

August 14, 2017
St. James Municipal Center
City Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Hockersmith, 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 and Lt. Swanson were also in attendance.

Other attendees were Benji Daniel, Robert Tessaro, Debbie Klienhieder, Whitney Siebert, Chris Daniels.

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

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

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval

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

AGENDA ITEM: MINUTES: July 10, 2017

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 10, 2017 regular meeting. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Bills

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

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Chief Jones spoke to the citizens and council about a man passed out in a car he had witnessed while off duty at the gas station. He stated the he immediately started doing chest compressions on the individual and while he was doing those Debra Klienhieder and Whitney Siebert both immediately jumped in to dial 911 for him and also help the victim. Chief Jones then asked Debra and Whitney to come forward and receive plaques for their service and going above and beyond when needed. He thanked them for their help and also mentioned Bryan Lambeth who was off duty EMS that stepped in to help. He stated because of their help, the victim was now doing ok.

Benji Daniels spoke to the council next. He mentioned he was raising funds to give back to the city and suggested even doing a 50/50 raffle at the council meetings to raise money if the council approved.

AGENDA ITEM: Golden Age Center, School Coffee Shop and Chamber Leases

Harold mentioned that he had handed out a new contract that both the School Coffee Shop and the Chamber had worked up. He asked the council to review them this month and we would discuss next month. He had not received anything yet from the Golden Age Center but he had been speaking with Ramona Rhinehart quite a bit to get something together.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1099

Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 17-1099 for the second and final reading. This bill would change the offenses section of the code book completely to follow state statutes.

Councilman Huster made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilwoman Anselm seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”. Ordinance No. 17-1099 was approved.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1100

Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 17-1100 aloud for the second and final reading. This ordinance would allow the city to move forward on the property at 86 Carson Street if needed.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Councilmembers voted “aye”. Ordinance No. 17-1100 was approved.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1101

Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 17-1101 aloud for the second and final reading. This bill allows for a joint agreement with MGCM.

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”. Ordinance No. 17-1101 was approved.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1102

Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 17-1102 aloud for the second and final reading. This bill allows for a sales agreement with MGCM.

Councilman Watkins mentioned that buying 5 years in advance was too far out.

Councilman Huster made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Councilman Watkins voted “no”, all other Councilmembers voted “aye”. Ordinance No. 17-1102 was approved.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1103

Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 17-1103 aloud for the second and final reading. Conflict of Interest ordinance.

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

AGENDA ITEM: Asphalt & Concrete Bids

Lyle Thomas, Public Works told the council that the city had went out for asphaltting and concrete bids for the upcoming year. For concrete he had only received one bid from Maggi in the amount of \$43,750. The other vendors were not interested in bidding for this job. For asphalt, he had received bids from NB West, Capital Jefferson and Pierce Asphalt. Capital Jefferson had come in with the lowest bid in the amount of \$61,585.35. Lyle asked the board for approval of the bids to move forward with the projects.

Councilman Hockersmith made a motion to approve the bids from Maggi in the amount of \$43,750 and Capital Jefferson in the amount of \$61,585.35 for the concrete and asphalt work. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

Humane Society: Harold reported that he had received a budget from the Humane Society but it still did not include the amount in their savings. They would be giving that to him soon.

Schools: Councilman Smith reported that school was starting back for a new year tomorrow and that the school was very pleased with the School Resource Officer program, he also mentioned that St. James will still hold school on August 21st the day of the Eclipse.

Police: Councilman Sachs reported that the department was gearing up for the influx of people coming to town for the Solar Eclipse on August 21st and other than that the department was running normal. He also stated that he was very proud of the police department and the job they do day to day to keep us safe.

Public Works Director: Lyle mentioned that 182 work orders had been filled this month and that there were 135 new or still opened work orders being worked on. He mentioned since the last time the council had met there had been 1 major sewer repair, 2 water main breaks, and that the street sweeper had been out every day. He also mentioned that beginning next month the Street department would begin only picking up debris in each ward on the 1st Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each month.

Street: Councilman Huster mentioned that everything was running smoothly and that he really noticed a difference in the city streets since the sweeper had been out everyday.

IDA: Harold reported that the IDA discussed and agreed to becoming the bank for the Tourism Committee as needed. The Tourism Committee has a couple of bills that need to be paid but will reimburse the IDA for these through the RREC and grant money coming in.

Parks: Councilman Mitchell reported that the pool had their last week day open and that this year had went well. They were now working on getting a new security system up and running and also some other improvements needed for the pool. The park was also gearing up for the Grape & Fall Festival and soccer season starting.

Chamber – Debbie Parton had emailed a report to the council.

Sanitation – David Watkins reported that everything was going smoothly, there had been no vehicles breaking down this month.

City Administrator: Administrator Selby let the council know that the Church of God will be volunteering their time to paint the Boy Scout Lodge on September 16th. He mentioned that the fire hydrants were still being painted and that the new Tourism website was now up and running. Harold also told the council we would need to hold a special meeting to pass the year tax levy sometime at the end of August. The council agreed that August 29th at 6:00 pm would work.

Mayor: The Mayor mentioned that the council was helping the city to move forward and he was proud of that.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

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

Jim W. White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date