

# DRAFT NOTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

## September 15, 2015

*(Subject to Approval at the October 6, 2015 Council Meeting)*

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **Fiscal Year 2016 Budget**

FY2016 Budget  
Public Hearing

Mayor Dennis Watz 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 Bobby Maupin, Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander, Alderman Ward One Tony Wessler, Alderman Ward Two T.J. Carey, and four citizens. Also attending were City Administrator J.T. Hardy, Attorney Jon Downard, City Clerk Jan Koch, and City Engineer Robert Schaffer.

#### **Overview**

Fiscal Year 2015  
Review

The City Administrator gave an overview of the past fiscal year. Administrator Hardy reported the overall Fiscal Year 2015 Budget will end with revenues exceeding expenditures partly due to conservative budgeted revenue projections, restrictive expenditure policies, periodic budget reviews, some larger projects not being completed in FY2015, and from responsible fiscal measures take by the Board of Aldermen and city staff. He noted that the final payment on the 1994 General Obligation Bond was made during Fiscal Year 2015. Administrator Hardy then recapped the city's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016 reporting a projected balance forward of \$19.5 million, \$21.4 million in revenues, and \$23.8 million for expenditures. The \$2.4 million in expenditures above revenues can be attributed to the Enterprise Funds expending reserves in order to complete the Automatic Meter Reader project and utility service extensions. It was noted sales tax revenue appears to be gradually increasing. No rate increases are proposed for utilities (electric, water or sewer) for FY2016.

Projections for  
Fiscal Year 2016

### **ADJOURN**

Adjourn

There was citizen input and the hearing was declared adjourned by acclamation at approximately 7:10 p.m.



### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **Roll Call**

Roll Call

Mayor Dennis Watz 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 Two T.J. Carey, Alderman Ward Three Paul McCulloch, Alderman Ward One Mike Ryan, Jr., Alderman Ward Three Bobby Maupin, Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander, and Alderman Ward One Tony Wessler. Also attending were City Administrator J.T. Hardy, Attorney Jon Downard, 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 September 1, 2015 were presented. Alderman McCulloch made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Carey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Notes from the closed meeting held September 1, 2015 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 special council meeting held September 8, 2015 were presented. Alderman McCulloch made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Maupin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Notes from the special closed meeting held September 8, 2015 were presented. Alderman Maupin made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**REQUESTS & PETITIONS**  
*Fidelity Communications - Temporary Street Closures*  
Temporary Street Closure @ Fidelity 64 N Clark Fidelity Communications submitted a request for temporary street closures at the intersections of 64 North Clark Street for the purpose of producing a professional group photo of all Fidelity employees that report and work at Fidelity’s Sullivan offices. The requested closure was for Wednesday, September 16, 2015 during the times of 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. (if raining, they requested to postpone until Thursday, September 17—same time and place). The location would be at the intersection of Euclid and Clark Streets. In order to help with traffic, they requested road blockages at the Maple & Clark intersection, the Pine & Euclid intersection, the Maple & Euclid intersection, and on Clark Street just after Frick’s Central Market’s parking lot. They have contacted emergency personnel, the school, and Street Commissioner Larry Cuneio. Alderman Ryan made a motion to approve the request as outlined and Alderman Maupin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
*Planning & Zoning*  
P&Z Public Hearing Conditional Use Request Denied Alderman Wessler reported that P&Z held a public hearing on September 8, 2015 and reviewed a conditional use permit request from Steve & Donna Thurmond and Mark Thurmond that would have allowed them to renovate existing commercial spaces into residential spaces at 207-209 North Clark Street and building on the Maple Street side. Planning & Zoning did not approve the conditional use permit request based on information received at the public hearing pursuant to City Code 400.250(C)(3&4) that states the development would not be in harmony with the area in which it is to be located, and would not be in general conformity with the land use plan, highway master plan or other plan officially adopted by the Board of Aldermen.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

**Fall Cleanup**

Fall Cleanup  
Week Oct 26-30

Administrator Hardy reported that the week of October 26-30, 2015 was scheduled for fall cleanup. It was noted that throughout the year, residents may call City Hall to schedule pick up for large items—which is done about once a month.

