

FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL

**Regular Council Meeting, May 25, 2004
Work Session, 6:30 P.M.
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 May 25, 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
James Hines
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 the Public Portion and the Business Portion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Unfinished Work Session Item – FSBD presentation. Chuck James, President of FSBD updated Council on FSBD issues.

Mr. James commented on the “Biggest Yard Sale in History” being a huge success and bringing a lot of activity in and around Ferguson and the downtown area. Farmers’ Market sales were high due to the volume of people visiting Ferguson as well as generating business for other retailers in the area. Mr. James thanked Chuck Henson, Mark Etling and Downtown Development Coordinator, Veronica Creech for their ideas and support throughout the project.

Mr. James updated Council on downtown developments, Farmers' Market, Rhythm Tap Initiative performances, the Streetfest Concert on June 19, 2004 and Safety Days on June 5, 2004, from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Emerson YMCA parking lot.

Mr. James, on behalf of FSBD, presented handouts and discussed the FSBD budget. He expressed concerns over the constraints placed upon the FSBD budget allocation and explained to Council that FSBD intends to hold several events and activities over the next year but cannot go forward without proper funding. Discussion ensued and throughout the presentation of the budget, Mr. James set out FSBD's activities for the year and how they felt they could handle their funds. Mr. James asked for the City's commitment to fund FSBD's promotional activities and to allow FSBD to choose the best way to spend their own budget. Mr. James commented that in order for the City to see progress FSBD needs this funding and asked Council to re-evaluate their budgetary decision.

Mayor Wegert suggested that the next session start at 6:30 p.m. to continue discussion of the FSBD budget.

Chuck Henson – 1110 Birchgate Trail – commented on the yard sale on Saturday, May 22, 2004 and how well it went. Thanked everyone who was involved with the project with a special thanks to Veronica Creech and Nancy Roberts. Mr. Henson updated Council on P.R.O.U.D. and brought the welcome gift bag to show Council its contents. He feels it is good public involvement and welcomes any volunteers on Council. Mr. Henson thanks all of the volunteers and everyone involved with P.R.O.U.D. Mr. Henson has concerns with the P.R.O.U.D. budget and keeping it going and possibly have Council give them some support.

Stan Caldwell – 900 Dyerdown – Commented on how well Council is speaking into their microphones and can be heard.

There being no further public comments, Mayor declared the public portion closed at 9:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes

Council Meeting – May 11, 2004

Senior Citizens Commission Meeting – May 6, 2004

FNIP Meeting – April 26, 2004

Landmarks Commission Meeting – April 19, 2004

Ferguson Public Library Meeting – April 19, 2004

Parks & Recreation Board Meeting – May 18, 2004 – **w/recommendations**

A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the above minutes as presented.

APPOINTMENTS - Boards and Commissions Appointments for 2003-2004.

A motion was made by Mayor Wegert, seconded, to appoint Tom Wolf to the Pension Board. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mayor Wegert, seconded, to appoint Tom Wolf as a voting member to the Downtown TIF Loan (Ad hoc) Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mayor Wegert, seconded, to appoint Peter Carson to replace George Penhale who is retiring off the Board of Adjustment. Motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

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

REQUEST

Request for a temporary Liquor License for the Ferguson Station Business Association for the Concert Series in the January Wabash Memorial Park on June 19, 2004. Terri House is the applicant. A motion was made by Mayor Wegert to approve the Temporary Liquor License for the Concert Series in the January Wabash Memorial Park on June 19, 2004, seconded and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2004-13 – Resolution Declaring Certain Surplus Property was introduced by Council as a whole and read by Attorney Bresnahan. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES – 7 - Corson, Kallstrom, Crinnion, Hines, Wegert, Faul, Duncan

NOES - 0

Resolution passes

BILLS REQUIRING FIRST READING

BILL NO.6686 - AN ORDINANCE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW WATER MAIN AND FIRE HYDRANTS FOR SOMERSET PARK IN THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI, EFFECTIVE WHEN, introduced by Council as a Whole.

BILL NO. 6687 - AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 89.300 – 89.491 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF MISSOURI (2000); APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE VISION 2015 PLAN; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON TO CERTIFY A COPY OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE VISION 2015 PLAN TO THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF DEEDS OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, EFFECTIVE WHEN, introduced by Council as a Whole.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bill Duncan – the “Biggest Yard Sale in History” was a big success. The sale and promotions helped bring people into the City.

John Corson – echoes Mr. Duncan’s sentiments with bringing people into the City.

A.J. Krieger – confirmed there would be a Budget Session, June 1, 2004, starting at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Debbie Matthies, City Clerk