

FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL

**Regular Council Meeting, June 8, 2004
Work Session, 7:00 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 June 8, 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 Hearing Portion the Public Portion and the Business Portion. There were two Public Hearings scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING – Proposed Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 and Capital Improvement Program.

City Manager, A.J. Krieger, presented and gave an overview of the Proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Program for the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year and explained some of the major budget highlights. The projected 03-04 ending fund balance is \$1,778,390, Projected General Fund Revenues - \$9,312,400, General Fund Expenditures - \$10,136,867, which leaves a projected Fiscal Year 04-05 ending fund balance of \$840,905.

Mr. Krieger explained the Park Fund projected revenues of \$921,490 and the anticipated direct park expense of \$1,035,588. The actual expenditures necessary to operate the park system is \$1,455,713. Park Fund deficit - \$534,223 is subsidized by the General Fund.

The projected revenues of the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund - \$1,308,000 with expenditures of \$1,152,755. In addition, \$264,849 will be spent on the Splash Debt Service.

Mr. Krieger commented that the City budget is lean and conservative and staff has taken every possible step to control discretionary costs.

Mr. Krieger presented an amended Capital Outlay detail. The total proposed projects to be funded from the Capital Improvements Sales Tax Fund - \$1,152,755; Internal Service Fund - \$229,500; The total dollar amounts of City Funds for Capital and vehicle purchases and improvements - \$1,382,255.

There being no public comments, Mayor Wegert closed the Public Hearing at 8:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - Community Development Block Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2005.

Housing Development Coordinator, Mark Etling, presented the Community Development Block Grant Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2005. Mr. Etling asked people to sign in with their name and address; distributed the Public Hearing handout and asked everyone to read it.

Mr. Etling explained that the City of Ferguson participates in the federal Community Development Block Grant program. As a CDBG grantee, St. Louis County receives funds directly from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, or HUD. Ferguson receives its CDBG funds as a sub-grantee of St. Louis County. In 2005, Ferguson is scheduled to receive \$172,570 in CDBG funds. The purpose of this public hearing is to solicit comments and suggestions regarding possible uses of the 2005 CDBG allocation, and for staff to present its proposals for the uses of the funds. Staff, represented by Mr. Etling, proposes the following uses of CDBG Funds:

A. **Housing Development Coordinator**

This position will coordinate the City's Neighborhood Agenda, by working to establish a network of neighborhood organizations, and by implementing programs and projects generated by neighborhood groups - \$21,840.

B. **Building Inspector**

This position will assist in the implementation of the Neighborhood Agenda by conducting proactive inspections and re-inspections of homes in targeted low-moderate income neighborhoods. The position will be supervised by the Director of Public Works, and will work in conjunction with the Housing Development Coordinator. It is proposed to fund 1.5 positions in 2005 - \$28,080.

C. **Neighborhood identifiers**

As part of the new Neighborhood Agenda, staff proposes to allocate for the design and installation of signs, monuments, etc. in targeted low-moderate income neighborhoods. The identifiers will enhance the identity and character of these neighborhoods - \$70,000.

D. **Redevelopment financing**

As part of the City's Economic Development/Redevelopment and Neighborhood Agendas, staff proposes to allocate funds to help service the debt for development/redevelopment and capital improvement projects in low/moderate income areas of the City - \$52,650.

Total for all proposed uses - \$172,570.

To-date there have been no other suggestions for the use of CDBG funds.

Mr. Etling informed everyone that written comments and suggestions for the use of 2005 CDBG funds be submitted to City Hall, 108 Church Street, to the attention of Mark Etling no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 18, 2004.

CDBG application is due to St. Louis County by Friday, July 2, 2004 and funds are due to be released to the City on January 1, 2005. Mr. Etling asked for public suggestions, comments and/or questions.

Shannon Howard, 408 Tiffin, on behalf of the Old Ferguson West Neighborhood commented that the residents feel this is an excellent use of the CDBG funds.

There being no further comments, Mayor Wegert closed the Public Hearing at 8:20 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There being no public comments, Mayor declared the public portion closed at 8:20 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes

Council Meeting – May 25, 2004

Personnel Board Meeting – May 25, 2004

FNIP Board Meeting – May 24, 2004

Landmarks Commission Meeting – May 17, 2004

Pension Board Meeting – April 26, 2004

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 Mr. Kallstrom, seconded to appoint Craig Groh of Ward 3 to the Traffic Commission. Motion approved unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2004-14 - Approving the proposed Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2004-2005, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by Attorney Bresnahan. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES – 7 - Kallstrom, Crinnion, Hines, Wegert, Faul, Duncan, Corson
NOES - 0

Resolution passes

Resolution No. 2004-15 - Approving the proposed Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2005-2009, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by Attorney Bresnahan. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES – 7 - Crinnion, Hines, Wegert, Faul, Duncan, Corson, Kallstrom
NOES - 0