**Electric - Automatic Operations Cost Adjustment**

Auto Electric  
Adjustment  
Suspended

City Administrator J.T. Hardy reported that after reviewing the revenues and expenditures for the Electric Fund, he recommended suspending the 3% automatic operations cost adjustment for Fiscal Year 2016. He felt the current electric rates along with the city’s fiscal conservancy that there would be a sufficient amount to sustain the operation costs for Fiscal Year 2016 without the 3% automatic operations cost. Alderman Carey made a motion to approve Administrator Hardy’s recommendation. Alderman Wessler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

**Closed Session**

Closed Session

Attorney Downard reported there were two matters for closed session. One was for real estate and the other for personnel.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**September 2015**

September 2015  
Monthly Bills

Alderman Wessler reported he reviewed the monthly bills for September 2015 and made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$1,951,175.69. Alderman McCulloch seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCES**

**Fiscal Year 2016 Budget**

Fiscal Year 2016  
Budget Approved

Bill No. 3700 sponsored by Alderman T.J. Carey, being an ordinance adopting an annual budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016 appropriating funds pursuant thereto; and approving the necessary fund transfers was introduced and read two times. The question was asked, “Shall Bill No. 3700 become Ordinance No. 3700?” The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman T.J. Carey, aye; Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye; Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; and Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye. Passage of this ordinance adopted the city’s budget for fiscal year 2016 with a projected balance forward of \$19.5 million, \$21.4 million in revenues, and \$23.8 million for expenditures.

**Amendment #5 MoDOT Aviation (Additional Block Grant Funding)**

Amendment #5  
MoDOT Aviation  
Block Grant  
Funding

Bill No. 3701 sponsored by Alderman Jason Alexander, being an ordinance approving Amendment #5 (Five) with the Missouri Highways & Transportation Commission which amendment deals with additional block grant funding for completion of the master plan and land acquisition services at the Sullivan Regional Airport in the City of Sullivan, Missouri and authorizing the Mayor to execute was introduced and read two times. The question was asked, “Shall Bill No. 3701 become Ordinance No. 3701?” The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Jason

Alexander, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; Alderman T.J. Carey, aye; Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye; and Alderman Tony Wessler, aye. Passage of this ordinance approved an additional \$451,793 grant for the purpose of completing the master plan/airport layout plan update for land acquisition services at the airport. The city's portion would be about \$50,200.

Menard Ground Lease Amendment  
Public Water Well

**Amendment-Menard, Incorporated Ground Lease**  
Bill No. 3702 sponsored by Alderman Paul McCulloch, being an ordinance approving an amendment to a 99 (ninety-nine) year ground lease agreement for a portion of land on premises owned by Menard, Incorporated located at 1970 South Service Road East in the City of Sullivan, Missouri for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, repairing, and maintaining a public water well and related appurtenances, and authorizing the Mayor to execute was introduced and read two times. Administrator Hardy noted that the purpose of this ordinance was to enable the Mayor to execute the amendment when the proper time arrived. The question was then asked, "Shall Bill No. 3702 become Ordinance No. 3702?" The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; Alderman T.J. Carey, aye; Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye; Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; and Alderman Jason Alexander, aye. Passage of this ordinance changed the commencement date of the lease from August 1, 2015 to October 1, 2015.

Billboard Transfer to Menard

**SIPE Billboard Transfer to Menard, Incorporated**  
Bill No. 3703 sponsored by Alderman Paul McCulloch, being an ordinance approving the conveyance, assignment and transfer of the city's interest on a billboard lease on property (formerly known as the "Tyree Tract") to Menard, Incorporated, which property is located along the East South Service Road in the City of Sullivan, Missouri; and, authorizing the Mayor to execute was introduced and read two times. The question was asked, "Shall Bill No. 3703 become Ordinance No. 3703?" The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye; Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; Alderman T.J. Carey, aye; and Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye. Passage of this ordinance assigned and conveyed the city's interest on the billboard/lease located on the former Tyree Tract property to Menard, Incorporated.

City Code Change Nuisance Abatement

**City Code - Nuisance Abatement**  
Bill No. 3704 sponsored by Alderman Tony Wessler, being an ordinance amending Title Two (II) Articles One (I) and Two (II) of the Municipal Code dealing with nuisances and abatement in the City of Sullivan, Missouri, by repealing Sections 215.030, 215.300, 215.340 and enacting new Sections 215.030, 215.300, 215.340 of said Code in lieu thereof; and, by adding a new Section 215.305; and, establishing the effective date was introduced and read two times. Some discussion ensued with Alderman Carey stating that while he did not have an issue with the change in City Code, he did not feel comfortable voting for it without input from citizens. Alderman Wessler stated that he felt input from citizens had been received via the numerous complaints received. He noted that the new City Code would be in line with Missouri State Statutes. Alderman Carey stated he understood that the former Code was more lenient but would have liked communication from constituents. Mayor Watz stated that he has served seven years

on the city council and another three years on Planning & Zoning. He reported that during this time, the biggest complaints the council received dealt with nuisances and the length of time it took to address them. Alderman McCulloch noted that this proposed change in City Code did not pertain to dangerous buildings and residences. It was pointed out that this Code would deal with exterior issues and also derelict vehicles. Following this discussion, the question was asked, "Shall Bill No. 3704 become Ordinance No. 3704?" The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; Alderman T.J. Carey, nay; Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye; and Alderman Tony Wessler, aye. Passage of this ordinance will help speed up the legal process in nuisance abatement for the health, safety and welfare of citizens by using faster and simpler methodology as outlined in Missouri State Statutes.

