

**May 14, 2018**  
**St. James Municipal Center**  
**City Council Meeting**

**AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order**

Mayor White called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Weatherly, Krawiecki, Hockersmith, Huster, Anselm, Swanson and Smith were present for the meeting. City Clerk Wheeler, Public Works Director Thomas, Street Superintendent Scheel, Sanitation Superintendent Ron Fraser and Lt. Swanson, were also in attendance. City Attorney Joe Bond was present for the meeting.

Other attendees signed in and are attached to these minutes.

Councilman Sachs was absent.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order**

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

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**AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval**

Mayor White stated that he would like to make the following amendments to the agenda: Ordinance 18-1125 will be tabled until the next meeting; under old business add “Introduce New Attorney”; and Before Ordinance No. 18-1124 add Dr. Wilkerson to speak. Councilman Hockersmith made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Minutes – April 23, 2018**

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2018 meeting. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Bills**

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

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**AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments**

Louis Lehmer requested to speak with the council. He asked for an update on the old derby station from the last time he had been at the meeting the month before. Mayor White told him we have ordinances in place now and the city had planned to start working on nuisances this next week.

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**AGENDA ITEM: New Attorney**

Mayor White introduced the new city attorney Joe Bond. Steven Lucas was resigning from the firm to take a job in Kansas City so Joe has been assigned by Cunningham, Vogel and Rost to now be the attorney in his place. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve Joe Bond as the new city attorney. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1123 – Perkins No Parking Zone**

The council requested that the wording Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm be added to the wording of the ordinance as previously requested.

Because of the amendment Attorney Bond read the ordinance for the second reading aloud in full. Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve as read. Councilman Hockersmith seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1124 – Fluoridation**

Dentist Ron Wilkerson asked to speak with the council about the fluoridation ordinance before read. He mentioned that he had been looking into it and it would cost the city approximately \$13-\$20,000 to fix and put the fluoride back into the city water. He stated that the fluoride is very beneficial to help fight cavities and develop teeth. He finally stated that he had looked into it and that there was grant money available that would help to get the system fixed and back up and running.

The council thanked Dr. Wilkerson and stated that for now they would need to pass the ordinance so it read correctly with how the city runs the system, but they will consider the fluoride more in the near future.

Attorney Bond read Ordinance No. 18-1124 aloud for the second and final reading. Councilman Krawiecki made a motion to approve. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1125 – Midwest Petroleum**

Ordinance No. 18-1125 was tabled for the second reading until the public hearing next month.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1126 – Evergreen Street Vacation**

Attorney Bond read Ordinance No. 18-1126 aloud for the first reading. Councilman Huster made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Yard Waste Site**

The council discussed again moving the yard waste dumping site to North Springfield. Councilman Huster stated that the concrete slab will work perfect for dumping and for the street guys to be able to pick it up without a lot of water holding in that area. The department cleans up the dump area every Friday. A fence and sign will also be put up so that not just anyone is able to dump at the site. The council all agreed that this was the best option and would like to move forward with it. Mayor White stated he would like to put something in the newspaper first to see if any citizens have any complaints and then he will decide at the next meeting.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Building Permits**

The Councilman Smith wanted to discuss the requirements in making the school get a building permit for adding on and new renovations at the school. Attorney Bond stated that the city code is very clear that permit fees are required and that we cannot wave the fees without changing the ordinance all together. The fee rate is based on a percentage of the total cost of construction. The schools fee would be \$24,000 for a \$12 million project.

Councilman Hockersmith asked what the school gets for the fee paid? Councilman Krawiecki asked if this would open us up for a lawsuit if we are picking and choosing who pays the fees and who does not. Councilman Smith asked if we can change the ordinance to read more clearly who pays the fee and who does not have to. Attorney Bond recommended that we keep the ordinance as is and do not pick and choose. The council after lots of discussion agreed to keep the ordinance as is.

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

**Humane Society:** Councilman Hockersmith mentioned that he is having a hard time tracking someone down at the Humane Society so at this time has no report.

**Schools:** Councilman Smith mentioned that the track team was doing well, the school was sending 21 kids to sectional to compete.

**Senior Center** – Councilman Smith stated they would be having their next meeting on Thursday.

**Police:** Mayor White mentioned that the department is now fully staffed and that Sip N Savor went over fine with no real issues. Officer Riggs will be moving to the 2<sup>nd</sup> SRO position in July.

**Alliance:** Gary went over his report, stated that DNR had inspected the sewer system and that everything was very neatly organized and the inspection went very quickly. He also thanked the council for passing the budget to allow them to do the upgrades and repairs needed to keep the system up and running well.

**Public Works Director:** Lyle no further report.

**Street:** Councilman Huster mentioned they had just put together an asphaltting and storm water plan for the year. Wednesday the new skid steer was being delivered.

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

**Parks:** Councilman Krawiecki stated that soccer season was over and unfortunately a lot of games were missed because of all the rain. The pool is filled and ready to open in a couple weeks. He mentioned that he had attended the last Park Board meeting and they discussed fixing the weight room which will be about \$5000. The board is trying to put together a group that could help donate their time and raise money for fixing up the park.

**Chamber** – Councilwoman Weatherly reported that around 650 people had attended Sip N Savor and everything ran smoothly. She motioned upcoming events: May 17<sup>th</sup> – donation presentation to the Veteran’s Home; May 19<sup>th</sup> – kids fishing day at Meramec Springs; June 21<sup>st</sup> a big biking event will be traveling along Route 66 and be coming through St. James, about 300-600 bikers are expected; and May 26<sup>th</sup> about 60-70 mustang drivers will be coming on Route 66 and stop in St. James for a car show.

**Sanitation** – Councilman Anselm said he had visited three times with the crew this month and everything was running smoothly.

**City Administrator:** Administrator Selby was absent.

**Mayor:** Mayor White requested that the council approve his appoints of: Kenny Schmidt, Candace Jacobson and Elizabeth Roberson to the Library Board; and Kristy Rich, Rob Rogers, and Dusty Craft to the Park Board. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the appointments. Councilman Hockersmith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

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## **AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Weatherly 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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