

October 15, 2019
St. James Municipal Center
City Council Meeting

AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order

Mayor Krawiecki called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Anselm, Swanson and Weatherly were absent from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval

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

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes – September 16, 2019

Councilman Boulware made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2019 meeting. Councilwoman Keyes seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Bills – September 2019

Councilwoman Edwards made a motion to approve the bills paid in September. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 19-1154 – No Parking St. Ann

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 19-1154 aloud for the first reading. Chief Jones and Public Works Director Thomas stated that the ordinance will affect 4 houses. Chief Jones mentioned that he had spoken to a couple homeowners in that area and all thought it was a great idea.

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

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 19-1155 – Stop Signs – St. Ann

Clerk Wheeler read Ordinance No. 19-1155 aloud for the first reading.

Councilwoman Keyes made a motion to approve the first reading. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the votes were as follows: Councilman Boulware “aye”; Councilwoman Keyes “aye”, Councilman Smith “aye”, Councilman Sachs “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

Public Works: Lyle said that the departments were busy preparing for salt for the winter and the Hwy DD repair. The bid opening for the school project 10” extension from the Elementary to the High School will be held on October 31st. We are in the process of rerouting two electric lines and we are having issues with truck drivers going to the Wal-Mart DC.

Alliance: Billy stated the testing at the plant was still coming back good. Waterlines and mains getting repaired they are also working on replacing dead meters. He had a customer that requested lead testing and our tests came back good on that. Zero bypass for the month and finally, he met with DNR about C&B Motors having a possible gas leak.

Senior Center: Councilman Smith mentioned they would be using the grant money to pave their parking lot at the Caring Center on October 28th.

Police: Councilman Sachs stated we received the two new cars in and that we were still one officer short.

Schools: Councilman Smith mentioned the construction crew turned off the electric at the school the day the shop teacher was going to tear out the floors. Thanks to Grant Mueller for getting a generator with lights to still make this possible. The school is currently negotiating with the city for rooms to use as classrooms during their construction. Also, the school is very happy with the new ballfields.

Park: Councilwoman Keys mentioned that there had been vandalism at the park ballfields and bathrooms. The park department was busy setting up the concessions stands for the soccer season and they were gearing up to begin cleaning up gumballs. The Park Board had hired Kristy Rich as the new sports director and Justin Hackworth would be moving the street department.

Library: Councilman Keyes said that the Friends of the Library group had their annual picnic and raised enough money for the children’s program for the remainder of the year and Bookfest would be held October 31st.

Street: Danny Scheel mentioned that they should have their truck by the end of the month, they were up to a full staff as soon as Justin moves over from the Parks and finally that they would begin picking up leaves and gumballs.

Sanitation:

Humane Society: Councilman Boulware mentioned that we were in the process of negotiating a new contract. We are doing a month to month contract for now until we can agree on terms.

Utilities:

Chamber: Robin Ziegler, Chamber Director mentioned that there were 909 visitors for September. As of October 1st the Tourist Center had switched to winter hours. The Tourist Center is looking for a part-time employee. Trail of Tears open house this Friday. Dinner on the Greens approaching soon. December 7th is the Annual Christmas Parade and finally, the Chamber has set a date for the Annual Dinner they will be announcing soon.

IDA: Councilman Edwards mentioned that the IDA had met about grant funding and would have additional information to share soon.

MO Humanities:

City Administrator: Administrator Fleming mentioned that the annual Audit was finished. Fleming discussed the difference of the reserve funds vs capital funds, what they are each used for and the target goals for the city and utilities in each fund. He mentioned that the sanitation department is dealing with bags being left outside of cans and ripping apart, leaving the crew to have to pick up trash in ditches and in the road. Discussing how we can require everyone to begin using cans. He also mentioned that the Street department is mowing areas that is the responsibility of MODOT. These are areas that are costing the city extra money. Fleming attended the Community Betterment Conference over the weekend. He stated we will begin looking at the old plan and figuring out where we can get started on it again. Finally, he mentioned it was time again for health insurance bids, and that there will be a meeting held on Thursday at the Library to discuss the Use Tax for all that would like information on it.

Mayor: Mayor Krawiecki mentioned the Nuisance Ordinance and that we are waiting on the judge to sign off so that we start cleaning up. Kristy Rich had been hired at the park as the new Sports Director, with her experience we can hopefully pull in new tournaments and revenues for the park. Old Iron Works had a record setting year.

Council – Councilman Sachs mentioned that we should take a look at the compensation for the Mayor and the council compared to other towns. This may be something we should adjust in next year’s budget process.

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”. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Rick Krawiecki, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date