

FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL

**Regular Council Meeting, July 27, 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 July 27, 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, Attorney Martin Barnholtz 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

Tom Patterson – Royal Ave. had concerns and comments regarding the sales tax increase issue.

Joe Lonero – 901 Hudson – had concerns and comments regarding the sales tax increase issue. Joe updated Council on the progress of the old Sportsprint building.

Terri House – 11 Lakeview Court – had concerns and comments regarding the sales tax increase issue.

Deon and Alonna Williams are the new owners of A&D Mini Mart who are requesting a liquor license. They informed Council that A&D Mini Mart is a convenience store which will handle all types of food products, perishables, sundries, tobacco, and beverages and would like to add liquor and that is why they are requesting a liquor license. Hours of operation will be 7 – 11, Monday – Thursday, 7 – 12, Friday and Saturday and presently will be closed on Sunday.

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

Mr. Crinnion requested an executive session after the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes

Council Meeting – June 22, 2004

Special Council Meeting – July 13, 2004

Closed Council Meeting – July 13, 2004

FNIP Meeting – June 28, 2004

Library Meeting – May 17, 2004

Landmarks Commission Meeting – June 21, 2004

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

APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Peggy Faul to appoint Mr. Mike Lorhan of Ward 1 to the Housing Board of Appeals. Motion seconded, passed unanimously 7-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

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

PROCLAMATIONS

“National Night Out” Proclamation – was introduced by Council as a Whole and read by Attorney Barnholtz.

Miss USA Proclamation – was introduced by Council as a Whole and read by Attorney Barnholtz.

REQUEST

Temporary Liquor License for Festival Latina, to be held on September 12, 2004 at January Wabash Memorial Park. Applicant Rev. A. John Schuler and has met the requirements. A motion was made by Mayor Wegert to approve the temporary liquor license for Festival Latina, seconded, approved unanimously 7-0.

New Liquor License – A&D Mini Store located at 1130 N. Florissant Road, applicant is Deon M. Williams and has met the requirements. Owners were present for questions. A motion was made by Mayor Wegert to approve the A&D Mini Store Liquor License, seconded, approved unanimously 7-0. Council welcomes the new business.

BILLS REQUIRING FIRST READING

BILL NO. **6691** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI, AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004, A PROPOSITION TO IMPOSE A SALES TAX OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING FOR LOCAL PARKS FOR THE CITY; REQUIRING A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS TO APPROVE THE PROPOSITION BEFORE IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF VOTING AT SUCH ELECTION; EFFECTIVE WHEN; introduced by Councilman Corson and read the first time.

BILL NO. **6692** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI, AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2004, A PROPOSITION TO IMPOSE A SALES TAX OF ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING REVENUES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENT; REQUIRING A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS TO APPROVE THE PROPOSITION BEFORE IT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF VOTING AT SUCH ELECTION; EFFECTIVE WHEN; introduced by Councilman Corson and read the first time.

MISCELLANEOUS

John Corson – would like further discussion regarding the sales tax increase and is aware that timing is an issue and requested A.J. to give Council additional information.

Keith Kallstrom – encourages everyone to attend “National Night Out”, and would like to welcome home Jonathon Poinsett who spent a year in Iraq. The American Legion is giving Jonathon a one-year free membership to Ferguson’s American Legion.

Mark Crinnion - encourages everyone to attend "National Night Out" on August 3, 2004, to meet your neighbors and feels it is a good annual event.

Peggy Faul - encourages everyone to attend "National Night Out", which is a good opportunity to meet your neighbors. To remind everyone to vote in the Primary Election on August 2, 2004.

Bill Duncan – would like to reiterate the tax issue and wants Council to do a good job of explaining to the citizens why the tax is needed. Mr. Duncan proposes and hopes Council will go along with the idea of a town meeting by mid September to educate the citizens on the importance of this issue and why this tax increase is being requested.

A.J. Krieger – asked if Council would be interested in riding the Trolley being picked up at City Hall to go point to point on "National Night Out". With regard to the sales tax increase issue, Mr. Krieger feels he has a sense of what the Council is requesting in terms of information and a scope of a presentation in August. Mr. Krieger feels in order for staff to prepare additional information for Council, he would like to request a special meeting date in August and requested to change the August 10 Council Meeting date to August 17, at 7 p.m. which, would still get the sales tax question to the Board of Election in time. Council agreed. Mr. Krieger also informed Council of additional items on the August 17, 2004 Agenda and would like to use part of the Work Session to address and discuss Midwest Waste and their Proposal.

Mr. Krieger confirmed that Council will meet August 17, 2004 instead of August 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. and there will be no meeting on August 10, 2004, Council agreed.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting recessed a at 8:35 pm

Debbie Matthies, City Clerk

At 8:50 p.m. Council entered into closed session in accordance with Sections 610.022/610.021 RSMo, to discuss matters relating to litigation, legal actions, and/or communication from the City Attorneys as provided under Section 610.021(1) RSMo, and/or personnel matters under Section 610.021(13) RSMo, and/or employee matters under Section 610.021(3) RSMo, and/or real estate matters under Section 610.021(2) RSMo.

A motion was made by Mayor Wegert and seconded to enter into closed session under Section 610.021 (13) (3) RSMo. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

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

Personnel and employee matters were discussed.

A motion was made by Mayor Wegert and seconded to return to open session. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.