Resolution passes

Resolution No. 2004 -16 - Approving the transfer of Funds, was introduced by Council as a whole and read by Attorney Bresnahan. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES – 7 - Hines, Wegert, Faul, Duncan, Corson, Kallstrom, Crinnion
NOES - 0

Resolution passes

REQUEST

This Is It Sports Bar & Grill, 1120 N. Florissant Road, has applied for a Liquor License and has met the requirements. Managing Officer Vera Robinson was present for questions and comments. She informed Council that the bar caters to the over 30 crowd and has dart and pool leagues, and serves sandwiches and dinners. Hours of operation are 6:00 p.m. to 1:15 a.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Wegert to approve the Liquor License, seconded and approved unanimously. Council congratulated and welcomed the new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Pursuant to Sec. 2-26. of the Ferguson Code, during the months of July and August, regular Council Meetings shall be held only on the fourth Tuesday of each month, which will be July 27, 2004 and August 24, 2004. Mayor Wegert made a motion to hold one Council Meeting on July 27, 2004, and one meeting on August 24, 2004, unless there is a need to meet, seconded and approved unanimously.

BILLS REQUIRING FIRST READING

BILL NO. 6688 - AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2003-3188, AND ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES AND OTHER COMPENSATION OF ALL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2-47. COMPENSATION, OF CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005; EFFECTIVE WHEN, introduced by Council as a Whole.

BILL NO. **6689** - AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2003-3180 APPROVED JUNE 24, 2003, AND ENACTING A NEW ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES OF PART-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON; EFFECTIVE WHEN, introduced by Council as a Whole.

BILLS REQUIRING SECOND 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 and read the first time.

A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to read the Bill a second time and place it upon its passage. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

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

Bill No. 6686 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6686 thus became Ordinance No. 2004-3213 and is permanently recorded in Book 26 on page 120.

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 and read the first time.

A motion was made by Mr. Corson, seconded and carried to read the Bill a second time and place it upon its passage. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

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

Bill No. 6687 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6687 thus became Ordinance No. 2004-3214 and is permanently recorded in Book 26 on page 122.

MISCELLANEOUS

Keith Kallstrom – congratulated and thanked City Attorney, Rick Bresnahan and wished him good luck. Thanked Councilwoman Peggy Faul for participating with him in the World War II Memorial Dedication held on Saturday, May 29, 2004 at Memorial at January Wabash Memorial Park. Announced the movie “Daddy Day Care” will play on June 10, at the Bandshell starting at 8:45 p.m. and Saturday June 12 from 9 a.m. to noon the City will hold its Rabies Clinic at the municipal garage at 901 Ferguson Avenue.

Mark Crinnion – congratulated City Attorney, Rick Bresnahan.

James Hines - congratulated City Attorney, Rick Bresnahan. Attended and commented on how nice the Ferguson Middle School Appreciation Party was at January Wabash Memorial Park.

Peggy Faul - congratulated City Attorney, Rick Bresnahan. Thanked everyone who participated in Ferguson Safety Days on Saturday, June 5th at the Emerson Family YMCA. Reminded everyone that the Farmers’ Market is on Saturday mornings 8:00 a.m. – noon, Wednesdays 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 19th 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. is the Concert in January Wabash Memorial Park.

Bill Duncan – commented on the World War II Dedication and what a beautiful ceremony it was and this is one more reason he is proud to be a Ferguson resident. Mr. Duncan thanked the American Legion; Council members Keith and Peggy for their involvement; City Manager, A.J. Krieger for a very moving letter that he wrote and was read at the ceremony and thanked everyone involved with the ceremony. One more reason Ferguson is a better place to live.

John Corson - congratulated City Attorney, Rick Bresnahan. Commented on the World War II Dedication and was impressed with the letter from A.J. Krieger. A very sincere thanks to the Veterans and Service men and women of this County and we owe a lot to them and we should never forget that. Safety Days was a success and thanked everyone involved. Mr. Corson would like to see the Neighborhood goals/objectives discussion quickly move forward with Council and would like to arrange a work session as soon as possible.

Mayor Wegert - congratulated City Attorney, Rick Bresnahan and commented that Mr. Bresnahan has been a tremendous asset to the Mayor, Council and the City of Ferguson and will be missed.

Richard Bresnahan – announced that he has been appointed by the Governor as a Circuit Judge in St. Louis County on May 27th, 2004 he will take the bench on June 25th, 2004. Mr. Bresnahan commented that he will miss the City, thanked the Council for all of their kind comments and stated it has been great being the City Attorney for Ferguson.

A.J. Krieger - congratulated City Attorney, Rick Bresnahan. Mr. Krieger explained that there is an eventual need to approach the voters about a Sales Tax increase and there is an August deadline date for the November 2, election, the next opportunities would be the February or April elections. Mr. Krieger asked for input from the Council regarding the formation of a committee on how the City can provide information to the public, etc. regarding the Sales Tax increase. Council is interested and John Corson and Bill Duncan volunteered. A.J. will inform Council on a date for the Work Session to discuss Neighborhood goals and objectives.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Debbie Matthies, City Clerk