

DRAFT NOTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

May 6, 2014

(Subject to Approval at the May 20, 2014 Meeting)

CALL TO ORDER

Attendance

Roll Call

Mayor Thomas D. Leasor called the council meeting to order in the Council Room at City Hall, 210 West Washington at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and attending the meeting were Alderman Ward One Tony Wessler, Alderman Ward Three Paul McCulloch, Alderman Ward One Mike Ryan, Jr., Alderman Ward Two Craig Kase, and Alderman Ward Three Dennis Watz. Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander was unable to attend. Also attending were City Attorney Justin Head, City Administrator J.T. Hardy, and City Clerk Jan Koch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

Agenda

Alderman Ryan made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Alderman Wessler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes

Notes from the council meeting held April 15, 2014 were presented. Alderman McCulloch made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Watz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Notes from the special council meeting held April 29, 2014 were presented. Alderman Kase made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Wessler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Notes from the special closed meeting held April 29, 2014 were presented. Alderman Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman McCulloch seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

P&Z

Kennels

P&Z

The next regularly scheduled Planning & Zoning meeting is May 13, 2014. One item that will be reviewed is allowing conditional use permits in C-3 zoned areas for kennels.

Airport Board

Airport

The next regularly scheduled Airport Board meeting is May 14, 2014.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Bourbon MO
Inquiry

Bourbon, Missouri Inquiry

Administrator Hardy reported that Bourbon, Missouri is considering outsourcing its Police force and/or entering into mutual aid/assist agreements with local municipalities. They have asked the City of Sullivan to discuss options. Discussion ensued with Alderman Watz stating that he would be open to citizens interpretation of this. He stated that perhaps citizens might feel that city taxes help pay for police protection for the City of Sullivan and those taxes should be used for protecting its own citizens – and not those of other communities. Alderman Watz stated that years ago he commuted through Eureka, Missouri while attending college. The Eureka police

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Police Services

department would patrol Interstate-44. He personally felt that the Eureka PD should have been patrolling the streets of Eureka and not the interstate. Alderman Watz noted that when St. Louis municipalities don't have the resources to support their own police departments, they use county services. He added that Bourbon citizens might also push back because they are paying taxes for police service. Reportedly, Bourbon citizens have already voiced concerns over Crawford County policing their city—and they might very well feel the same way about the City of Sullivan policing them. Alderman Watz stated that policing a larger area would likely require more infrastructure and liability coverage. He stated that if annexation were possible, he would be in favor of it—but given the distance to Bourbon, and the fact that it is not contiguous, this would not be feasible. Alderman McCulloch asked whether Chief Counts has offered any input. Administrator Hardy reported that Chief was in the process of compiling a cost analysis – but feels it will probably be too expensive in the scope of things. Mayor Leasor noted that the Village of Oak Grove uses the Franklin County Sheriff's Department as their resource. Administrator Hardy stated that it was flattering just to even be asked as that indicates the City of Sullivan has a respected police force. Following these discussions, it was the general consensus of the Board to take no action at this time and to seek citizen input – until at least the next regular meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY

Closed Session

Closed Session

City Attorney Justin Head and City Administrator J.T. Hardy reported they had some matters concerning real estate and litigation for closed session.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Finance

Alderman Wessler reported he reviewed the monthly bills for May 2014 with Alderman Watz named as the alternate.

ORDINANCES

Legal Services

Hansen
Stierberger Legal
Services Contract

Bill No. 3629 sponsored by Alderman Dennis Watz, being an ordinance approving a contract of employment with Hansen, Stierberger, Downard, Schroeder & Head, LLC which contract deals with legal counsel and prosecuting attorney services for the City of Sullivan, Missouri, and authorizing the Mayor to execute. The question was asked, "Shall Bill No. 3629 become Ordinance No. 3629?" The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; Alderman Jason Alexander, (absent); Alderman Craig Kase, aye; Alderman Dennis Watz, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; and Alderman Tony Wessler, aye. Passage of this ordinance approved a contract with the law firm of Hansen, Stierberger, Downard, Schroeder & Head, LLC for legal counsel & prosecuting attorney services at an hourly rate of \$100. This is the same rate as the last five years. The contract can be terminated at any time by either party with 30-days written notice.

Parks System
Designated
Smoking Areas

ALDERMEN INPUT

Designated Smoking Areas - Parks System

Alderman McCulloch asked the Board to consider restricting smoking at ballfields and playground areas. He suggested limiting the smoking areas to parking lots only. Discussion was held on current City Codes and what it said about non-smoking places. Mayor Leasor acknowledged input from resident Bob Hathman who expressed concerns about smokers not knowing where designated smoking areas were located. Alderman McCulloch reiterated that his suggestion would be to allow smoking on parking lots at ballfields & playgrounds facilities. Mayor Leasor stated that since this was early in the realms of research, the matter warranted solicited citizen input.

Judi Guthrie
Merit Award

MAYOR INPUT

Award of Merit - Court Administrator Guthrie

Mayor Leasor announced that City of Sullivan Court Administrator Judi Guthrie is the recipient of the *Award of Merit* for the year 2014 from the Missouri Association for Court Administration. Mayor Leasor, the Board of Aldermen & Judge David S. Smith extended congratulations.

James K. Schatz
Memorial
Bridge Bill

James K. Schatz Memorial Bridge

Mayor Leasor thanked State Representatives Dave Hinson & Dave Schatz for their endeavors on renaming the Elmont Overpass. Mayor Leasor called and received a call from Speaker of the House Tim Jones about the legislative bill on renaming it *James K. Schatz Memorial Bridge*. Representative Hinson reported to staff that the bill is being presented for a third reading—and, that the bill will more than likely pass. Mayor Leasor thanked citizens for phone calls made to their State legislators.

Closed Session

CLOSED SESSION

The time was approximately 7:40 p.m., and Alderman Watz made a motion to adjourn into closed session with closed records and closed votes to discuss matters concerning litigation and real estate. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried with a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Dennis Watz, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; Alderman Craig Kase, aye; and Alderman Tony Wessler, aye.

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Closed Results

CLOSED RESULTS

As a result of the closed meeting held May 6, 2014, two matters concerning litigation and two matters concerning real estate were discussed with no final results to report at this time.

Return to Open

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The Board reconvened into open session at approximately 8:20 p.m.

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Adjourn

ADJOURN

Being no further business at this time, Alderman Ryan made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Watz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

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