

**CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2014**

The meeting of the incoming Ferguson City Council was called to order at 7:25 p.m. on April 15, 2014 by Mayor James W. Knowles III, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri.

Ms. Asikainen administered the oath of office to Mayor James W. Knowles III.

On roll call, the following Council Members were present:

Mayor James W. Knowles III
David Conway
Keith Kallstrom
Tim Larson
Dwayne T. James
Mark Byrne
Kim Tihen

Ms. Asikainen declared a quorum was present.

Also present were City Manager John Shaw, City Attorney Stephanie Karr, and City Clerk Megan Asikainen.

Mayor Knowles welcomed all present and explained that the meeting would have the Public Portion in which you are invited to speak on matters of general concern and the Business Portion in which you are welcome to listen but not participate. After the adjournment of this meeting, there will be a short reception.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Chisholm commented that it was difficult to hear the microphones in the rear of the room.

There being no additional public comments; Mayor Knowles closed the Public Comments portion at 7:30 p.m.

BUSINESS PORTION

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Council Member Conway nominated Council Member Kallstrom to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Knowles called for any additional nominations; there being no additional nominations, the nominations were closed.

A motion was made by Council Member James, seconded by Council Member Byrne, and carried to accept by acclamation the nomination of Council Member Kallstrom to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Knowles called for appointments for Council Members to serve as Council representative on various Boards and Commissions. All agreed to retain the same positions.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Member Conway congratulated Mayor Knowles on his reelection.

Council Member Kallstrom echoed the congratulations to Mayor Knowles on his reelection.

He said that the Drug Enforcement Agency is coordinating a prescription drug return program on Saturday, April 26. Unwanted prescription drugs may be dropped off at the Walgreen's at 190 N. Florissant Road from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Council Member Larson congratulated Mayor Knowles on his reelection.

He reminded all of Food Truck Monday which will be held on Monday, April 21. There will be 5 food trucks visiting at the Plaza at 501 for lunch. Citywalk hopes to have the event on a monthly basis throughout the summer.

Council Member James mentioned that the Twilight Run is coming up on Saturday, May 17. Postcards recently were sent to inform those residents who will be affected by street closures in the area. He said the committee is aware that residents will be inconvenienced during this time and asked for patience from those who are affected.

Council Member Byrne congratulated Mayor Knowles on his reelection.

He thanked Public Works staff for helping with the recent tornado in University City. He mentioned that the City received a letter of thanks from Mayor Welsch thanking us for our assistance.

Council Member Byrne reminded all of the Taste in Ferguson to be held at the Savoy on Sunday, June 29.

City Manager Shaw said he mentioned in his memo that the First Baptist Church had requested, per the terms of the agreement between the City and the church, repair of the parking lot located on Florissant Road. The church would prefer the lot be milled and overlaid, however, upon inspection by the City's engineer, staff has recommended sealing and striping the lot. The cost to seal and stripe the lot is significantly less than the full overlay. The agreement states both parties should agree on the terms of the repair to the lot. The Board of Directors of the First Baptist Church met and discussed the issue and offered to split the cost of the full overlay with the City at an estimated cost of \$80,000 total, or \$40,000 each. Along with that, the Board of Directors would like to revise the agreement and update some of the parameters including the mutual agreement clause regarding repairs. Since the City primarily uses the parking lot for the Fourth of July festivities, swim meets, and overflow parking for the Splash. City Manager Shaw asked Council to consider whether it would be more cost effective to find a location and install our own parking lot rather than continue this agreement.

Council Member James asked if the City had completed work on the lot in the past and at what cost. City Manager Shaw responded the agreement had been in effect for over ten years and the City has not been asked to do this level of work, but has done patch work and provided snow removal services. Council Member James said he felt the split cost proposed by the church Board of Directors was reasonable, but did not necessarily want to take land away from January-Wabash Memorial Park for a parking lot.

Council Member Larson clarified that the City's engineer said the needs could be met by sealing and striping the lot and that the full mill and overlay was not a necessity at this time. City Manager Shaw responded in the affirmative and said the cost of the sealing and striping was estimated to be about \$25,000. Council Member Larson said he felt the sealing and striping was more appropriate at this time.

Mayor Knowles said he would not be in favor of the full mill and overlay unless there was a long-term agreement in place with the church. He said he would like to see that long-term agreement address maintenance so that both parties have the same expectation.

Council Member Byrne said he agreed with the Mayor's comments about the agreement and said he felt the seal and stripe repair is appropriate based on the City engineer's advice.

Council consensus was to move forward with the seal and stripe repair, but also to allow the City Manager to discuss the full mill and overlay repair with an updated long-term agreement.

City Manager Shaw said the January-Wabash Memorial Park pavilion that was damaged during the tornado has been replaced and will be available for rental this summer. He mentioned the Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 19 in the morning at January-Wabash Memorial Park and the Doggie Easter Egg Hunt will follow in the afternoon at Wayside Park.

Finally, City Manager Shaw updated the Council on upcoming demolitions. He said he would inform the Council when those were scheduled to occur.

Mayor Knowles thanked all who voted in the election. He said it was disappointing that, even with a contested school board election, voter turnout was lower than the previous mayoral election.

He congratulated the Kiwanians on their 31st annual prayer breakfast.

Mayor Knowles congratulated Mike Palmer on the completion of his loft building on Florissant Road. The building was a former daycare and is now a mixed-use residential and commercial building. He mentioned that he recently attended a St. Louis Economic Development Partnership meeting and was happy to be able to talk about all of the great things we have going on.

Mayor Knowles said Mayor Welsch of University City was very appreciative of the City's offers of help following their recent tornado. He said it was great that the Council and City staff were already discussing and mobilizing to help University City before they even asked for assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Council Member Larson, seconded by Council Member Conway, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

James W. Knowles III, Mayor
City of Ferguson, Missouri

ATTEST:

Megan Asikainen - City Clerk
City of Ferguson, Missouri
Approved: 5/13/14