

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

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor White called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Krawiecki, Anselm, Sachs, 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.

Councilman Hockersmith 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. Pastor Bradley Dimock led in a word of prayer.

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval

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

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes – August 13, 2018

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2018 meeting. Councilman Anslem 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 commented on 309 Seymour, he mentioned a big tree had been cut down, but the logs have not been moved in over 60 days. He also mentioned the drainage ditch at 202 James and that the water was not draining because the ditch had not been cut. Finally, he mentioned the Derby Station and asked where the city was on getting this taken care of.

Kevin Whitener spoke to the council about 215 & 219 Anna Street. He said the grass had not been mowed and it was growing out on the street. Lyle stated that he hoped to be able to get to it this week.

Barbara McDowell was the last citizen to comment. She mentioned that 218 W Eldon which was next door to her house had a tree growing over her roof and asked if the city could trim. Harold mentioned that the city could not trim since it was on private property but since it was growing into her yard she could pay to have the portion on her property trimmed up.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1132 – Carters Plat

Ordinance No. 18-1132 was read aloud by Attorney Bond for the first reading.

Nathan Brown told the council that they are needing to consolidate the lot so that he will not be building over two property lines.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1133 – Chapter 25 P & Z Amendment

Ordinance No. 18-1133 was read aloud by Attorney Bond for the first reading.

Joe explained that this ordinance would amend Chapter 25 to clarify where pools/accessory buildings are allowed in yards.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 18-1134 – New Life Subdivision Plat

Ordinance No. 18-1134 was read aloud by Attorney Bond for the first reading.

This ordinance would allow New Life Church to retain Lot 1 but be able to sell off Lots 2 & 3.

AGENDA ITEM: Meramec Street Water Improvements

Lyle Thomas mentioned that they had held a bid opening for Meramec Street water improvements. GTC Sitework had been the low bidder, however, they did not have references. The Utility Board had approved going with Hutchins Telecom who was the next low bidder at \$339,355.

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the bid. Councilman Krawiecki seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Manufacturing Day Proclamation

Mayor White showed a proclamation for manufacturing day and said that he would present it to Cohen Woodworking and Tacony Manufacturing who would be holding special events for this day.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

Humane Society: Councilman Hockersmith was absent. No report.

Schools: Councilman Smith reported that school was going good and they had been working with the Chamber good as well.

Senior Center – Councilman Smith read off a list of services the Senior Center provided he wasn't sure if others knew about. Some of the items were: free toe nail clippings, free flu shots, free blood pressure checks, free tax work done for senior citizens, \$4 lunches. He mentioned that the new center had served 609 lunches in July and invited the council to take a tour before next month's council meeting.

Police: Councilman Sachs stated the Fall Festival went well and that the city has an exceptional chief and we should be proud of him and his department.

Alliance: Billy stated that they had moved a 20-foot section of sewer main this month and also moved a hydrant from the middle of Scioto street.

Public Works Director: Lyle stated the street department had secured an 80-ton supply of salt for the winter and that paving would begin around the 20th of next month. He also mentioned the department was trying to tackle yard waste in gutter problems.

Street: Street Superintendent, Danny Scheel said that they were working on pouring a pad for all the salt coming in and they were also getting ready for paving next month.

IDA: No meeting held this month.

Parks: Councilman Krawiecki stated the pool had closed for the season Labor Day weekend and now the department was getting ready for soccer season. He mentioned John had gotten bids for the ball fields and now they were working with the school to go in half-and-half to help pay and get the fields fixed. They were also working on getting a bid for AC for the Rec Center. Ken Dixon had resigned off their board this month.

Harold mentioned that the Wrestling team would like to use the old Golden Age Center building to hold their practices beginning October through March. They would pay \$200 a month plus utilities for use of the building. The council agreed to put a contract together and vote on it next month.

Chamber – Councilwoman Weatherly mentioned the Fall Festival was a wash due to all the rain, however, they moved the Derby to next weekend in hopes that they could still get a big crowd to come.

There would be a ribbon cutting at Missouri Pizza, and finally that the Chamber was looking for a new director and part-time weekend employee.

Sanitation – Councilman Anselm mentioned the department was down two trucks and in need of several new pieces of equipment.

Library – Councilwoman Swanson said the library will be having a family picnic day on the 22nd of this month and that they would also be hosting the girl scout sign ups on the 13th of this month.

Mayor – Mayor White appointed Becky Uffmann to the empty spot on the Park Board. He also appointed Pastor Bradley Dimock as the new city chaplain.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

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

Jim W. White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date