

**March 13, 2017**

**St. James Municipal Center**

**Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant**

**City Council Meeting**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order**

Mayor White called the Public Hearing to Order. City Administrator Harold Selby discussed the Community Development Block Grant to make ADA improvements to the St. James Library. A survey was done to see what things were important to the citizens that were in the room. It was determined that with St. James large older population that ADA accessibility was very important. A discussion took place between the council and the citizens with the everyone saying that they support the city in its attempt to find funding of improvements to the library. After nearly an hour of discussion and no more comments the Mayor asked if anyone else wanted to speak on the subject. Seeing none Mayor White closed the Public Hearing at 7:22 P.M.

**AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order**

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

**AGANDA ITEM: Call to Order**

Mayor White led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval**

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted "aye".

**AGENDA ITEM: BILLS**

Councilman Anselm made a motion to pay the bills and Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All Councilman voted "aye".

**AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments**

Bryan Lambeth from the St. James Ambulance District talked about the April election. He stated the Ambulance District was asking for a tax on real and personal property.

Deb Parton from the St. James Chamber of Commerce said that the Chamber is collecting donations for the Missouri Veterans Home.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**AGENDA ITEM Resolution No. 17-256- Seek Funding through Block Grant**

City Administrator Harold Selby read Resolution no. 17-256. Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted "aye".

**AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Residential Antidisplacement & Relocation Assistance Plan**

Councilman Sachs made a motion to accept the plan and Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted "aye".

**AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Form M- Certification regarding Section 3 Utilization**

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve and Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All Councilmen voted “aye”.

**AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1092- Water Repair & Maintenance**

Councilman Anselm made a motion for the second reading. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion. Councilmembers Anselm, Weatherly, Watkins, Mitchell, Edwards and Sachs voted “aye”, Councilman Huster voted “nay”.

**AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1093- MoDot Agreement**

City Administrator Harold Selby read Ordinance No. 17- 1093 out loud for the first reading. Councilman Edwards made a motion to approve the first reading and Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All Councilmembers approved. Councilman Edwards made a motion to second read and pass the bill. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. City Administrator Harold Selby read the bill a second time. All Councilmembers voted “aye”

**AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1094- Application with FERC**

Councilman Sachs made a motion to first read the Ordinance No. 17-1094. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted: “aye”. City Administrator read Ordinance No. 17-1094 Application with FERC for the first time.

**AGENDA ITEM: Tri County Humane Society**

Mark Macy addressed the City Council about the Tri County Humane Society. He stated that it was started around 1984. Mayor White asked why all the Board members have the same last name? He said he and his ex-wife were members but his present wife was not. Councilman Edwards stated that all the forms that he had turned in stated she was a Board member. Mr. Macy said it was hard to find Board members. He said he was looking for group he could merge with so they would have more help. He said they operate on \$60,000 dollars a year. He stated the city has been great for letting them use the building and providing utilities and paying veterinarian bills of \$12,000 dollars a year. The Mayor asked why does the Tri-County Humane Society own real estate? He said a man had approached them and said if they took care of his cats on his property when he died he would leave the property and his possessions and \$200,000.00 dollars to the Humane Society. He said they agreed and there are still four of the five cats still alive. A former employee lives in the house rent free. He said she pays her own utilities. Councilman Edwards asked why did they show \$5000.00 dollars for utilities on their tax statement? He said he could not answer that.

The Mayor asked if the Tri- County Humane Society own any airplanes? Mr. Macy stated that they have one that is for sale. He said six years ago a man donated the airplane to the Society. He said they could not sell it for five years. Councilman Edwards said you have paid for Insurance, maintenance and hanger rent out of Tri-County Humane Society funds for six years. Mr. Macy said we have a contract to sell it. Mayor White said air planes are expensive. Why keep it for so long? Do you use it? He said he does fly it some. When asked how much they are selling it for he said we are still negotiating. Councilman Edwards said if you have a contract like you stated before what price is on the contract? He said it was an intent to sell. Councilman Watkins asked if the four remaining cats were being cared for by the veterinarian that the city pays? Mr. Macy said he is always over on bills that the Tri County Animal Shelter pays on veterinarian cost over and above what the city pays. He stated they have one fulltime person and two-part time employees. He said he can't find workers who want to work for minimum wage. The Mayor asked if they had installed a Knox box with a key yet? Mr. Macy said no but would get on installed. Mayor white asked if they do background checks on volunteers or employees? Mr. Macy said they would start. He also stated he would get them to bag dog waste as promised before. Councilman Huster asked about the state of the building. He said it needed a lot of repair. Councilman Watkins asked how much money they receive in donations?

He stated he did not have that information with him. He stated they received no money from the county. Mayor White thanked him for his time.

## REPORTS

**Humane Society** Greg Edwards said most of what needed to be brought up was discussed earlier. He also stated the creek near St. Johns needed cleaned out.

**Schools** Mayor White introduced the Superintendent of the St. James School District. Merlyn Johnson said the city and school district have been working great together and thanked the Council for the school resource office.

**Police** Councilman Sachs said all was well with the Police Department and there were no complaints.

**Public Works Director.** Lyle Thomas reported a main break south of town. Electric crews were replacing bad wires on Jefferson and the water towers were being inspected for their annual inspection.

**Park** Nathan Mitchell reported that there was some roof damage from the wind on several buildings. One ton truck was in operation.

**Street** John Huster reported that a street sweeper demo would be on Tuesday.

**IDA** none

**Chamber** Carol Weatherly reported that the panning is moving ahead with all the chamber events. 12 wineries had already been signed up for Sip and Savor.

**Sanitation** Dave Watkins reported that the new truck could be back in a few weeks.

**City Administrator** City Administrator Harold Selby reported that he was concerned the sports may be canceled by the parks department. There will be Park Board meeting on Wednesday. All Councilmembers stated they wanted to see the sports continue. Mayor White said he would attend the meeting and stress that we want all sports to continue.

**Mayor** Mayor White stated the April meeting will be held with the Utility Board starting at 6:00 PM. Councilman Edwards said that the Masons will host a Chipping fair on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Masons Lodge.

## AGENDA ITEM: ADJOURN

Councilman Huster made a motion to adjourn and Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted "aye".

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Jim W. White, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

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Date