

NOTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

August 21, 2018

(Subject to Approval at the September 4, 2018 Council Meeting)

PUBLIC HEARING

2018 Tax Levy

Public
Hearing

2018 Tax
Levy

Mayor Dennis Watz called the public hearing to order in the Council Room at City Hall, 210 West Washington at 7:00 p.m. Attending the hearing were nine citizens, Alderman Ward One Tony Wessler, Alderman Ward Three Bobby Maupin, Alderman Ward Two T.J. Carey, Alderman Ward Three Paul McCulloch and Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander. Alderman Ward One Mark Dalton arrived after the regular meeting convened. Also attending were City Attorney Justin Head, City Administrator J.T. Hardy, City Engineer Robert Schaffer, and City Clerk Jan Koch. The following is a brief summary of the proposed tax levy for 2018:

Assessed Valuation <i>(Real Estate Only)</i>			
Fund	Prior Tax Year (2017)	Current Tax Year (2018)	Adjusted Current Tax Year (2018)
General:	\$80,906,788	\$82,294,325	\$80,612,423

Estimated Property Tax Revenue <i>(Real Estate Only)</i>				
Fund	Prior Year (2017)	Current Year (2018)	Change (±) (in Dollars) \$	Change (±) (Percentage)%
General:	\$344,046	\$348,546	\$4,500	1.3080%

Property Tax Rates <i>(Real Estate Only)</i>				
Fund	Prior Year (2017)	Proposed Current Year (2018)	Change (±) (in Dollars) \$	Change (±) (Percentage)%
General:	\$0.4308	\$0.4324	\$0.0016	0.3714%

This rate is subject to review and approval by the Missouri State Auditor's Office based upon any new information received prior to September 1, 2018. There are no personal property taxes in Sullivan as they were repealed in 1993.

Hearing
Adjourned

HEARING ADJOURNED

Being no citizen input, the hearing was declared adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.



CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Attendance

Mayor Dennis Watz called the council meeting to order in the Council Room at City Hall, 210 West Washington, Sullivan, Missouri at approximately 7:05 p.m. Roll call was taken and attending the meeting were Alderman Ward Three Paul McCulloch, Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander, Alderman Ward One Tony Wessler, Alderman Ward Two T.J. Carey, and Alderman Ward Three

Bobby Maupin. Alderman Ward One Mark Dalton arrived after the meeting convened. Also attending were City Attorney Justin Head, City Clerk Jan Koch, City Administrator J.T. Hardy, and City Engineer Robert Schaffer.

Pledge **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present. The Pledge was followed by a moment of silence.

Agenda **AGENDA APPROVAL**
Alderman McCulloch made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Alderman Maupin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Minutes **MINUTES APPROVED**
Notes from the council meeting held August 7, 2018 were presented. Alderman Maupin made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Notes from the closed meeting held August 7, 2018 were presented. Alderman Wessler made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman McCulloch seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Cross Country **REQUESTS & PETITIONS**
School Cross Country Meet
The Junior High & High School requested temporary closure of Mattox Drive on September 4, 2018 from 2:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for a cross country meet. Alderman Maupin made a motion to approve the request contingent upon approval by emergency services. Alderman McCulloch seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mattox Closure
Downtown Harvest Festival
Temporary Street Closure
Michelle Yoest appeared before the Board and requested temporary closure on a portion of Clark and Main Street on September 29, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a festival downtown. The Downtown Business Partnership was newly formed in January 2018. Ms. Yoest reported she has notified the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad of the activity. Alderman Alexander made a motion to approve the request contingent upon approval from emergency services. Alderman McCulloch seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Clark & Main Closure
Temporary Liquor License
Heartland Harvest Farms dba/Heartland Farms submitted a request for a temporary liquor license for September 29, 2018 in conjunction with the Downtown Harvest Festival. Alderman McCulloch made a motion to approve the temporary liquor license contingent upon approval from the State of Missouri. Alderman Wessler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Temp Liquor License
Mid-MO Addiction Awareness Group
Christa Harmon appeared before the Board and reported that the 2nd annual Substance Use Disorder Awareness Fair is being held August 25, 2018 starting at 11:00 a.m. in Sunny Jim Bottomley City

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Park. She stated that this educational event is free to the public.

STANDING COMMITTEES

P&Z Plat
Reviews &
Comp Plan

Planning & Zoning

P&Z held a meeting on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and reviewed two plats: 1) RMJ Subdivision; and, 2) Lot 6A Resubdivision of Barrs Addition. They recommended approval to the Board of Aldermen. They also continued their review of the Comprehensive Plan.

