

FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Council Meeting, January 13, 2004

Council Meeting, 8:00 P.M.

**CITY HALL
110 Church Street**



The regular meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on January 13, 2004 by Mayor, Steven Wegert, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri. Mayor Wegert requested that everyone stand for a moment of silent prayer, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. On roll call the following Council members were present:

Mayor Steven Wegert
John Corson
Keith Kallstrom
Mark Crinnion
Tom Wolf
Peggy Faul
Bill Duncan

Also present were City Manager A.J. Krieger, City Attorney Richard Bresnahan and City Clerk Debbie Matthies. Mrs. Matthies declared a quorum was present.

Mayor Wegert welcomed all present and explained the meeting would be in two portions the Public Portion and the Business Portion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Attorney Mark Murray – One Metropolitan Square, Suite 2600, St. Louis, Missouri 63102 representing Greater Grace Church of God had concerns and comments regarding the first reading of Bill No. 6675 and asked Council to possibly table Bill No. 6675 to the next council meeting to allow the work to be completed. Mr. Murray commented that in September 2003 the time period of the installation of a water main was extended by Council and the project is started and progress is being made. A contract with Kelpe Contracting has been signed. Pastor Larry Jones and Engineer, Rhein Dabler with Clayton Engineering were also present for questions. Council thanked Mr. Murray.

There being no further public comments, Mayor declared the public portion closed at 8:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting – December 9, 2003. A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Library Meeting – November 17, 2003. A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Landmarks Commission Meeting – December 8, 2003. A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Senior Citizens Commission Meeting – January 8, 2004. A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, A.J. Krieger explained the items on the Agenda.

APPOINTMENTS - Continue Board and Commission Appointments –

Councilman Mark Crinnion made a motion to re-appoint Laura Ashley to the Park Board, seconded, approved unanimously 7-0. Councilwoman Peggy Faul made a motion to re-appoint Roberta Bradley to the FNIP Board, seconded, approved unanimously 7-0. Councilwoman Peggy Faul made a motion to re-appoint Kenneth Hogshead to the Building Board of Appeals, seconded, approved unanimously 7-0.

Mayor Wegert made a motion to appoint Sonya D. Brooks as Deputy City Clerk, seconded and passed unanimously 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2004-01 - A Resolution setting the April 6th, General Municipal Election was introduced by Council as a whole and read by Attorney Bresnahan. On roll call, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Corson, Kallstrom, Crinnion, Wolf, Wegert, Faul, Duncan

NOES: 0

Resolution passes.

Resolution No. 2004-02 - Agreement with MODOT for Florissant Road authorizing the

City Manager to execute an agreement with MODOT for the purpose of accessing Federal funding for the Florissant Road improvement project was introduced by Council as a whole and read by Attorney Bresnahan. On roll call, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Kallstrom, Crinnion, Wolf, Wegert, Faul, Duncan, Corson
NOES: 0

Resolution passes.

Resolution No. 2004-03 – Transferring Community Development Block Grant Funds was introduced by Council as a whole and read by Attorney Bresnahan. On roll call, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 7 – Crinnion, Wolf, Wegert, Faul, Duncan, Corson, Kallstrom
NOES: 0

Resolution passes.

BILLS REQUIRING FIRST READING

BILL NO. 6674 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29 - OFFENSES, SECTION 29.92- NOISES PROHIBITED, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI, BY REPEALING SECTION 29.92 (4) AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 29.92 (4) CONCERNING PROHIBITED NOISES; EFFECTIVE WHEN; introduced by Council as a Whole.

BILL NO. 6675 - AN ORDINANCE REPEALING, REVOKING AND RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 2002-3152 PASSED ON THE 23RD DAY OF JULY, 2002, APPROVING THE GREATER GRACE CHURCH SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT; EFFECTIVE WHEN; introduced by Council as a Whole.

MISCELLANEOUS

Keith Kallstrom – Wished everyone a Happy New Year and hoped everyone had a Merry Christmas. Mr. Kallstrom attended the opening of the McCluer South-Berkeley High School on January 6, 2004. Mr. Kallstrom took a tour in southwest Ferguson with Councilman Crinnion and some residents and discussed problems in the area that need to be addressed.

Peggy Faul – Ms. Faul had questions regarding the City's eviction process. Attorney Bresnahan explained the process and discussion ensued.

Bill Duncan – reported that he attended the first Farmers' Market Meeting of this year

and over 20 farmers attended. The remarks were very positive and everyone is very enthused about this year's market.

John Corson – Wished everyone a Happy New Year and a great beginning to 2004. Mr. Corson wanted an up-date on his request to review Liquor License, fees, applications, etc. City Manager, A.J. Krieger is in the process of setting up a meeting in early February to review Liquor Licenses.

Mayor Wegert – received a letter from the City of Kinloch advising that they have signed the Intergovernmental Development Agreement. Mayor Wegert spoke to Charter regarding the upcoming rate increase and the high speed services which will take affect in the next 5 to 8 weeks and asked staff for an update.

A.J. Krieger - informed Council that Charter will not begin charging Ferguson for services that are not currently available. Mr. Krieger requested a weekly update from Charter to forward to Council. Mayor Wegert requested a Work Session to discuss the Sales Tax Holiday.

Debbie Matthies, City Clerk – announced that the last day for candidates to file their petition for the April 6, 2004 General Municipal Election is Tuesday, January 20th by 5:00 p.m. City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2004 in observance for Martin Luther King Jr., day. Due to the Holiday and the timeframe involved all Candidates City and County taxes, outstanding fees, liens, or fines must be paid by Friday, January 16th, 2004 by 5:00 p.m. and Candidates need to provide paid tax receipts or waivers at the time of filing.

A.J. Krieger – announced that the Class Comp Study is underway through The PAR Group; Public Management Consultants. The first portion of the study is to have employees fill out a job analysis questionnaire. The Class Comp Study should be completed in about three months. The St. Louis Area City Managers Association (SLACMA) has completed its annual salary survey and it will be provided to the PAR Group. Mr. Krieger explained that the previous Pension Board issue would be delayed for discussion until the Class Comp Study is finished. Mr. Krieger would like to move forward with Phase II for a Goals & Objectives session with Council after the January 27, 2004 Council Meeting.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Debbie Matthies, City Clerk