

**February 11, 2019  
St. James Municipal Center  
City Council Meeting**

**AGENDA ITEM: Call to Order**

Mayor White led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Bradley Dimock led in a word of prayer. Councilman Huster was absent.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval**

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

Mayor White asked to appoint Tracy Edwards to the open Council position in Ward 2 since she was running unopposed in April. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

Clerk Wheeler swore in newly appointed Councilmember Edwards, she then took her seat and was a part of the meeting.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Minutes – January 14, 2019**

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

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**AGENDA ITEM: Bills**

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments**

No citizens requested to speak.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 19-1137 – Parton Replat**

Ordinance No. 19-1137 was read aloud by Attorney Bond for the second and final reading.

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the second reading. Councilwoman Weatherly seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the votes were as follows: Councilmember: Anselm “aye”; Swanson “aye”; Smith “aye”; Weatherly “aye”; Krawiecki “aye”; Sachs “aye”; Edwards “aye”. The ordinance was approved as read.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 19-1138 - PCESB**

Attorney Bond read Ordinance No. 19-1138 out loud for the second and final reading.

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the ordinance for the final reading. Councilman Krawiecki seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the votes were as follows: Councilmember: Anselm “aye”; Swanson “abstain”; Smith “aye”; Weatherly “aye”; Krawiecki “aye”; Sachs “aye”; Edwards “aye”.

The ordinance was approved as read.

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**AGENDA ITEM: Resolution 19-282 – Trails Grant Program**

Resolution No. 19-282 for the grant program was read out loud for the first and only reading.

Councilman Krawiecki made a motion to approve the resolution as read. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the votes were as follows: Councilmember: Anselm “aye”; Swanson “aye”; Smith “aye”; Weatherly “aye”; Krawiecki “aye”; Sachs “aye”; Edwards “aye”.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 19-1139 – Floodplain Management**

The ordinance was read out loud for the first reading by Attorney Bond.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. Councilman Anselm seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the votes were as follows: Councilmember: Anselm “aye”; Swanson “aye”; Smith “aye”; Weatherly “aye”; Krawiecki “aye”; Sachs “aye”; Edwards “aye”. The ordinance was approved as read.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 19-1140 - Chickens**

Attorney Bond read Ordinance No. 19-1140 out loud for the first reading.

Councilwoman Edwards mentioned her concerns. She stated that she had spoken with citizens from different wards and all of them were against allowing anyone to have chickens. She also spoke with the City of Rolla to ask how they handled it and after speaking with them she believed we did not have the staffing to regulate the ordinance correctly. Councilman Edwards was fine with the schools having the chickens but did not believe we should allow all citizens to have them. Councilman Anselm agreed. Chief Jones stated that he did not have a problem with the ordinance but just wanted to know how they would transport and where would they take the chickens if they had to pick them up. Councilman Sachs stated that he did not think it would be a big deal to allow anyone to have them, the council has been talking about this for a while.

Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the ordinance for the first reading. Councilwoman Swanson seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the votes were as follows: Councilmember: Anselm “no”; Swanson “aye”; Smith “aye”; Weatherly “no”; Krawiecki “aye”; Sachs “aye”, Councilwoman Edwards “no”.

The ordinance was approved as read for the first reading and will be read for the second reading in February.

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### **AGENDA ITEM: Natural Gas**

Clerk Wheeler let the council know that the Utility Board had voted at their last meeting to raise the Natural Gas rates to cover the cost of the increase through MOGAS. She let the council know that per the attorney this was a final decision with the utility board and did not need to be approved through the city council, however, Public Works Director Lyle Thomas and the Utility Board were in attendance to answer any questions the council might have about the rate increase.

Lyle spoke to the council about why the decision was made to increase the rates. The City’s rates had increased in December and at that time the Utility Board had voted to cover the cost of the increase until a settlement was reached. Although all cities involved and MOGAS are getting closer to an agreement, it is still looking as though we will have a slight increase. Therefore, it was decided to raise the rates to only cover the cost to the city, since we are currently losing around \$40,000 a month in that department.

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

**Humane Society:** Councilman Krawiecki stated that he had went and checked out the building and the overall conditions were concerning. While he was there they were getting inspected by the State, and therefore we have put in a sunshine request to have all their inspections in the past year sent to us. It is also still undetermined what they will do at the end of their contract in October.

**Schools:** Councilman Smith mentioned the bricks at the Veterans Memorial by the school. He handed out forms and will begin selling bricks and taking orders until April 15<sup>th</sup>. Then there will be a ceremony held on Memorial Day and the new bricks placed. He also mentioned that the boys and girls basketball teams would start districts next week.

**Senior Center** – Councilman Smith had no report this month.

**Police:** Councilman Sachs stated everything ran well in town through the past snow storm, no accidents. Everything else is running smoothly, normal day to day business.

**Alliance:** Billy Bowers was absent due to illness. Lyle gave report.

**Public Works Director:** Lyle stated that Alliance had reported all Water & Wastewater tests had passed for the month. There had been a watermain break on N. Evergreen and S. Meramec both had been fixed. They were looking at options for the alarm system and cameras at the treatment plant. We were still waiting to hear back from the insurance on that claim.

An electric pole near the High School had been struck. In order to fix it they had to take down all power at the school. The school was very good with working with them and therefore power was shut down at the school around 1:00 pm and they finished their day in the dark while the electric crew was able to get the pole replaced and up and running again.

A broken guardrail by Seymour street had been found. The street department is in the process of building a new one and getting it put up.

Finally, he mentioned the parking complaint from last month near For Your Convenience. They had went and talked to them today about blocking citizen driveways with their tractor trailers and hoped that this would fix the problem.

**IDA:** Councilman Sachs reported that there was no meeting.

**Parks:** Councilman Krawiecki turned his report over to John Cutsinger and Samantha Gaddy. They reported that the Park Board will be holding a meeting on Wednesday at 6:00 pm with Unlimited Play and invited everyone to come and hear what they have to offer. The park is currently trying to form a group to help fund a handicap playground. Unlimited Play offers different designs for this. John also mentioned that T-ball and Soccer signups were currently underway.

**Chamber** – Councilwoman Weatherly mentioned the Tourist Center saw 417 visitors this month. They hosted 125 people at their annual dinner and gave out awards for Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, etc. March 1<sup>st</sup> was opening for trout season, May 4<sup>th</sup> will be Sip N Savor and they are also starting to plan for Grape and Fall Festival.

**Sanitation** – Councilman Anslem mentioned new recycle bins, and that we still needed to look at updating the fees for picking up bulk items.

**Library** – Councilwoman Swanson said that the Friends of the Library will hold their book sale on March 7<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned that the library had just purchased a new copier/scanner with memorial money that was donated to them.

**Mayor** – Mayor White appointed Chuck Cantrell to the Planning & Zoning Board. Councilman Anslem made a motion to approve the appointment. Councilman Krawiecki seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

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## **AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn**

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

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Jim W. White, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

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Date