Airport
Board

Airport Board

The Airport Board met on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. where the main topic of discussion was the Fly-In scheduled for August 18, 2018. They also discussed the fuel dispenser card reader system replacement budgeted for Fiscal Year 2019 at a cost of approximately \$16,000. The 90/10 cost share with MoDOT Aviation for the construction of ten new hangars was also discussed. Preliminary engineering and design should be completed with construction to follow in Fiscal Year 2020. The expected cost is \$81,697 for the city and \$735,271 in grant funding. The 9th annual Fly-In flew more than 200 children. Reportedly, the Barnstormers and the EAA Chapter did a superb job organizing the event.

Fly-In
Report

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Fall Cleanup

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The week of October 8-12, 2018 has been scheduled as Fall Cleanup Week. The day of pick up will be on customers' normal trash day. (Visit the city's website at www.sullivan.mo.us or call Swinger Sanitation at 877-407-8261 with questions and/or for more information on restrictions, limits and maximums.)

CITY ATTORNEY

Closed Session

Closed
Session

City Attorney Justin Head reported there was one matter concerning personnel and one real estate matter for discussion in closed session.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

August 2018

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Bills

Alderman Maupin reported he reviewed the monthly bills for August 2018 and made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$1,720,200.18. Alderman McCulloch seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(Note: At this time, 7:35 p.m., Alderman Dalton arrived at the meeting.)

ORDINANCES

RMJ Subdivision

RMJ
Subdivision

Bill No. 3803 sponsored by Alderman Tony Wessler, being an ordinance approving RMJ Subdivision in the City of Sullivan, Franklin County, Missouri and authorizing the City Clerk to execute said plat, was introduced and read two times. The question was asked, "Shall Bill No. 3803

become Ordinance No. 3803?” Alderman Carey had some questions regarding Planning & Zoning’s review of the plat. Alderman Wessler, who serves as a liaison for Planning & Zoning, answered his questions. Following this discussion, the aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Mark Dalton, aye; Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; Alderman T.J. Carey, aye; and Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye. Passage of this ordinance combined two existing lots into one lot located off Bud Street owned by Rochleau, Montee, and Jackson.

Lot 6A Resubdivision Block 3 Barr’s Addition

Lot 6A
Resub
Barr’s
Addition

Bill No. 3804 sponsored by Alderman Tony Wessler, being an ordinance approving Lot 6A of the Resubdivision of Lot 5 (Five) and Lot 6 (Six) of Block 3 (Three) of Barr’s Addition in the City of Sullivan, Franklin County, Missouri and authorizing the City Clerk to execute said plat, was introduced and read two times. Alderman Carey had some questions which Alderman Wessler answered on behalf of Planning & Zoning. Following this discussion, the question was asked, “Shall Bill No. 3804 become Ordinance No. 3804?” The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; Alderman T.J. Carey, aye; Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye; and Alderman Mark Dalton, aye. Passage of this ordinance combined two existing lots into one lot located at the corner of Vine & McKinley Streets owned by Thomure.

2018 Tax Levy

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Bill No. 3805 sponsored by Alderman Paul McCulloch, being an ordinance levying taxes for the Year 2018 and fixing the effective date of said ordinance, was introduced and read two times. The question was asked, “Shall Bill No. 3805 become Ordinance No. 3805?” The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; Alderman T.J. Carey, aye; Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye; Alderman Mark Dalton, aye; and Alderman Jason Alexander, aye. Passage of this ordinance levied real estate taxes for 2018 at 43.24¢ per \$100 valuation for the General Fund. Last year’s tax levy was 43.08¢. A public hearing was held on August 21, 2018. This rate is subject to review and approval by the Missouri State Auditor’s Office based upon any new information received prior to September 1, 2018. There are no personal property taxes in Sullivan as they were repealed in 1993.

ALDERMEN INPUT

Nuisances

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Alderman Alexander reported on nuisance complaints which staff has either resolved or are working toward resolution.

Pit Bull

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Alderman McCulloch reported he received a complaint about a pit bull. It was noted that this has been logged with the Police Department.

Filing Complaints - Online Tool

Complaints

Alderman Wessler reminded citizens that they can file complaints using the city’s website www.sullivan.mo.us under “Documents” then “Online Nuisance Complaint Form”.

MAYOR

Splash Park Update

Splash Park

Mayor Watz asked for a definitive date for completion of the splash park. Staff reported that if weather cooperates and it stays dry, it should be done soon.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session

The time was approximately 8:10 p.m. and Alderman Alexander made a motion to adjourn into closed session to discuss one matter concerning real estate and one matter concerning personnel. Alderman McCulloch seconded the motion and it carried with a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye; Alderman Mark Dalton, aye; Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; and Alderman T.J. Carey, aye.



