

**December 10, 2018**  
**St. James Municipal Center**  
**City Council Meeting**

**AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order**

Mayor White led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Bradley Dimock led in a word of prayer.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval**

Councilman Smith requested to add “Senior Center Sales Tax” as a line item on the agenda under New Business. Councilman Smith also asked to add discussion on how we will handle City Administrator interviews.

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

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**AGENDA ITEM: Minutes – November 13, 2018**

Councilman Sachs asked about the closed minutes for the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Clerk Wheeler stated that she had forgot to bring them, and we would hold off on approving those until the January 2019 meeting.

Councilwoman Swanson said that her vote should have been “abstain” during the Grant Overtime discussion.

Councilman Smith stated that he had mentioned under his Senior Center report that they would be looking at the possibility of a sales tax.

Councilman Krawiecki made a motion to approve the minutes with the requested amendments of the open November 13, 2018 regular meeting. Councilman Anslem seconded the motion. Councilman Sachs voted “aye”; all other councilmembers voted “aye”. The minutes were approved with the amendments.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Bills**

Councilman Huster made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments**

\* Kelly Beets with MIRMA presented the Police Department with a Risk Grant in the amount of \$6,048. The grant will pay 60% of stop sticks requested and 75% of the surveillance system requested.

\* Kent Thomas with Sustainable Ozark Partnership gave a handout and did a short presentation of what the group has been focusing on for the 2018 year.

\* Todd Streiler with Streiler Planning discussed the grant the city had received from the USDA for design towards the city. He said they will begin working on gathering data of the city’s strengths and weaknesses and begin coming up with a plan. The project will take about 10-12 months.

\* Lou Lehmer asked about the Derby station and how the project of cleaning it up was coming along. He also asked the council to look at drainage ditch two doors down from his house that was clogged and needed cleaned. Mayor White mentioned that unfortunately we cannot move forward with any of these items until we found someone to be a nuisance officer and got them appointed.

\* Charity Satterfield gave a proposal for chickens at the school for her classroom. After discussion and reviewing her proposal, Councilman Anselm made a motion to have the attorney write up an ordinance with Charity’s proposal but allowing anyone in city limits

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**AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1136 – Avoided Fuel Cost**

Ordinance No. 18-1136 was read aloud by Attorney Bond for the first reading.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the first reading. Councilman Huster seconded the motion.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 18-279**

Attorney Bond read Resolution No. 18-279 aloud for the first and only reading. This resolution would appoint Lyle Thomas as the MJMEUC director for the City of St. James and Mayor White as the alternate, taking Harold Selby off as director.

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

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Senior Center Sales Tax**

Councilman Smith stated that the Senior Center would be interested in putting a half cent sales tax on the ballot for approval at the April election. He mentioned that the city currently has a two-cent limit and that out of that limit one cent is still available. The Senior Center board discussed, and they would like to have the City Council add it to the ballot.

Attorney Bond stated that although the council can add it to the ballot, since it is a city tax the city cannot legally give public money to a private entity. He said the way it would have to be done would be as general sales tax and then a contract with the Senior Center to give them the money. The contract would require the city have auditing rights to the Senior Center books to make sure the money is being spent wisely. He also mentioned that it is not safe to earmark the tax just for Seniors as then it gives the city no rights down the road if they would see the need to use the money elsewhere.

After lots of discussion, Councilman Smith made a motion to propose an ordinance be written up for a half cent sales tax on the April ballot and a contract by the January meeting. Councilman Krawiecki seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports**

**Humane Society:** Mayor White mentioned that Councilman Hockersmith had moved and resigned his position on the council. Councilman Krawiecki stated that he has received a couple complaints about the Humane Society and that it was an ongoing problem. He asked Mayor White to appoint him to fill Councilman Hockersmith’s position as liaison for the Humane Society.

**Schools:** Councilman Smith did not have anything new to report.

**Senior Center** – Councilman Smith thanked the Senior Center for the tour last month and he hoped it brought a better understanding of what they do to the city council.

**Police:** Councilman Sachs stated he was happy we still had a chief, things were going well and they had been very busy due to the holidays.

**Alliance:** Billy Bowers mentioned one water leak for the month. They were working on sewer I&I.

**Public Works Director:** Lyle stated 74 tons of salt had been delivered to the street department. Tree trimmers were about done for the year. Street department currently doing gumball pick up. Electric work by Kiowa completed.

**Street:** Councilman Huster mentioned the department had been busy picking up leaves and gumballs, street sweeper was back on the road, camera is up at the new dumpsite, and that no overtime had been used during the recent snow because of the new snow schedule.

**IDA:** No meeting held this month.

**Parks:** Councilman Krawiecki stated that the department was winding down for the winter. They were working with the company to make sure fields would be done and ready to use by next season. Floor at Rec Center to be replaced. New President and Vice President had been voted in at the last meeting. Finally, the \$40,000 that was being held at the pool reserves for many years now can be moved to Parks.

**Chamber** – Councilwoman Weatherly mentioned they had 40 entries into the Christmas Parade. 516 visitors in November. 135 visitors to see Santa after the parade. St. James Art Club had refurbished several of the old Christmas decorations, so they had been put out and looked very nice. The Chamber

was still selling calendars for \$100 each for the gun raffle. The Chamber was beginning to plan for the February annual dinner and citizens awards.

**Sanitation** – Councilman Anslem mentioned all trucks were up and running, however, one truck can only be used for cardboard at this time. Lyle mentioned that Section 14-11 of the code book needed clarification on the fees. He would like to present a new updated ordinance to the council at next month’s meeting.

**Library** – Councilwoman Swanson said that Phelps County Bank had given a donation of \$500 for the year. The Library Christmas event had 320 plus people in attendance.

**City Administrator** – Administrator Selby mentioned the ongoing gas negotiations. No settlement had been reached as of December 1<sup>st</sup> so the full increase went into effect. The Utility Board voted to not pass on the fees to citizens for the month of December since a settlement was close to being reached. He thinks it will end up being only about a \$40 per year increase to those customers with gas.

City insurance was due. We had gone out for bid but Sheran Ashby had come back with a zero percent increase and the city is able to keep their exact plan for the 2019 year.

Harold mentioned the Snelson/Brinker cabin. MO Humanities was taking over and was working to rebuild the cabin with grant money. Also, MO Humanities would be doing a PBS Special on the Trail of Tears and would like to build a museum in St. James. They are working on an agreement now and would like to move into the old James Foundation building. We would at least like to get enough rent to cover utilities. Councilman Anslem made a motion to move forward with allowing them to move into the building with the agreement that they would pay for utilities each month. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

Finally, Harold passed out the recently finished 2017/2018 audit. He asked the council to review and if there were any questions to please see himself or Clerk Wheeler.

**Mayor** – Mayor White appointed Nichole Pigg to the Park Board. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the appointment, Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

Mayor White appointed Robin Zigler to the Tourism Committee. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the appointment. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

Mayor White appointed Tracy Edwards to the IDA Board. Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the appointment. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

Mayor White mentioned the Employee Christmas Bonus. Councilman Huster made a motion to approve giving each employee a \$150 Christmas Bonus. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Councilwoman Swanson “abstain”, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

Mayor White mentioned election filing opened tomorrow at 8:00 am and that the City Appreciation party would be this coming Friday at 7:00 pm.

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## **AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn**

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

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Jim W. White, Mayor

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Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

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