

**City of Troy, Missouri**  
**Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting**  
**Monday, June 15, 2015**  
**6:30 P.M.**

Present for the meeting were Aldermen Eversmeyer, Detert, Sconce, Walters, Bass, Anderson and Mayor Cross. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Cunningham, Police Chief Taylor, GIS Infrastructure Inspector Shaw, Parks Director Howell, Treasurer Flinn, City Attorney Granneman and City Clerk Schneider.

Mayor Cross called the Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting to order, declared a quorum present and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Eversmeyer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Detert to approve the Consent Agenda upon the removal of Items 7B and 7I. Vote: Eversmeyer aye, Detert aye, Bass aye, Sconce aye, Walters aye, Anderson aye.

\*Approved the Minutes of Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting -- May 18, 2015; Budget Workshop -- May 20, 2015; Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting -- June 1, 2015; and Budget Workshop -- June 3, 2015

Bhakta Samir, Shree Gayatri, LLC d/b/a Gas N Spirits, requested to place temporary signage on the 35 foot right-of-way in front of his location at 112 S. Lincoln. Mr. Samir stated the 4x4 wooden sign posts set in concrete could be easily removed and 2x3 weekly ads would be stapled thereto. Mr. Samir would like to place eight posts (ten-to-fifteen feet apart). Mr. Samir submitted to the Board examples of proposed signage and also signs that already exist on S. Lincoln Drive right-of-way. Mr. Samir pointed out that some existing signs on S. Lincoln were permanent in nature made of metal poles with electricity. The Board showed concern of too many signs close to the road impeding the flow of traffic and blocking "traffic signal ahead" signage. City Attorney will speak with Building Official Lindsey on sign ordinance and would be prepared to respond at next meeting.

Doc Morisette requested an ordinance from the City in support of a start-up program for a veterans commission. The mission of the organization is to give veterans direction for assistance. Other cities' ordinances were offered to use as a template. Section two of the template specifically outlines the relationship between the commission and City. The commission asked for no monetary funding and would form a committee with voting/non-voting seats for all local veteran organizations. Alderman Sconce asked what value is placed on City support by an ordinance versus a proclamation. Mr. Morisette answered the value was credibility. Alderman Anderson volunteered to sponsor the ordinance.

\*Approved Reports of Park Board, Planning & Zoning/Board of Adjustment, Historic Preservation Commission, Troy Convention and Visitors Bureau

\*Approved Reports of Police, Public Works, Finance, Building Inspection, Parks and Administration Departments

\*Approved Payment of Regular Monthly Bills

Mayor Cross read Bill No. 1231 as Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_ -- An Ordinance Regulating the Planting, Maintenance and Removal of Trees, Shrubs, and Other Plants on City Property in the City of Troy, Missouri and Creating a New Chapter 245 in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Troy, Missouri, second time by title only.

Discussion ensued whether the value of the ordinance remains if allowed to apply Section 245.050(D), (F) and (E) to public (and not private) trees only. The definition of “street” tree is located in right-of-way on land lying between the property lines on either side of all streets and regulated the same as public trees. Alderman Sconce pointed out that a street tree is not private according to Section 245.040(F) if Community Forest Manager has to sign off on spacing distance. Alderman Eversmeyer stated that tree stumps are left in parks and not removed below surface. Parks Director Howell will contact Tree City USA on removing those sections and will request a “Recommended List of Trees.”

Alderman Eversmeyer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Anderson to Table Bill No. 1231 as Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_. Vote: Eversmeyer aye, Anderson aye, Walters aye, Sconce aye, Bass aye, Detert aye.

\*Authorized Mayor to Execute Bartlett & West Professional Engineering Services Hourly Agreement Not to Exceed \$3,000.00 regarding 2015 Concrete Street Removal and Repair Project

Alderman Sconce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Eversmeyer to Approve Budget Amendment to Fairground Park and Parking Lot Improvements from 31-20-01-6450 Capital Improvements-Construction (\$107,355.00) to 31-20-01-6730 Capital Improvements-Improvements of \$107,355.00. Vote: Sconce aye, Eversmeyer aye, Anderson aye, Detert aye, Bass aye, Walters aye.