CLOSED RESULTS

Closed Results

As a result of the closed meeting held August 21, 2018 one matter concerning real estate was discussed with no final results to report at this time. One matter concerning personnel was discussed with the Board taking the following action:

Police Administrative Assistant/Records Clerk

Jorden Berti Hired

Due to the retirement of Mary Beth Stack on September 14, 2018, applications were accepted and reviewed for Police Administrative Assistant/Records Clerk. A motion was made and duly seconded to hire Jorden Berti as Stack's replacement at a Grade 9(1) \$14.80 per hour effective September 5, 2018. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Mark Dalton, aye; Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye; Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; and Alderman T.J. Carey, aye.

RETURN TO OPEN

The Board reconvened into open session at approximately 9:20 p.m.



BUDGET WORKSHOP

FY2019 Budget Workshop

Mayor Watz called a budget workshop meeting to order at approximately 9:20 p.m. Those attending were Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander, Alderman Ward Three Bobby Maupin, Alderman Ward Three Paul McCulloch, Alderman Ward One Mark Dalton, Alderman Ward Two T.J. Carey, and Alderman Ward One Tony Wessler. Also attending were City Administrator J.T. Hardy, City Attorney Justin Head, and City Clerk Jan Koch.

Administrator Hardy presented the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget and asked Board members about any concerns they might have.

Prop P & Personnel

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Aldermen McCulloch and Maupin discussed the use of future funding from Prop P (Fund 700). They felt more police personnel, particularly another detective, was needed. More discussion ensued regarding the intent and purpose of Prop P funds. It was noted that at a previous budget workshop, the general consensus of the Board was to sanction the Police Department's recommendation to use Prop P funds for salary compensation for current officers. A lengthy discussion ensued about the voter-approved Prop P funds and the effect it has on the budget for Fiscal Year 2019. Board members then reviewed the April 2018 Election ballot language which was as follows:

PROPOSITION P

Prop P Ballot

Shall Franklin County, Missouri, impose a countywide sales tax of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) for the purpose of providing funds for law enforcement and emergency dispatch services, including but not limited to (1) the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance, operating and equipping of a jail, dispatching center and law enforcement facilities and (2) compensation for law enforcement officers, which shall include commissioned officers of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and commissioned officers of the municipal police departments within Franklin County.

Prop P Interpretation & Other Cities

Prop P Interpretation

The Board generally felt that Section (2) of the ballot language (referencing municipalities) was open to interpretation. In so many words, didn't feel it was very specific. The Board indicated they would like to know how other municipalities are handling Prop P money.

(Note: at 9:40 p.m., Alderman Dalton left the meeting.)

Police Input

Discussion continued on the funding mechanism of the Prop P fund (Fund 700). Discussion turned to Chief Counts' recommendation. Alderman McCulloch stated concerns on the expenditure of Prop P funds and how it fit into the city's overall budget. He stated he felt the city was building a foundation and should proceed with caution. This led into some discussion on the fluctuations of sales tax---which all agreed, has proven to be volatile in years past.

(Note: at this time, 10:15 p.m. Alderman Wessler left the meeting.)

Prop P Fund & Budget

It was the general consensus of the Board not to appropriate all of the anticipated Prop P funds before they were actually received. Administrator Hardy stated he would remove the current Prop P funding from the Police Department's personnel budget and replace it with a 3% step increase using projected Prop P funds. Prop P funds will start being collected on October 1, 2018. The city will receive Prop P funds sometime in January 2019. The budget will then be revisited after that.

Administrator Hardy reported he will incorporate these changes in the FY2019 budget for the public hearing being held prior to the next regular council meeting being held September 4, 2018.

Administrator Hardy stated he will convey a message to Chief Counts that the Board feels an

educated decision needs to be made when using Prop P funds and part of that education involves investigating what other cities are doing.

Ballcomplex
Sealant

Campbell-Chapman Path Sealant

Administrator Hardy asked the Board if they wanted to include a placeholder for sealing the asphalt paths around the Campbell-Chapman Ballcomplex. The Board generally agreed that \$10,000 should be earmarked for this purpose.

Vogelgesang
Trail Head

Vogelgesang Park Trail Head

Administrator Hardy reported that the city did not receive the grant for the trail head at North Side Park (Vogelgesang Park). The budget for Fiscal Year 2019 included \$150,000 (\$90,000 federal/\$60,000 local match). It was the consensus of the Board to leave the \$150,000 budgeted in place.

ADJOURN

Adjourn

Being no further business at this time, Alderman Alexander made a motion to adjourn. Alderman McCulloch seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye; Alderman Mark Dalton, aye; Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; and Alderman T.J. Carey, aye. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20 p.m.