

**September 16, 2019
St. James Municipal Center
City Council Meeting**

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor Krawiecki called the meeting to order. A word of prayer was led by Pastor Baumann. Councilwoman Edwards was absent from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval

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

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes – August 12th & 20th, 2019

Councilman Boulware made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 12 & 20, 2019 meetings. Councilwoman Keyes seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Bills – August 2019

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve the bills paid in August. Councilwoman Swanson seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM – Mayor Comment

Mayor Krawiecki made a brief statement concerning the police incident with Mr. Eugene Bartle on September 3, 2019.

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Lou Lehmer asked about the progress with the Derby Station and how the nuisance hearing went. Administrator Fleming mentioned that Lyle Staubb, owner of the Derby Station, did not show up for the hearing. The City is now moving on to the next step of taking bids to get the property cleaned up and a tax lien put on the property.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 19-1149 – Winter Subdivision

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 19-1149, Winter Subdivision Lot Consolidation aloud for the second and final reading. Councilman Boulware made a motion to approve the reading. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the votes were as follows: Councilwoman Weatherly “aye”; Councilman Boulware “aye”; Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Anselm “aye”; Councilwoman Swanson “aye”; Councilwoman Keyes “aye”; Councilman Smith “aye”. Ordinance No. 19-1149 was approved as read.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 19-1153 – Delinquent Utility Customers

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 19-1153 aloud for the second and final reading.

Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve the Ordinance as read for the final reading. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the votes were as follows: Councilwoman Weatherly “aye”; Councilman Boulware “aye”; Councilman Anselm “aye”; Councilwoman Keyes “aye”, Councilman Smith “aye”, Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilwoman Swanson “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Parking on St. Ann

Chief Jones and Public Works Director Thomas mentioned that they have had several complaints about citizens parking along St. Ann on the curve. They mentioned that this is a dangerous spot to park and would like to pass an ordinance to put up signs to allow no parking in that area. The council agreed to have an Ordinance ready for the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

Public Works: Lyle said that they are working on tree trimming in the Saint Streets. Street department is busy digging on North Louise trying to help find the water issue. The street department is also aware of the storm water issues still needing to be fixed.

Alliance: Billy stated two service leaks had been fixed, they had located water main for the new tap at the school, they had fixed the lift station pump.

Senior Center: Councilman Smith mentioned they had received a grant for the parking lot.

Police: Councilman Sachs stated we had lost two officers to other departments, but the Police Board had met and hired one new officer to replace an empty spot. Still taking applications to fill the other position. Administrator Fleming asked the Council for permission to pay the salaried Lieutenants overtime while we were short staffed. The council agreed.

Schools: Councilman Smith mentioned the High School construction progress was moving along good.

Park: Councilwoman Keyes stated that Grape & Fall Festival had went well, no real issues. The ballfields are finally complete. The park board is now considering fencing for the fields, so they do not get damaged. This is the last weekend for the pool to be open. Finally, she mentioned that a lightning strike had hit a pool controller so that will need to be fixed.

Library: Councilwoman Swanson stated that September was library card sign up month and on the 28th the Friends of the Library will be holding their annual fundraiser.

Street: Councilman Anselm said the department was still short staffed, they were looking for manpower.

Sanitation: Councilman Anselm said the department was running smoothly.

Humane Society: Councilman Boulware stated that he had still not been able to obtain the tax report. He had also spoken with an organization called Whisker Stops who had reached out to offer the Humane Society help but that they had been turned away. The contract for the Humane Society was up in October so they were working on setting up a meeting to agree on a new contract for 1 year as opposed to the previous 10-year contract. Chief Jones also mentioned that the Humane Society was supposed to keep spots open for the police department to bring in strays but that they were full and were turning the police department away because of no room at this time.

Utilities: Councilman Boulware said that the Electric Department would be receiving a \$345,000 refund from the FERQ lawsuit case. Also that the utilities was eligible for a \$60,000 grant for the bypass program.

Chamber – Councilwoman Weatherly mentioned the Chamber had saw 1091 visitors in August. The Flea Market was still open for the season, they will reevaluate October 1st and decide if they would like to stay open through the month of October. O'Doggies was at the Chamber every Thursday. Grape and Fall Festival went well, made enough money to pay for 1 new speaker. September 25th would be the first meeting to start planning for Grape and Fall Festival 2020. Trail of Tears meeting October 9, 2019.

IDA – Administrator Fleming mentioned the next meeting would be September 23rd at 4:00 pm, Todd Strieler would be there to give a presentation.

MO Humanities – Councilwoman Edwards had nothing new to report.

City Administrator – Jim Fleming mentioned he was working on putting together educational materials for the Use Tax. We were still waiting to hear if we had been approved for the TRIM Grant. The tennis court grant was still in the works, they had come back needing more material from us. He was meeting with DNR on Monday, he still needed to set up a meeting with the Humane Society to go over the new lease, and finally, he would be setting up meetings of the Budget and HR Committees very soon.

Mayor – Mayor Krawiecki mentioned the Use Tax and we would need to push and teach citizens how helpful this would be to help with wages so that we can hire and keep employees.

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”.

Rick Krawiecki, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date