nate because he has been such a good help to the board already.

Jesse Singleton asked about getting street signs for Terry Lane for No Parking. The Council agreed to have something together for the first reading in November.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1105 – Compact Dumpster Prices

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 17-1105 for the second and final reading.

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

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1106 GAC Lease/Service Agreement

Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 17-1106 for the second and final reading.

Councilman Smith stated that he thinks the City can come up with the money to help the Senior Center. Rocky Griffith, Senior Center President stated that the Senior Center would like to stay in the current building if the ordinance is passed until their new building is ready. Ramona mentioned that they would apply for another grant in the Spring of 2018 to help support the Senior Center finances more.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-1106 as read. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. Upon roll call, councilmembers: Hockersmith, Weatherly, Sachs, Anselm, Huster, Smith and Mitchell all voted “aye”; Councilmember Watkins voted “no”. The ordinance was approved and passed as read.

Councilman Hockersmith made a motion to give a letter within 10 days of the Senior Centers request for another grant. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1109 – Casey’s Maintenance Agreement

Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 17-1109 aloud for the second and final reading.

Councilman Huster made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 17-1109 as read. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1110 – Enhanced Enterprise Zone

Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 17-1110 aloud for the first reading.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Councilman Hockersmith, Weatherly, Sachs, Watkins, Mitchell, Huster and Smith voted “aye”; Councilman Anselm voted “no”. Ordinance No. 17-1110 was approved for the first reading.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1111 – Bulk Water Purchases

Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 17-1111 aloud for the first reading.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve Bill No. 17-1111 for the first reading. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 17-261 - Asphalt

Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 17-261 aloud.

Lyle Thomas Public Works Director mentioned that we had went out for bid for asphaltting and that NB West had come in with the lowest bid.

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve Resolution No. 17-261 allowing NB West to do the Asphaltting work as stated in the contract for the City of St. James. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 17-262 – City Property Sale

Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 17-262 aloud.

Administrator Selby explained that this would approve the sale of the city property located at 313 E. Springfield previously agreed upon by the City Council.

Councilman Huster made a motion to approve Resolution No. 17-262 as read. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Request for Proposals for Downtown Grant

Administrator Selby asked for a motion and approval from the council to begin receiving RFP’s for a downtown grant. MRPC will be getting the grant.

Councilman Hockersmith made a motion to approve the requests for RFP’s. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: City Attorney

Councilman Smith requested that the council look in to having an attorney present at all meetings in the future incase issues arise the city would know how to handle them. Administrator Selby stated that he had already been speaking with Cunningham, Vogel and Rost, a law firm that specializes in municipal government. The council agreed to have an attorney from the firm come to our next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

Humane Society: Harold reported that he had nothing new at this point.

Schools: Councilman Smith reported that the school has been doing some outside work to make things look nice.

Police: Councilman Sachs reported that the Police have had a very successful month of putting the bad people away.

Public Works Director: Lyle mentioned a utility pole fire on October 3rd, Scioto rebuild was taking place, and the street department was beginning to stock up and getting ready for the snow season.

Street: Councilman Huster mentioned that the department had gotten rid of a lot of old bags of salt and gearing up for winter work.

IDA: No meeting held this month.

Parks: Councilman Mitchell reported the new camera system had been put up at the Rec Center.

Chamber – Councilwoman Weatherly mentioned the Senior Center ground breaking, Dinner on the Greens and the State Farm ribbon cutting.

Sanitation – David Watkins reported that everything was going smoothly. The weight of waste needs to be addressed and Truck 13 was currently broken down.

City Administrator: Administrator Selby mentioned the grant for the bike path will pave portions of the path. We will need to advertise for 30 days.

Mayor: No comments

AGENDA ITEM: Mayor Appointments

Mayor White asked for council approval for David Cottingham and Mitch Weatherly to the Planning and Zoning Board. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

Mayor White asked for council approval for Dick Elgin to the Cemetery Board. Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

Mayor White asked for council approval for Bob Smith to be the Liason for the Caring Center Board. Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

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

Jim W. White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date