\*Reappointed Bob Simmons and John Lenk to Board of Adjustment

\*Reappointed Kevin Bishop and Dee Ann Aydelott to Planning & Zoning

\*Approved 2015 Liquor License Renewals: Aldi, Inc.; Shree Gayatri, LLC d/b/a Gas N Spirits; Imo’s Pizza; Georgee’s LLC d/b/a One More Shot; Casey’s General Store, Good Timez LLC.

\*Approved Job Description: Meter Reader II, Public Works Department

\*Approved Pay Application #4, Cherry Blossom Way Improvement in the amount of \$56,441.20

\*Approved Liquor-Business License Application: Good Timez, LLC/ d/b/a Straight Home Sports Bar & Grill, 100 Frenchman's Bluff

Alderman Eversmeyer expressed sorrow on the resignation of George Giles from the Historic Preservation Commission and commended Mr. Giles for his service on the commission since its inception and documenting the history of Troy. Alderman Eversmeyer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Walters to Accept the Resignation of George Giles from the Historic Preservation Commission and Commend His Service Since Its Inception. Vote: Eversmeyer aye, Walters aye, Sconce aye, Bass aye, Detert aye, Anderson aye.

\*Approved Park Board Application submitted by Kelsey Baker

\*Approved Personal Assistance Services ("PAS")-Employee Assistance Plan July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016 \$2,081.04

\*Approved Bad Debt Utility Write-off through June 2, 2014 \$15,766.45

The Budget Hearing to Approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 was set for Monday, June 29, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Sconce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bass to Adopt Resolution 2015-4 Change Election Date/Plan Year to October for Section 125 Flexible Spending Account—Security Benefit Group. Vote: Sconce aye, Bass aye, Walters aye, Eversmeyer aye, Anderson aye, Detert aye.

Alderman Walters relayed that Chief Taylor recommended placing a "right turn only" on the corner of the building at drive-through housed by Cornerstone Café on Cherry Street and installing a speed bump in alleyway west of drive-through exit as resolution to the dangerous intersection and maintain the two-way flow of traffic. The owner of the café liked the idea.

Alderman Sconce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Detert to Award Fairgrounds Park and Parking Lot Improvements Base Bid \$240,620.00, Alternate 1 \$54,021.50 and Alternate 2 \$18,250.00 totaling \$312,891.50 to Mid Rivers Asphalt as recommended by F3, Inc. Vote: Sconce aye, Detert aye, Walters aye, Bass aye, Anderson aye, Eversmeyer aye.

Alderman Sconce volunteered to sponsor changes to the conditional use ordinance due to the recent activity involving conditional use permits and the five-year expiration time

limit. These changes would include time limits, grandfather clauses and conformity in application.

Mayor Cross relayed to the Board that three bids were received on the Market Analysis and Feasibility Study. Upon three (3) raters' review/tabulations, PGAV Planners was recommended. Alderman Sconce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Anderson to Award the Request for Qualifications Bid to PGAV Planners and Approve Contract and Price Negotiations. Vote: Sconce aye, Anderson aye, Detert aye, Bass aye, Walters aye, Eversmeyer aye.

Alderman Sconce asked the Board to consider the FY2016 budget request for an additional administration employee. Alderman Anderson commented that there was justification given for the requested position which would begin after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Aldermen Eversmeyer stated and Bass agreed that the position would include back-up Treasurer duties and warrant full-time status instead of part-time or temporary. Alderman Anderson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Detert to Approve FY2016 Budget Request Additional Administration Employee. Vote: Anderson aye, Detert aye, Bass aye, Walters aye, Sconce aye, Eversmeyer aye.

Alderman Sconce asked the Board to consider the FY2016 budget request for an additional Parks Vehicle. Alderman Anderson stated the budgeted amount was worst-case scenario for a new vehicle but attempts would be made to purchase it through government surplus. Also, the Parks Department had two vehicles utilized by four employees; in the off season, the third truck would be utilized for plowing snow. Alderman Sconce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Walters to Approve FY2016 Budget Request Vehicle Parks. Vote: Sconce aye, Walters aye, Eversmeyer aye, Bass aye, Detert aye, Anderson aye.