**Juergens Property Annexation - Acid Mine Road**

Juergens Property Annexation

Acid Mine Road

Bill No. 3705 sponsored by Alderman Bobby Maupin, being an ordinance extending the city limits of Sullivan, that which lies in unincorporated Franklin County, Missouri; establishing zoning classifications; and providing for the effective date of this ordinance was introduced and read two times. The question was asked, "Shall Bill No. 3705 become Ordinance No. 3705?" The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye; Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; Alderman T.J. Carey, aye; Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; and Alderman Tony Wessler, aye. Passage of this ordinance annexed property recently purchased from Paul & Jeanette Juergens located off Acid Mine Road. The property would be zoned M-1.

**Cochran Engineering Amendment - SIPE Waterline Extension**

Cochran Engineering Amendment

SIPE Waterline Extension Design Change

Bill No. 3706 sponsored by Alderman T.J. Carey, being an ordinance approving an amendment to a proposal with Cochran Engineering, Incorporated which amendment deals with additional professional services in the amount of \$17,300.00 (Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Dollars) for designing a waterline extension to Industrial Park East located along the South East Service Road in the City of Sullivan, Missouri; and, authorizing the Mayor to execute was introduced and read two times. Some discussion ensued with staff reporting that this amendment was necessary for future development of Sullivan Industrial Park East. It required a redesign in order to stay on schedule. Additional hydraulic modeling was needed in order to balance the size requirements and water quality concerns. MoDNR approval for a 10" water main was obtained back in 2008. However, that design required modifications to reflect a pipe up size and minor alignment changes which involved the railroad. This in turn, required updated approval from MoDNR. Following this discussion, the question was asked, "Shall Bill No. 3706 become Ordinance No. 3706?" The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; Alderman T.J. Carey, aye; Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; and Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye. Passage of this ordinance amended the proposal with Cochran for design of a waterline extension to SIPE by \$17,300 which brought the total to \$24,175.

**ALDERMEN INPUT**

**Stray Cats**

Stray Cats & Adoption

Alderman Carey reported at a recent council meeting about stray cats roaming Elmont Road. A followup with Animal Control Officer Jim Bogert revealed that the animal pound was full and there wasn't enough room for more cats. Administrator Hardy reported that guidelines require the city to room & board cats for five days and within those five days, it must include at least one Saturday. Alderman Carey stated that unless more adoptions happen, more cats cannot be housed.

**Trash Receptacles**

Sidewalks & Trash Cans

Alderman Wessler noted that recently Swinger Sanitation (the city's solid waste service) placed trash receptacles away from sidewalks after dumping them. Complaints have been received that the trash receptacles impeded pedestrians using sidewalks. The following week, residents then placed their receptacles in the same spot that Swinger had placed them. It appears Swinger's actions may have created a ripple effect—which in turn, helps sidewalk pedestrian traffic.

Soccer Parking

**Soccer Field Parking**

Alderman McCulloch stated he was pleased to find designated parking for the soccer fields. This should make the fields a safer place for the games

**MAYOR INPUT**

**City Lake Walking Trail**

Walking Trail

Mayor Watz commended the Parks Department for the handicapped accessibility at the city lake walking trail. The parking lot now has a paved lane for better mobility to the trail.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session

The time was approximately 8:05 p.m. and Alderman McCulloch made a motion to adjourn into closed session to discuss one matter concerning real estate and one matter concerning personnel. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it carried with a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye; Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; Alderman T. J. Carey, aye; Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; and Alderman Jason Alexander, aye.



**CLOSED RESULTS**

Closed Results

As a result of the closed meeting held September 15, 2015 one matter concerning real estate was discussed with no results to report at this time. One matter concerning personnel was discussed with the Board taking the following action:

**Water & Sewer Semi-Skilled Laborer**

Steven Schatz  
Hired W&S

A motion was made and duly seconded to hire Steven Schatz for the position of Water & Sewer Semi-Skilled Laborer with a starting date of October 7, 2015 (or sooner) at a Grade 9(1) \$13.95 per hour subject to satisfactory completion of preemployment screening paperwork. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye; Alderman T.J. Carey, aye; Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Tony Wessler, aye.

Return to Open

**RETURN TO OPEN**

The Board reconvened into open session at approximately 8:45 p.m.



Adjourn

**ADJOURN**

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

