

DRAFT NOTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

September 23, 2014

(Subject to Approval at the October 7, 2014 Meeting)

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing
FY2015 Budget

Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

Mayor Thomas D. Leasor called the public hearing to order at City Hall, 210 West Washington, Sullivan, Missouri at 7:00 p.m. Attending the meeting were Alderman Ward Three Paul McCulloch, Alderman Ward One Mike Ryan, Jr., Alderman Ward Three Dennis Watz, Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander, Alderman Ward One Tony Wessler, and three citizens. Alderman Ward Two Craig Kase was unable to attend. Also attending were City Attorney Justin Head, City Administrator J.T. Hardy, City Clerk Jan Koch, and City Engineer Robert Schaffer.

Fiscal Year
2015 Overview

Overview

The City Administrator gave a brief overview of the past fiscal year. He then recapped the city's proposed budget reporting a projected balance forward of \$18.2 million, \$21.1 million in revenues, and \$20.5 million for expenditures. Administrator Hardy reported that the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget is balanced. He noted that the General Fund covers expenses for most of the operations in general governmental activities. Proactive budget planning along with reactive budget review meetings has improved the General Fund. Overall, the financial health of the city is good and stable. Citizen Bob Hathman asked when the Special Reserve Fund (formerly known as the Hospital Sale Money) would be replenished. He noted that this fund was used to construct the James K. Memorial Bridge (formerly known as the Elmont Overpass). City Administrator Hardy explained that the Bridge/Overpass is a separate fund which for several years reported negative figures. Auditors stated that negative funds were inappropriate and recommended transferring funds to cover the negative amount. These transfers were made. Meanwhile, this fund is accumulating approximately \$700,000 annually from the transportation tax (less the portion being sent to Oak Grove Village from Wal-Mart sales). In order to avoid making annual adjustments in the fund, in about seven or eight years the original funds transferred in will be repaid in one transaction (in the amount of \$4+ million). This led into a brief discussion about the intent of the Special Reserves Fund. Mayor Leasor noted that the general public has indicated no objections to utilizing the hospital sale money as long as it benefitted the public. He added that the new overpass would qualify for that use. Mayor Leasor thanked the Board for their prudence and directives in developing the budget for Fiscal Year 2015. Alderman McCulloch thanked City Administrator J.T. Hardy for his long hours of work presenting a balanced budget.

ADJOURN

Adjourn

There was no further citizen input and the hearing was declared adjourned by acclamation at approximately 7:10 p.m.



CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Attendance

Mayor Thomas D. Leasor called the council meeting to order in the Council Room at City Hall, 210 West Washington, Sullivan, Missouri at approximately 7:10 p.m. Roll call was taken and attending the meeting were Alderman Ward One Tony Wessler, Alderman Ward One Mike Ryan, Jr., Alderman Ward Three Dennis Watz, Alderman Ward Three Paul McCulloch, and Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander. Alderman Ward Two Craig Kase was unable to attend. Also attending were City Attorney Justin Head, 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 Ryan made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes

Notes from the council meeting held September 2, 2014 were presented. Alderman McCulloch made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Notes from the closed meeting held September 2, 2014 were presented. Alderman Watz made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUESTS & PETITIONS

Temple Baptist - Temporary Beeman Closure

Temporary Closure Beeman 10-31-14

Temple Baptist Church requested that Beeman Street from Orchard to South Mansion, which is directly in front of their property, be temporarily closed on Friday, October 31, 2014 between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. The church would like to have a block party for their Fall Festival. The church reported they would be in charge of the road block and will contact all emergency services. Alderman Wessler made a motion to approve the request as outlined. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Electric - Primary Underground Wire

Electric Primary Underground Wire

Bids were advertised and opened on September 10, 2014 for six reels of primary underground wire. The bids are briefly outlined as follows:

<i>Bidder/Address</i>	<i>Brand</i>	<i>Cost/Ft</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Delivery Date</i>
Brownstown Electric Fairfield, IL	Handrix	\$2.61	\$39,150.00	2-3 weeks
Cape Electric Supply Poplar Bluff, MO	Southwire	\$2.40	\$36,000.00	In Stock

Harry Cooper Supply Springfield, MO	Nexans	\$2.33	\$34,950.00	In Stock
Fletcher-Reinhardt Bridgeton, MO	Southwire	\$2.30	\$34,500.00	In Stock
Brownstown Electric Fairfield, IL *Manufactured in Canada	CME*	\$2.25	\$33,750.00	7-8 weeks