Alderman Sconce asked the Board to consider the FY2016 budget request for 3% Employee Wage Increase. Alderman Sconce stated that the Board had worked for five years to bring the general fund to black, but now, right or wrong, cannot make a decision and put the burden on someone else. If 3% increase is left in the budget, is the \$243,000.00 shortfall a mistake? If removed, would that negate pay discrepancy actions at separate meeting? Why should some not get anything? Should someone else suffer? Alderman Sconce conveyed the need to put everything into equation as it feels wrong to penalize someone at low rate of pay scale for the decisions made already by the Board.

Alderman Walters commented the Board needs to be diligent and cautious in future when department heads come and ask.

Mayor Cross said the changes were to correct pay discrepancies at separate meeting with no merit increases. Alderman Eversmeyer questioned whether the percentage should be 3% or nothing. Mayor Cross responded that no changes have been made but need to look

at taking the whole pay scale up by smaller percentages for next year. Alderman Sconce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Anderson to Approve FY2016 Budget Item 3% Employee Wage Increase. Vote: Sconce aye, Anderson aye, Bass aye, Detert aye, Walters aye, Eversmeyer aye.

Alderman Sconce questioned removing the Maintenance Shed Addition and Outdoor Wash Bay requests out of budget as hypocritical and expressed the need for a common goal. Alderman Anderson said that the shed addition and outdoor wash bay budget requests were initially in capital improvements fund, then moved to general fund. The Board made choices and turn down lots of requests every year. The Board cut as much as could reasonably be cut and had a red number moved to general fund from capital improvements. Alderman Sconce stated the Board created a park department, funded it, and added \$240,000.00 burden on general fund. The Board decided it was fair to make that decision and not approve other requests. Alderman Anderson said deficit was \$400,000.00 to \$243,000.00 after cutting budget (and \$243,000.00 would be covered by small general fund reserve and increased revenues). Alderman Eversmeyer confirmed that the City crew was doing some of the work on the maintenance shed addition.

Alderman Sconce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Walters to Approve FY2016 Budget Request Maintenance Shed Addition. Vote: Sconce aye, Walters aye, Bass aye, Detert aye, Eversmeyer aye, Anderson aye.

Alderman Sconce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Walters to Approve FY2016 Budget Request Outdoor Wash Bay at Maintenance Shed. Vote: Sconce aye, Walters aye, Detert aye, Eversmeyer aye, Anderson aye, Bass aye.

Alderman Walters made a motion, seconded by Alderman Eversmeyer to Go Into Closed Session in compliance with 610.021 of RSMo., for the purposes of discussing Legal, Real Estate and Personnel. Vote: Walters aye, Eversmeyer aye, Sconce aye, Bass aye, Anderson aye and Detert aye.

Alderman Eversmeyer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Detert for Richard Rahmier as Meter Reader II at Grade 11, Step 17 of \$21.48 per hour effective July 1, 2015. Vote: Eversmeyer aye, Detert aye, Bass aye, Walters aye, Sconce aye, Anderson aye.

City Attorney Granneman advised the Board on Real Estate and Legal matters.

Upon discussion, the Board directed the Mayor to officially relinquish a right of first refusal for the excluded property referenced in Contract for the Purchase of Real Estate dated February 14, 2011 by and between First Baptist Church of Troy and City of Troy (house and outbuilding currently located on the Northeast portion of Outlot81, commonly referred to as 760 Cap Au Gris, Troy, Missouri).

Alderman Sconce made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bass to go out of Closed Session. Vote: Sconce aye, Bass aye, Walters aye, Anderson aye, Detert aye, Eversmeyer aye.

Alderman Walters made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sconce to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Walters aye, Sconce aye, Bass aye, Anderson aye, Eversmeyer aye, Detert aye. Meeting adjourned 8:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

\*Approved on Consent Agenda