

NOTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

August 30, 2012

(Subject to Approval at the September 25, 2012 Meeting)

PUBLIC HEARING

2009 ICC & 2008 NEC Amendments

Public Hearing
ICC Codes &
NEC
Amendments

Mayor Thomas D. Leasor called a public hearing to order at City Hall, 210 West Washington, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing was to hear citizen input regarding the proposed adoption of the 2009 International Code Council codes, 2008 National Electric Code and amendments to these codes. Attending the hearing were sixteen citizens, Alderman Ward One Mike Ryan, Jr., Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander, Alderman Ward One Tony Wessler, Alderman Ward Two Craig Kase, and Alderman Ward Three Jarrett Dace. Alderman Ward Three Dennis Watz was unable to attend. Also attending were City Administrator J.T. Hardy, Code Administrator Dan King, and City Clerk Jan Koch.

Review Process

Review Process
Local
Contractors

Code Administrator Dan King reported that the review process started in November 2011 with the formation of a committee consisting of local contractors Gene Martin, Matt Juergens, Tim Reinhold, Wayne Pondrom, Code Administrator King, and Joe DiPietri, PE. They met once a week beginning in February 2012 until they completed their review at the end of June. The Code Administrator reported that the city currently works under the 2003 ICC Codes and the 2002 NEC Codes. The cities of Union, New Haven, St. Clair, Pacific, Washington, as well as Franklin County have already adopted the 2009 International Code Council (ICC) Codes and the 2008 National Electrical Codes (NEC). The 2009 ICC Codes and the 2008 NEC Codes along with the recommended amendments have been on public display in the Engineering Department at City Hall since July 30, 2012 and will remain on display for public viewing until October 31, 2012.

HEARING ADJOURNED

Hearing
Adjourned

Being no citizen input, the hearing was declared adjourned by acclamation at approximately 7:05 p.m.



PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Enhanced Enterprise Zone

EEZ Public
Hearing

Mayor Thomas D. Leasor called another public hearing to order at City Hall, 210 West Washington, at approximately 7:05 p.m. The purpose of the hearing was to hear citizen input regarding an application to the State of Missouri for an Enhanced Enterprise Zone designation. Attending the hearing were fourteen citizens, Alderman Ward One Mike Ryan, Jr., Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander, Alderman Ward One Tony Wessler, Alderman Ward Two Craig Kase, and Alderman Ward Three Jarrett Dace. Alderman Ward Three Dennis Watz was unable to attend. Also attending were City Administrator J.T. Hardy and City Clerk Jan Koch.

EEZ Application

EEZ Application
Process

Administrator Hardy gave an overview of the purpose of an Enhanced Enterprise Zone. An EEZ can provide tax credits to new or expanding businesses. This helps stimulate economic growth, helps create new jobs close to home, and allows 10% to 50% tax abatement on improvements

EEZ Board
Members

made. Administrator Hardy stated that the Missouri Department of Economic Development oversees Enhanced Enterprise Zones. He then outlined the steps that needed to be done in order to develop an EEZ area. One of the first orders of business was to appoint an EEZ Board which was done back in July 2011. Members include, Dr. Thomas Allen, School Board; Ron Cottrell, Fire Protection District; Tim Reinhold, Paul McCulloch, Rob Lawrence, Jeff Lock, and Carla Cooper. Another step was the passage of an ordinance on declaration of a blighted area which was approved by the Board of Aldermen on August 21, 2012 per Ordinance No. 3529. Administrator Hardy noted that improvements can receive a minimum tax abatement of 50% for ten years and this only applies to real property. The city or other taxing entities within the EEZ areas would not lose revenue from the existing tax base. Ineligible businesses include retail, food & drink establishments, gambling establishments, educational establishments, religious organizations, or public administration.

Citizen Input

Regional Library
EEZ Input

Scenic Regional Library

Steven W. Campbell of the Scenic Regional Library stated that while he wasn't opposed to an Enhanced Enterprise Zone, he felt new growth in the zone would decrease potential tax revenue. He felt this would have an impact, particularly if a business outside the EEZ would relocate inside the EEZ. Ms. Grey Jackson from the Missouri Department of Economic Development stated that if a business wanted to relocate to an EEZ, that business would have to get a letter from the city it is leaving that would release them to the EEZ area. She reported that when State Statutes were written and adopted, safeguards were included for checks & balances.

Local Library
EEZ Input

Sullivan Public Library

Mark Smith of the Sullivan Public Library stated that he was happy to learn that this tax abatement was not a TIF. He stated concerns with growth that would cause an increase for library services without an increase in tax revenue. Mr. Smith reported that the library has been struggling due to lower tax levy assessments and more people to serve. He stated that the library hasn't receive revenue from personal property taxes since 1994 and noted that the city has supplemented the library in years past.

Crawford County
Assessor Input

Crawford County Assessor

Crawford County Assessor Kerry Summers reported that he has had experience with an old Enterprise Zones which in his opinion was a nightmare. The new version, Enhanced Enterprise Zones, are a much better tool and encouraged the city to get behind it.

Local Library
EEZ Input

Sullivan Public Library

Leonard Butts of the Sullivan Public Library stated concerns about the potential growth factor as it pertained to library users. He stated that the city needed to be mindful of growth without having offsetting revenues to compensate.

HEARING ADJOURNED

Hearing
Adjourned

There was no further input and the hearing declared was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. by acclamation.



CALL TO ORDER

Attendance

Roll Call

After a short recess, Mayor Thomas D. Leasor called the special council meeting to order in the Council Room at City Hall, 210 West Washington at approximately 8:00 p.m. Roll call was then taken and attending the meeting were Alderman Ward One Mike Ryan, Jr., Alderman Ward Two Craig Kase, Alderman Ward Three Jarrett Dace, Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander, and Alderman Ward One Tony Wessler. Alderman Ward Three Dennis Watz was unable to attend. Also attending were City Administrator J.T. Hardy and City Clerk Jan Koch.

PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING

FY 2013 Budget

The main purpose of the special meeting was to review the Fiscal Year 2012 budget and the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2013.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Fiscal Year Review 2011-2012 & Proposed FY 2012-2013

Review FY
2012 &
Proposed 2013
Budget

City Administrator J.T. Hardy updated the Board on the status of the current fiscal year budget and noted that one month remained for this year's budget. To date, \$21.9 million has been received in revenues for FY 2012 with \$19.9 million expended. The City Administrator then recapped the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2013 reporting a projected \$22.59 million for revenues, and \$23.11 million for expenditures.

Public Hearing - Budget

Public Hearing
& Meeting
9/25/12

The regularly scheduled meeting for September 18, 2012, was rescheduled to September 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. since it conflicts with the Missouri Municipal League Conference. A public hearing was also scheduled for September 25, 2012 to hear citizen input regarding the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2013. An ordinance for adopting the budget will also be presented at that same meeting.

ADJOURN

Adjourn

Being no further business at this time, Alderman Ryan made a motion to adjourn. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.