

March 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. Councilwoman Swanson was absent.

AGENDA ITEM: Agenda Approval

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

AGENDA ITEM: Minutes – February 11, 2019

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

AGENDA ITEM: Bills

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

AGENDA ITEM: Citizen Comments

Lou Lehmer asked the progress of the Derby Station and thanked the city for cleaning out the drainage ditch east of his property. He also asked if we could get gravel in the alley by his house. Councilman Huster said he will have the department look in to it.

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 19-1140 - Chickens

Ordinance No. 19-1140 was read aloud by Attorney Bond for the second and final reading.

Councilman Smith mentioned that he did not think he could go along with the whole city having chickens but was fine with the school having them. Councilman Sachs stated he thought that everyone should be treated the same. Councilwoman Weatherly mentioned that she would just like to allow the schools to have chickens.

Citizen, Debbie Firestone requested to speak. She said she did not agree with the council allowing everyone in town to have chickens and that she thought it would create a lot of problems just as snakes and more violence.

After all of the discussion, the Mayor called for a vote but there was no motion. The Mayor called for a voice vote and all councilmembers voted “no”. The ordinance failed.

Mayor White stated that the council would like to look into the ordinance more before moving forward with anything else. Attorney Bond was asked not to do anything with writing a new ordinance at this time.

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution 19-284 – MO Humanities

Attorney Bond read Resolution No. 19-284 for the first and only reading.

Councilman Smith asked Attorney Bond why the contract read that the MO Humanities group would pay \$65 per month when it was agreed by the council to just charge utilities? Attorney Bond stated that their attorney had asked for that amount to be put into the language for accounting measures.

Councilman Smith made a motion to approve the reading of Resolution No. 19-284. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: PUD Rezoning

Nathan Browne informed the council that Sammy Auxier will be rehabbing the old Leader Journal building and that lots needed to be done to it, such as adding a fire escaping, more parking, etc. Because of this he would need to be issued a PUD. Nathan mentioned that Planning & Zoning had held a meeting and discussed it and approved it.

Councilwoman Edwards made a motion to approve the PUD as stated. Councilman Huster seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

AGENDA ITEM: Department Reports

Humane Society: Councilman Krawiecki mentioned that Clerk Wheeler had received the State Inspections and had made copies for the council to review. Have not heard anymore on their thoughts for the end of the lease approaching this year.

Schools: Councilman Smith mentioned that as of now, he had received five requests for new bricks at the Veterans Memorial. He was hoping to get the word out more before the deadline to try and get even more orders. He also mentioned the boys and girls basketball teams both doing very good in the state playoffs.

Senior Center – Councilman Smith mentioned that they were searching for a new director.

Police: Councilman Sachs stated that the police board met last week to discuss the budget, other than that everything was running as normal.

Alliance: Billy Bowers stated that two water leaks had been fixed. Water loss is down by millions, but he will have actual numbers to report at a later date. He also mentioned that they had started the grease trap inspection program.

Public Works Director: Lyle was absent from the meeting, away at training.

IDA: Councilman Sachs reported that there was no meeting.

Parks: Councilman Krawiecki reported that things had been slow because of the wet weather, soccer would be starting next week, and that they were still hopeful to get the ballfields done but they were waiting on dry weather, new flooring had been put down in the Rec Center Weight Room and it would be completed in the next week or two.

Street – Councilman Huster mentioned that snow and ice removal had been excellent. The department had built new guardrails and got them up, they would be purchasing much needed new tools soon. Finally, no burn regulations had been passed by the EPA beginning March 30th so the department would be looking into that more and deciding what the best plan of action would be.

Chamber – Councilwoman Weatherly mentioned the Tourist Center saw 347 visitors this month. The second quarter meeting would be April 10, 2019 and they were getting ready for Sip N Savor to be held on May 4, 2019.

Sanitation – Councilman Anselm mentioned the ice accident that had happened overturning the sanitation truck and that the department had received their new truck.

Library – Councilwoman Swanson was absent.

Mayor – Mayor White appointed Linda Bland to the Library Board and David Watkins to the Board of Adjustment. Councilman Anselm made a motion to approve the appointments. Councilman Sachs seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted “aye”.

MISC ITEMS:

Chief Jones stated that due to all the wet weather the bike trail as in very bad shape. He asked the council for permission to close it off until it can be fixed. The council agree to let Chief Jones be the judge and do what was needed.

AGENDA ITEM: Adjourn

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

Shane Anselm, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk

Date