

May 8, 2017
St. James Municipal Center
City Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

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

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Mayor White asked Councilman Smith to offer a word of prayer. Mayor White then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval

Mayor White asked that the council approve an amendment on the agenda to take off appointments until the next council meeting. Councilman Sachs approved the amendment. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. All councilman voted "aye".

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: MINUTES: April 10, 2017

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from the April 10, 2017 meeting. Councilman Watkins seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Bills

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve the bills. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Election Results

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve the election results for the April 2017 municipal election. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted "aye".

Councilman Edwards made a motion to adjourn sine die. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted "aye".

Clerk Wheeler gave the oath to the newly elected officials: Alan Sachs, Shane Anselm, Richard Hockersmith and John Huster.

Mayor White called the newly formed council meeting back to order. Councilman Sachs made a motion to call to order. Councilman Watkins seconded the motion. All councilman voted "aye".

AGENDA ITEM: Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor White called for the election of the Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilman Watkins nominated Councilman Sachs. Councilman Anselm presented to the council his desire and qualifications for the position. Councilman Smith nominated Councilman Anselm.

Mayor White called for a vote. Councilmembers: Sachs, Hockersmith, Weatherly, Mitchell and Watkins voted “aye” for Councilman Sachs. Councilmembers: Huster, Anselm and Smith voted “aye” for Councilman Anselm. Councilman Sachs will be the Mayor Pro-Tem.

AGENDA ITEM: City Clerk Appointment

Councilman Anselm made a motion to reappoint Sarah Wheeler as the City Clerk. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Terrill Story with the St. James School, Fire House Coffee Shop spoke to the council about the importance of the shop and what it offers for the students. He mentioned beginning to charge utility rates would only hurt the program. Rebecca Pirtle and Jonah Auxier members of the board of the Coffee Shop also spoke with the council and told them what the program had done for them.

Benji Daniel spoke to the council about the MO Community Better program and mentioned that he had been working with Robert Tessaro to start a youth division of the group. Benji also mentioned he had been working with the art council and they would be displaying art work of local artists here and there at the Old City Hall.

AGENDA ITEM: Parking

Chief Jones spoke to the Council about the 2 hour parking spots up and down North and South Jefferson. New business owners were coming in and complaining that other business owners were parking in these spots all day and making it hard for their customers to come and go. Mayor White mentioned that the council would talk about individually and come up with ideas and then bring it back up at the June meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1095

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 17-1095 for the first reading. Mayor White explained that the only thing this ordinance would change is when the Utility Board would get paid. The amount would stay the same, however, they would just get paid once a year instead of monthly.

Councilman Watkins made a motion to approve the first reading. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Proclamation

The Mayor presented an Arbor Day Proclamation to the council to approve that is required for the Tree City USA and Conservation Grant.

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

AGENDA ITEM: Replat of Casey’s General Store Addition

Lyle Thomas, Public Works Director mentioned that Casey’s had not closed on the property yet like originally thought and therefore he would just need a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting. The Planning & Zoning Board had already approved the addition with the exception of Casey’s closing on the property. The city attorney had also reviewed and approved the easement.

Councilman Smith made a motion to table the discussion until the June meeting. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Replat of Lots 52, 53 and part of 54 Cartalls Heights

Lyle mentioned that the Planning & Zoning Board had approved this request and that it would clean up the issues so that the ordinance could be followed for the new house being built on this property and it would sit all on one lot.

Councilman Smith approved the replat. Councilman Anslem seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Firehouse Coffee Shop/Tourist Information Center/Golden Age Center Leases

Last year the council had made a motion and vote to approve charging the three locations (Firehouse Coffee Shop, Tourist Information Center, & Golden Age Center) their normal monthly utility bills in lieu of rent beginning in May 2017.

Councilman Smith asked the council if we should now take into consideration the money spent by each of the groups on the improvements of the property they are renting. Councilman Sachs said he understood but asked then how long do we let them go without charging utilities. Councilman Huster stated that we needed to be consistent in charging everyone for utilities. Councilman Hockersmith said that the population of St. James is benefiting from each of these organizations. Administrator Selby stated that each of these organizations will struggle to pay the utility bills and that maybe we should think of a donation program or another idea where citizens can help them if they want.

Councilman Smith made a motion to table each lease until next month when we have resolutions ready and we can discuss with sponsors from each group. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Caring Center Meters

Harold mentioned the issue with the natural gas meters and the Caring Center owned building being charged for sanitation three times based off each of those meters. After he had read the ordinance he believes that the sanitation is charged per electric meter and not per the gas meters and therefore they should only be charged once. The council agreed to change the bill to one sanitation charge.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

Humane Society: Harold reported that information had been asked for a couple months ago but had still not been received.

Schools: Councilman Smith reported that the Senate had settled at \$5 million for the Public Placement Funds budget which was down from \$11 million last year. School Superintendent Mr. Johnson reported that senate bill 313 was still being debated, May 24th was the last day of school, Graduation would be May 21st and 4 retirees would be honored at the next school board meeting. Summer School would begin June 5th.

Police: Councilman Sachs reported that everything went fairly smooth for the police at the Sip n Savor. They will begin interview for a new police officer on May 22nd.

Public Works Director: Lyle said that the power outages this month had been traced back to trees. The tree trimmers will begin working to fix the problem. MODOT will begin the ADA portion of the hwy 68 project on May 3rd and would begin the paving portion of the project on August 4th. Lastly he mentioned the street department had been working on storm water improvements.

Street: Councilman Huster mentioned that he had received a street report this month and that they had been working on ditches, new road pipes, pot hole repairs and equipment repairs. They have also been demoing street sweepers which would be brought up at a later meeting. John had also received a letter thanking the street department for a job well done.

IDA: Councilman Sachs reported no meeting this month.

Parks: Councilman Mitchell reported that the fields were busy with sports starting up, lots of mowing being done and they are getting ready for the pool to open at the end of the month.

Chamber – Councilwoman Weatherly said that there was reported about 700-800 people had attended Sip n Savor but they did not have final numbers yet, 16 winery’s and 20+ brewery’s had attended. The next events would be the Horse Pull sponsored by the Kiwanis on June 10 and the Chamber would sponsor a fireworks display on July 4th.

Sanitation – Councilman Watkins mentioned the department has been running smoothly and they had got all the new lights in the building.

City Administrator: Administrator Selby told the council the Civil Air Patrol would be painting 235 fire hydrants and would need a place to store their paint and other supplies while they are working on this. He suggested the Train Depot. Terrill Story said he would love to host the group at the Fire House Coffee Shop. The council agreed that would be a good location.

Next Selby mentioned that the Arts Council would be using the Old City Hall over the next month to display work of local artist. They had also cleaned up the building so others could tour it as well.

Mayor: The Mayor had no new information to report.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

Councilman Smith made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues as allowed under RSMO 1988, Chapter 610.021. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

Councilman Anslem made a motion to come back in to open session. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Anslem made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

Jim W. White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date