Staff recommended accepting the bid from Fletcher-Reinhardt (which is in stock) in the total amount of \$34,500. The budgeted amount was \$38,000. Alderman McCulloch made a motion to approve staff's recommendation. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3-Phase Padmount Transformer

Electric - 3 Phase Padmount Transformer

Bids were advertised and opened on September 18, 2014 for one 500 KVA three-phase padmount transformer. The bids are briefly outlined as follows:

<i>Bidder/Address</i>	<i>One (1) 500 KVA Transformer</i>	<i>Delivery Date</i>
Arkansas Electric Little Rock, AR	\$8,352.00	10-12 weeks
Harry Cooper Supply Springfield, MO	\$15,850.00 (Central Maloney)	12 weeks ARO
Delmo/Cape Electric Poplar Bluff, MO	\$8,523.16	10-12 weeks
Fletcher-Reinhardt St. Louis, MO	\$8,847.00	8-10 weeks

Staff recommended accepting the lowest qualifying bid from Arkansas Electric in the amount of \$8,352.00. The budgeted amount was \$9,000. Alderman Watz made a motion to approve staff's recommendation. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

October 2014 Monthly Bills

October 2014

Alderman McCulloch reported he reviewed the monthly bills and made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$1,926,215.97. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Fiscal Year
2015 Budget

ORDINANCES

Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

Bill No. 3641 sponsored by Alderman Paul McCulloch, being an ordinance adopting an annual budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015 appropriating funds pursuant thereto; and approving the necessary fund transfers was introduced and read two times. The question was asked, "Shall Bill No. 3641 become Ordinance No. 3641?" The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; Alderman Dennis Watz, aye; Alderman Craig Kase (absent); Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; and Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye. Passage of this ordinance adopted the city's budget with a projected balance forward of \$18.2 million, \$21.1 million in revenues, and \$20.5 million for expenditures.

I-44 Chainlink
Fence

ALDERMEN INPUT

Interstate-44 Chainlink Fence

Alderman Alexander reported he asked about the feasibility of removing the chainlink fence alongside I-44. MoDOT agreed to remove it from the south side. Alderman Alexander asked if the north side fence could also be removed. Administrator Hardy replied that he would follow up with MoDOT. Alderman Alexander stated he wanted public input on the removal and asked citizens to contact him.

East Street
Widening

East Street Widening

Alderman Ryan reported he received an inquiry about the widening of East Street. He stated that he felt there was a traffic safety concern at the entrance off Vine Street. Mayor Leasor asked if Alderman Ryan would participate in a study along with Administrator Hardy and City Engineer Robert Schaffer. Alderman Ryan stated he would.

Rock Church
Anniversary

MAYOR INPUT

The Rock Church

Mayor Leasor reported that he had the pleasure of being a guest speaker at the first anniversary of *The Rock Church* at 224 North Clark. He noted that this building was constructed more than 117 years ago.

James Cross
P&Z
Appointment

Appointments

Planning & Zoning

Mayor Leasor appointed James Cross to P&Z with a term ending May 2017. He replaces Dale Cottrell. Alderman McCulloch made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment. Alderman Watz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Kevin Ijames &
Josh Branson
Airport Board

Airport Advisory Board

Mayor Leasor reappointed Kevin Ijames and pilot Josh Branson to the Airport Advisory Board both with terms ending May 2017. Alderman Alexander made a motion to approve the Mayor's

appointments. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

EEZ Board *Enhanced Enterprise Zone*
Rob Lawrence & Chase Darrah Mayor Leasor reappointed Rob Lawrence and Chase Darrah to EEZ with their terms both ending May 2019. Alderman Wessler made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments. Alderman McCulloch seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session The time was approximately 7:30 p.m., and Alderman Alexander 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 Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; and Alderman Tony Wessler, aye.

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Closed Results **CLOSED RESULTS**
As a result of the closed meeting held September 23, 2014 two matters concerning litigation and four matters concerning real estate were discussed with no final results to report at this time.

Return to Open **RETURN TO OPEN**
The Board reconvened into open session at approximately 8:45 p.m.

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Adjourn **ADJOURN**
Being no further business at this time, Alderman McCulloch made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Watz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.