

August 13, 2018
St. James Municipal Center
City Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

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

Other attendees signed in and are attached to these minutes.

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

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

AGENDA ITEM: Tax Levy Public Hearing

Mayor White opened the public hearing. No citizens had input for the hearing. The hearing was closed and the regular meeting was opened.

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval

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

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes – July 09, 2018

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2018 meeting. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. All Councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Bills

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

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Lou Lehmer requested to speak. Lou stated he had given plenty of time to run through the city council and wondered why the old derby station had not been cleaned up yet. Harold mentioned that this property was scheduled for the second round of hearings and had not went through the first round which is why it was taking a bit longer to get cleaned up.

Sheila Brown asked to speak next. She mentioned the creek drainage by her house needs mowed and cleaned up. She stated that she has to call every year and wanted to know how she can get this cleaned up before she has to call. Harold mentioned that last year we had purchased the equipment needed to clean it up, however, we were short on staff and therefore it was taking longer to get to. Sheila also mentioned the swimming pool ordinance that was on the agenda and stated that she didn't agree with the fence being around every swimming pool, as she has had hers for years and has a locking gate that insurance said was enough.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1128 – Tax Levy

Ordinance No. 18-1128 was read aloud by Attorney Bond for the first reading. Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilman Krawiecki seconded the motion. Attorney Bond reading Ordinance No. 18-1128 aloud for the second and final reading. Councilman Huster made a motion to approve. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. Upon roll call the votes were as follows: Councilman: Smith “aye”; Anselm “aye”; Weatherly “aye”; Hockersmith “aye”; Huster “no”; Swanson “no”; Sachs “no”; Krawiecki “no”. Mayor White broke the tie with an “aye” vote. The ordinance was approved as read.

The council asked the attorney and Administrator Selby to look into the rates and why they raise each year for a better explanation before next year’s Tax Levy hearing.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1129 – Conflict of Interest

Ordinance No. 18-1129 was read aloud by Attorney Bond for the first reading. Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Attorney Bond reading Ordinance No. 18-1129 aloud for the second and final reading. Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call the votes were as follows: Councilman: Smith “aye”; Anselm “aye”; Weatherly “aye”; Hockersmith “aye”; Huster “aye”; Swanson “aye”; Sachs “aye”; Krawiecki “aye”. The ordinance was approved as read.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1130 – MODOT

Ordinance No. 18-1129 was read aloud by Attorney Bond for the first reading. Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilman Krawiecki seconded the motion. Attorney Bond reading Ordinance No. 18-1130 aloud for the second and final reading. Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve. Councilman Krawiecki seconded the motion. Upon roll call the votes were as follows: Councilman: Smith “aye”; Anselm “aye”; Weatherly “aye”; Hockersmith “aye”; Huster “aye”; Swanson “aye”; Sachs “aye”; Krawiecki “aye”. The ordinance was approved as read.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1131 – Pool Fencing

Ordinance No. 18-1131 was read aloud by Attorney Bond for the first reading. Attorney Bond then explained to the council that this ordinance would not affect any pools under 3 foot deep.

The council discussed in depth the ordinance and decided that it would be best to focus the ordinance on the location of the pool rather than fencing around the pool.

Councilman Krawiecki made a motion to table the ordinance and refer to Planning & Zoning to focus on the land use portion. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

Humane Society: Councilman Hockersmith mentioned he had lots of new information and would put together a packet for the council to review all of it. He will have it for the meeting in September.

Schools: Councilman Smith reported that school will start August 15th.

Senior Center – Councilman Smith stated the center will be holding a golf tournament to raise money for new equipment. Left their old equipment to the city for use in the building. The Senior Center has turned in a letter to the city with their intent to vacate the city’s property and they had cleaned it and left it in very nice condition. Finally, Councilman Smith mentioned that he would like to discuss a new service agreement next month with the Senior Center.

Police: Councilman Sachs stated that the Chief had made it through open houses at the school and everything went well. They had held training at the school for active shooters with the teachers. Councilman Huster pointed out that he would like notified in the future when accidents occur with the police cars. Administrator Selby mentioned the he would like approval to purchase four new vehicles for the department. Two that were already in the budget and had been approved and one car that had been wrecked to replace and one car for the new SRO position. He stated that the total cost would be \$96,000, however, the school would be paying \$13,000 for half of the SRO car, insurance was writing a check for \$12,500 for the wrecked car and we would receive \$10,000 for trade in of the old vehicles, bringing the cost down to \$60,500 for four cars. The department is also needing new radios and repeaters for a total cost of \$73,315.00.

Councilman Hockersmith made a motion to approve the bids for the radios. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

Councilman Hockersmith made a motion to approve the purchase of four police cars. Councilman Krawiecki seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”. Councilwoman Swanson abstained from the voting.

Alliance: Billy went over his report. Stated that had been working on the I&I and it was slowly getting better.

Public Works Director: Lyle stated that Midwest Petroleum first part of the underground work was complete. They are scheduled to open one week from today. The street department had been working on curbing and was getting ready to start paving soon.

Street: Councilman Huster mentioned the trouble the department had ran into while doing curbing work due to soft spots in the asphalt but they were still getting the work done that was needed.

IDA: No meeting held this month.

Parks: Councilman Krawiecki stated the new arena was completed and that Bull Moose Tube, FFA and John’s Farm & Fence had donated all the parts to make the new arena.

Chamber – Councilwoman Weatherly mentioned the Fall Festival coming up, also that the Chamber was discussing putting doggie bags around for people that walk their dogs to pick up the waste.

Sanitation – Councilman Anselm said things were going well.

Library – Councilwoman Weatherly mentioned the trivia night and that the next Phelps for the Fort meeting will be held at the Library.

City Administrator: Administrator Selby mentioned that the city had received the notice to proceed on the trail grant. He also mentioned the \$43,000 grant for the downtown study, the county was looking into passing a leash law and finally Robert Tessaro had painted the Scout Lodge and it was looking very nice.

AGENDA ITEM: Closed Meeting

With no further business to discuss in open session, Councilman Anslem made a motion to go into closed session per RMSO 1988 Chapter 610.021 for real estate purchasing. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Krawiecki seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”. The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 pm.

Jim W. White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date