

**January 8, 2018
St. James Municipal Center
City Council Meeting**

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Weatherly, Mitchell, Sachs, Hockersmith, 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. Councilman Watkins was absent.

Other attendees signed in and are attached to these minutes.

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

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

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval

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

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes – December 11, 2017

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2017 regular city council meeting. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: BILLS

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

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Chief Ron Jones handed out a list of records he would like to destroy and asked the council for approval and to make part of the minutes for official record.

Lori Daharsh, Phelps County Deputy Collector attended the meeting and mentioned that Collector Davis would be retiring this year and she will be running for his spot. This will be on the ballot in August 2018.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1114 – City Attorney

Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 17-1114 aloud for the second and final reading.

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Anselm “aye”; Councilwoman Weatherly “aye”; Councilman Smith “aye”; Councilman Huster “aye”; Councilman Sachs “no”; Councilman Hockersmith “aye”; Councilman Mitchell “aye”. Ordinance No. 17-1114 was approved as read.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1115 – Zoning Application

Clerk Wheeler read Bill No. 17-1115 aloud for the second and final reading.

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve the zoning application for South Wishon. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 17-1116 – Chamber Lease

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 17-1116 aloud for the second and final reading.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the lease agreement. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 18-265 – Alliance Resources

Clerk Wheeler read Resolution No. 18-265 aloud.

Administrator Selby mentioned that Alliance lowered their original bid by \$40,000 and will make no increase for 2 years. Selby also mentioned that the Utility Board had voted at their last meeting to accept the agreement from Alliance. If approved by the council, Alliance employees will start February 5th.

Councilman Hockersmith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 18-265 as read. Councilman Mitchell seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1117 – Auxier Addition

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 18-1117 aloud for the first reading.

Administrator Selby explained that this would divide the buildings by Missouri Pizza so that Sammy Auxier could sell separately if he chooses to in the future.

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve Bill No. 18-1117 for the first reading. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1118 – Carter’s Addition

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 18-1118 aloud for the first reading.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1119 – Wise Addition

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 18-1119 aloud for the first reading.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the first reading. Councilman Hockersmith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

Humane Society: no report.

Schools: Councilman Smith mentioned that the School Board approved putting a spot on the ballot for a continuation bond which would help the school expand their performing arts and early childhood programs. The issue will be on the April ballot.

Police: Councilman Sachs reported that the department had a very busy year and that calls had increase in 2017 from 2016.

Public Works Director: no report.

Street: Councilman Huster mentioned the department had been fixing an old trailer and that the newest employee passed his CDL on his first try.

IDA: No meeting held this month.

Parks: Councilman Mitchell reported the Community Betterment had rewarded the parks with a \$35,000 grant to fix up the Community Hall. The Parks department was working with them now to figure out what kind of repairs they will do. Mitchell also reports a pickle ball league would be forming.

Chamber – Councilwoman Weatherly reported the chamber was holding interviews and hoping to hire a new director this week. Also, the annual Chamber dinner was coming up in February.

Sanitation – Administrator Selby reported that they were looking at increasing sanitation rates because they had not been done since 2003, and also looking to give raises to the employees to bring them up to a better wage.

Senior Center – Councilman Smith said the building was going good and they would be looking into a line of credit in lieu of a deposit for the new building utilities.

City Administrator: Administrator Selby mentioned that the drive-thru window and roof had been leaking very badly and already ruined a computer. They were looking to tear the roof down and get this issue fixed pretty quickly. The lowest bid was \$13,000. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve fixing the drive-thru window and roof. Councilman Hockersmith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

Mayor: no report.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

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

Jim W. White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date