

DRAFT NOTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

June 5, 2012

(Subject to Approval at the June 18, 2012 Meeting)

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

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

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 APPROVAL

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

MINUTES APPROVED

Notes from the council meeting held May 15, 2012 were presented. Alderman Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Notes from the closed meeting held May 15, 2012 were presented. Alderman Kase made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Wessler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUESTS & PETITIONS

City Collector's Annual Report

City Collector Judy McPherson submitted an annual report (May 2011 thru April 2012) which showed \$19,214,766.15 collected. She also submitted a list of accounts receivables in the amount of \$38,124.68. The City Administrator reported that some individual accounts previously removed from computer data (that was being monitored manually), have been placed back into the data base. Alderman Alexander, pointing out some of the accounts dated 2009, asked how often the delinquent accounts received notice. Collector McPherson replied that they receive a notice on a monthly basis. The City Collector stated that she is working with the City Attorney on some of the accounts. Following this discussion, Ryan made a motion to accept the annual city collector's report as presented. Alderman Kase seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

National Day of the American Cowboy 2012

Mr. Mike Burk appeared before the Board regarding a *National Day of the American Cowboy* parade. The Board asked about the parade route. Mr. Burk was unsure of the street names and replied that it was the same route as last year. It was determined that the parade would start at the elementary school parking lot at Taylor Street, travel down Washington to Main Street then to Clark then west onto Springfield ending up at Jim Bottomley Park. When asked for the date, Mr. Burk replied that plans are to have the parade on July 28, 2012 starting at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Burk indicated that he has already notified all emergency services about the parade. He then

showed the Board a proclamation done by the Missouri House of Representatives. Mr. Burk then briefly outlined other activities taking place on the same day while noting that he was not speaking on behalf of the Sullivan Saddle Club. Following this discussion, Alderman Ryan made a motion authorizing the parade route contingent upon approval of emergency personnel. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Temple Baptist - Temporary Beeman Closure

Temple Baptist Church requested that Beeman Street from Orchard to South Mansion, which is directly in front of their property, be temporarily closed on Thursday, June 28, 2012 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. The church would like to have a block party for their Vacation Bible School program. The church reported they would be in charge of the road block and will contact all emergency services. Alderman Alexander made a motion to approve the request as outlined. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEES

P & Z and Airport Board Meetings

The regularly scheduled Planning & Zoning and Airport Board meetings for June 2012 have been cancelled. Alderman Watz stated that P&Z has been reviewing the zoning map and when it was closer to completion, they would do a comparison to see how it fit in with the city's comprehensive plan. Public hearings would be scheduled when P&Z finished their review.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Deduct Meters

City Code currently allows residents to purchase a meter for monitoring water not entering the sanitary sewer system for a period from April 1 thru October 1. For those who qualify, the cost of this service is \$5 per month. Staff recommended changes to City Code that would allow city crews to read the deduct meters only at the beginning and at the end of the time period. This would lessen the burden of reading the extra meters which now total around sixty. One concern to the customer may be that they would have to pay in-full for the water used during that time and then have it credit later. A brief discussion ensued with the suggestion made that perhaps the \$5 service fee could be removed. Administrator Hardy stated that if any aldermen wished to sponsor an ordinance for changing City Code could contact him.

Primary Underground Wire Bids

Bids have been advertised for the purchase of 15KV primary underground cable #2 stranded aluminum wire for the Electric Department. Bids are being accepted until Monday, June 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Airport Logging Bids

Sealed bids for logging services have been advertised and will be opened on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

Airport Salvage Bids

Bids for salvage/demolition services will be received until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 13, 2012 for properties acquired for the airport runway protection zone.

Street Maintenance - Nova Chip

Administrator Hardy reported that the city will be advertising for application of nova chip on streets scheduled by Street Commissioner Larry Cuneio.

Sullivan Brass Band

Administrator Hardy reported that the Sullivan Brass Band notified him that they will be having a concert on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at the gazebo bandstand on Main Street.

Notice of Violations

City Administrator Hardy updated the Board on the status of City Code violations involving weeds. Estimates were solicited from five different lawn service contractors for properties that have been abandoned. A lien will be filed against those properties for the mowing costs. Properties that are not in foreclosure are being processed thru the court system.

CITY ATTORNEY

Closed Session

City Administrator Hardy and City Attorney Matt Schroeder reported they had some matters for discussion in closed session under real estate.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 2012

Alderman Ryan was appointed to review the monthly bills for June 2012 with Alderman Kase named as the alternate.

ORDINANCES

Chamber Victory Garden - Mattox Drive Property

Bill No. 3523 sponsored by Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., being an ordinance of the City of Sullivan, Missouri approving the form of a lease agreement with the Sullivan Chamber of Commerce which agreement allows the Chamber of Commerce to build & maintain a Community Victory Garden on city-owned property located off Mattox Drive near the city lake; and, authorizing the Mayor to execute, was introduced and read two times. The question was asked, "Shall Bill No. 3523 become Ordinance No. 3523?" The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Jarrett Dace (absent); Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; Alderman Dennis Watz, aye; Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; and Alderman Craig Kase, aye. Passage of this ordinance approved a one-year lease with the Chamber for one acre of land next to the city lake for the purpose of a community garden.

ALDERMEN INPUT

City Tour

Aldermen Kase, Alexander, and Wessler thanked the City Administrator J.T. Hardy for the recent tour of city facilities. They conveyed that they found it to be valuable and informative.

Sidewalk Weeds

Alderman Ryan acknowledged receipt of a letter from Mrs. Wilcox regarding weeds in sidewalks, particularly along the Main Street area.

Charitable Organizations

Alderman Watz reported that he was recently asked about financial assistance on utility bills. He stated that the City Collector's office has a list of charitable organizations who offer such assistance.

Resolution - Vehicle Sales Tax

Alderman Watz reported Mayor Thomas Leasor asked that the Board of Aldermen consider allowing him to sign a resolution dealing with the restoration of sales tax on out-of-state vehicle purchases. Alderman Watz read the resolution which stated that Missouri residents have long paid sales taxes on vehicle purchases based on their residence--not where the sales takes place. Recently, the Missouri Supreme Court held that sales tax should not apply to out-of-state purchases. This has unexpectedly eliminated a traditional source of revenue for basic public service and put auto dealerships and their employees at a competitive disadvantage with neighboring states. The resolution calls upon the Missouri Governor to sign House Bill No. 1329 which would restore the sales tax on out-of-state vehicle purchases, thereby helping to preserve jobs in numerous small businesses across the State. Following a brief discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board to authorize Mayor Leasor sign the resolution. Alderman Ryan made a motion to this effect with Alderman Wessler seconding it. The motion carried unanimously.

CITY CLERK

June 19, 2012 Meeting

City Clerk Jan Koch offered a reminder that the June 19, 2012 meeting was moved ahead to June 18th. The Meramec Fair Parade will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 which is the same night as the regular council meeting. Some Board members will participate in the parade as well as the Meramec Fair.

CLOSED SESSION

The time was approximately 7:30 p.m., and Alderman Kase made a motion to adjourn into closed session with closed records and closed votes to discuss two matters concerning real estate. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried with a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Dennis Watz, aye; Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; and Alderman Craig Kase, aye.

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CLOSED RESULTS

As a result of the closed meeting held June 5, 2012 two matters concerning real estate were discussed with no results to report at this time.

RETURN TO OPEN

The Board reconvened into open session at approximately 8:30 p.m.



ADJOURN

Being no further business at this time, Alderman Kase made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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