

# DRAFT NOTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

July 16, 2013

(Subject to Approval at the August 6, 2013 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 Mike Ryan, Jr., Alderman Ward Three Jarrett Dace, Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander, Alderman Ward Three Dennis Watz, and Alderman Ward One Tony Wessler. Alderman Ward Two Craig Kase was unable to attend. Also attending were City Attorney Matt Schroeder, City Administrator J.T. Hardy, City Engineer Robert Schaffer, 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 Alexander made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes

Notes from the council meeting held July 2, 2013 were presented. Alderman Watz made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Notes from the closed meeting held July 2, 2013 were presented. Alderman Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## REQUESTS & PETITIONS

Delinquent  
Utility Bills  
& Bankruptcy

### Delinquent Utility Bills - Collector's Report

City Collector Staci Pfeuffer submitted a report of delinquent utility bills that she certified as being uncollectible due to federal bankruptcy law. The report showed a total of ten properties owing \$3,965.39. Following this discussion, Alderman Dace made a motion to accept the City Collector's report of uncollectible delinquent bills as presented. Alderman Watz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

P&Z  
Airport

### P&Z and Airport

P&Z held a meeting on July 9, 2013 where they reviewed a plat for Hawthorne Estates Subdivision Phase Two and recommended approval. (See Ordinance No. 3579 passed later on in the meeting.) The Airport Board met on July 10, 2013 and discussed fuel sales & hangar rentals. Plans for the August 17, 2013 Fly-In were also discussed which includes the appearance of a historical B-25.

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Wood Pole Bids

### Electric Department - Wood Pole Bids

Bids were advertised and opened on July 8, 2013 for 40-foot & 45-foot wood poles. The bids are briefly summarized as follows:

Wood Pole Bids	Bidder/Address	40' Quantity/Price/Pole	45' Quantity/Price/Pole	Delivery Date
	Arkansas Electric Little Rock, AR	16 @ \$310.70	17 @ \$352.90	1 week - 10 days
	Baldwin Pole Wiggins, MS	17 @ \$302.00	17 @ \$363.00	1-2 weeks
	Bridgewell Resources Dierks, AR	17 @ \$288.55	16 @ \$341.60	2 weeks or less

Staff recommended accepting the lowest qualifying bid from Bridgewell Resources for seventeen 40-foot poles @\$288.55 per pole and sixteen 45-foot poles @\$341.60 per pole. Alderman Ryan made a motion to approve staff's recommendation. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

**Closed Session**

Closed Session

City Attorney Matt Schroeder reported he had some matters concerning litigation and real estate for closed session.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**July 2013**

July 2013 Bills  
Approved

Alderman Watz reported he reviewed the monthly bills for July 2013 and made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$1,564,045.33. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCES**

**Municipal Court Fees - Mo Sheriffs' Retirement Fund**

Municipal Court  
Fees  
\$3 Sheriffs'  
Fund

Bill No. 3578 sponsored by Alderman Dennis Watz, being an ordinance amending Title One Chapter 160 Article Two of the Municipal Code dealing with municipal court costs by adding Section 160.020(9) that assesses a fee of three dollars (\$3.00) on all court cases pursuant to Missouri State Statute RSMo 57.955 which fee shall be deposited with the State of Missouri Treasurer payable to the Missouri Sheriffs' Retirement Fund to be used statewide; and establishing the effective date of August 28, 2013, was introduced and read two times. A brief discussion was held about this law mandated by the State of Missouri. City Attorney Matt Schroeder noted that only sheriffs and their spouses can draw on this retirement fund. Deputy sheriffs or other affiliated personnel cannot. He also stated that some municipal attorneys throughout the State are questioning the connection between the municipal fees collected and the county sheriffs. The City Attorney reported that this \$3 surcharge has been in existence since 1996 but a recent Missouri Attorney General's opinion in April 2013 reinforced that municipalities must collect and remit. Following this discussion, the question was asked, "Shall Bill No. 3578 become Ordinance No. 3578?" The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Dennis Watz, aye; Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Craig Kase (absent); Alderman Jarrett Dace, aye; and Alderman Tony Wessler, aye. Passage of this ordinance will assess and collect \$3 on all cases filed in municipal court as mandated by State of Missouri law.

**Hawthorne Estates Phase 2**  
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Bill No. 3579 sponsored by Alderman Jarrett Dace, being an ordinance approving Hawthorne Estates Subdivision Phase Two 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. 3579 become Ordinance No. 3579?" The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Jarrett Dace, aye; Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Craig Kase (absent); Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; and Alderman Dennis Watz, aye. Passage of this ordinance approved the second phase of Hawthorne Estates Subdivision located off Hawthorne Lane and Falcon Drive owned by Kenneth Ruck aka/RSR of Franklin County, LLC.

**ALDERMEN INPUT**

**Jackson Street Ditch**  
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Alderman Dace reported that a property owner has requested a ditch along Jackson Street be cleaned up. Administrator Hardy stated that this is actually an alleyway with a ditch that goes through it. The city has obtained easements in order to clean it up and plans on enclosing the ditch soon.

**Vine Street Speeders**  
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Alderman Ryan reported that he personally witnessed speeding on Vine Street and stated concerns about the safety of others. Mayor Leasor reported that the Sullivan Police Department has stepped up patrol in the area and is writing tickets. He also noted that the speed limit on East Vine Street past Hannah Street is 35 mph. There was some discussion about lowering this to 25 mph. An ordinance would be needed in order to make this change.

**Dog Walkers & Cleanup**  
**Dog Owners & Cleanup**  
Alderman Wessler received a call from a concerned resident complaining about dog owners not cleaning up after their pets while taking them out for a walk. While the city could pass an ordinance specific for this nuisance, he encouraged dog owners to use baggies and clean up after their pets while out on these walks.

**MAYOR INPUT**

**July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Independence Day Celebration**  
Mayor Leasor stated that he received positive feedback on the Independence Day Celebration held at the Fairgrounds on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Budget Workshop**  
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Mayor Leasor called for a budget workshop which was scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall.

**CITY CLERK**

**FCML Meeting**  
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City Clerk Jan Koch reminded Board members about the Franklin County Municipal League meeting being held July 17, 2013 in St. Clair, Missouri.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

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**CLOSED RESULTS**

Closed Results As a result of the closed meeting held July 16, 2013 one matter concerning litigation and two matters concerning real estate were discussed with no results to report at this time.

**RETURN TO OPEN**

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

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**ADJOURN**

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