

April 10, 2017
St. James Municipal Center
City Council/Utility Board Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Smith, Huster, Edwards, Mitchell, Sachs, Watkins and Anselm were in attendance. City Administrator Harold Selby and City Clerk Sarah Wheeler were also in attendance. Councilwoman Weatherly was absent.

Utility Board members in attendance were: Charles Armistead, Stephanie Hayes, Rodney Edwards, Paulette Craft and Tim Craft.

AGENDA ITEM: Utility Board Meeting

Charles spoke to the Council about the deteriorating waterlines and the need to raise the water rates to soon fix those lines rather than just patching them. Tim Craft mentioned that the utility department also does not have the equipment that it needs to be able to fix water main breaks on their own. Rodney suggested putting together a 10-year plan and moving forward with it.

Lyle Thomas and Tim Craft presented a bid to the utility board and city council for Automatic Meter Readers for the Natural Gas. This would allow the department to drive around town and automatically get the readings rather than the need to stop at each house. It would save time and manpower. The bid was for \$48,000 startup costs which would include hardware, software, and new meters. With a motion and a vote the utility board agreed to purchase the new AMR system. *(see utility board minutes for vote)*

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor White led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Adoption

Councilman Sachs made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: MINUTES: March 13, 2017

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2017 regular meeting. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Bills

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

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Gail Daniel spoke to the council and invited them to the first annual Heroin Awareness & Prevention Seminar on May 11, 2017 at 5:30 pm. She let the council know that there were many organizations getting involved to help put this on such as the Sheriff’s Department, Ambulance, Funeral Home, High School and Radio Station. Mr. & Mrs. Daniel’s lost their daughter to heroin and want to spread awareness of the growing problem by putting on seminars in different counties.

AGENDA ITEM: School Resource Officer Contract

Councilman Watkins made a motion to go in to Executive Session as allowed under RSMO 1988, Chapter 610.021 to discuss personnel issues. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to come back into open session. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1094

Clerk Wheeler read aloud Ordinance No. 17-1094 allowing the City to file applications with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by the MJMEUC for the second and final reading.

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilman Watkins seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Police Record Destruction

Chief Jones presented a list to the Council of records that the department is scanning in and would like to destroy. Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve the records for destruction. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”. The list will be attached and made part of these minutes.

AGENDA ITEM: Budget Discussion

City Administrator Selby went through each of the proposed 2017-2018 budget with the Council and discussed and answered any questions. This budget will include a 3% raise for all employees as determined by the Supervisors.

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 17-256

Clerk Wheeler read aloud Resolution No. 17-256 approving the 2017-2018 Fiscal year budget. Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve as presented. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

Humane Society – Councilman Edwards reported that he had requested more documents from the Humane Society and they still have not been given to him. It was also mentioned that in a previous conversation the Police Department was supposed to receive a key to the building which they have not yet.

Schools – Councilman Smith reported the middle school has been selected as the National Showcase school for capturing kid’s hearts. He also mentioned the House had chosen not to spend the \$11 million from Governor Grietens budget for special education. If this passes in the Senate this could hurt the Boys & Girls Town Schools and eventually hurt the St. James School District. He urged everyone to call their representatives.

Police: Councilman Sachs reported that the department had received 2,468 calls for service which was up 412 from last year.

Public Works Director: Lyle Thomas stated that next month he would be bringing 2 lot consolidations to the meeting for the council to vote on.

Parks: Councilman Mitchell reported the Park was working on installing an ADA ramp at the Scout Lodge. The park would also be cutting some sports programs this year that did not have much participation. Finally the Kiwanis Club would be holding a horse pull on June 10th at the park.

Street: Councilman Huster had no report.

Sanitation: Councilman Watkins mentioned the new recycle truck had come in.

IDA: Councilman Sachs reported no meeting this month.

Chamber: No report

City Administrator: No report.

Mayor: The Mayor thanked the City Council for their service this year,

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

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

Jim W. White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date