

FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL

**Regular Council Meeting, September 14, 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 September 14, 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 - absent
Peggy Faul
Bill Duncan

Also present were City Manager A.J. Krieger, Attorney Martin Barnholtz and Deputy City Clerk, Sonya D. Brooks. Ms. Brooks 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

Kathy Arnold – IESI, District Manager – commented on the recent residential solid waste contract bid proposal for the City. Informed the Council that her company is new to the St. Louis market, however, not new to the industry. Felt they were the lowest responsible bidder to the contract. Stated their bid was \$73,000 over the next five years lower than the next bidder. Fully prepared to start on October 1st. Do understand the decision is not always to go with the lowest bid. IESI had planned to bring in new trucks and new toters, and had begun looking at routing in Ferguson. They own a Missouri landfill which means their waste stays in the state of Missouri which pays the solid waste fee that goes into a fund that enables cities like Ferguson to get grants from that solid waste fee. Their company looks forward to continued relationship with the city and intend to be back for future bids.

Blue Tapp Scheffer – 705 N. Florissant Road – encouraged everyone to support Proposition 1 and Proposition 2 on the November 2nd ballot and to do everything to promote awareness of this issue to the residents of Ferguson and why it's in Ferguson's best interest. A group has been formed to help promote their passage.

John Knowles – 716 N. Lafayette – Vice-President of the Ferguson Library Board - recommended to Council the consideration of the appointment of Sean Stollhaus on the Library Board.

Mr. Knowles informed the Council of complaints regarding parking at the Post Office. Currently there is a 15 minute limit only section in front of the Post Office, however, cars will be parked for hours and no tickets are being issued. Needs to be addressed.

Terri House – 11 Lakeview Court – invited everyone to attend September's StreetFest and shared the musical line-up for the weekend. This year they have added a Country Fair which will have crafts inside and outside. Inside crafts will be held at the United Methodist Church. The Blood Drive (United Methodist Church), 5K Run, car show and motorcycle show will back this year as well. Also added a Teen Idol Contest in which the winner will win cash, single recorded by Ground Productions, and will perform on the main stage on Sunday.

Ms. House informed the Council of a problem for the upcoming StreetFest – not enough Port-a-Potties. The number from the previous year will not be enough. This year the committee has done some massive advertisement to include: Ferguson Times, North and West County Journals, Y98 FM and other venues – therefore, they are expecting a large crowd thus the increase in need for additional port-a-potties. Ms. House provided a proposal and locations of the additional port-a-potties.

Joe Lonerio – 901 Hudson – stopped by to say “Hi” and “Thank You.” Back to working downtown again and having fun and just wanted to take the time to say Thank You.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes

Council Meeting – August 24, 2004
Ferguson Municipal Library Board Meeting – June 21, 2004
Senior Citizens Commission Meeting – September 2, 2004

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

APPOINTMENTS

Boards and Commissions Appointments for 2004-2005. A motion was made by Councilman Mark Crinnion, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the FSBD Board nominations as follows:

Chuck James (new term)
Chuck Henson to replace Terri House (new term)
Robyn Lawrence to replace Russ Luetkehaus (new term)
JoAnn Bordeleau to replace Sally DeForest (remainder of 2005 term)
Andy Wurm, Jr. to replace Scott Negwer (remainder of 2006 term)

A motion was made by Councilman Mark Crinnion to appoint Beverly Walker to the FNIP Board to replace Jane Orlando. Motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2004-24 – Transfer funds from the Capital improvement Sales Tax Fund to the General Fund.

Introduced by Council as a Whole and read by Attorney Barnholtz. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES – 6 – Kallstrom, Crinnion, Wegert, Faul, Duncan, Corson

NOES – 0

Resolution passes

Resolution No. 2004-25 – Transfer funds from the Sewer Lateral Fund to the General Fund.

Introduced by Council as a Whole and read by Attorney Barnholtz. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES - 6 – Crinnion, Wegert, Faul, Duncan, Corson, Kallstrom

NOES – 0

Resolution passes

BILLS REQUIRING FIRST READING

BILL NO. **6700** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE II. THE COUNCIL SECTION 2-27 SAME - OPEN TO PUBLIC; EXCEPTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI BY REPEALING SECTION 2-27 SAME – OPEN TO PUBLIC; EXCEPTIONS AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 2-27 RELATING TO OPEN MEETINGS AND RECORDS, EFFECTIVE WHEN, introduced by Council as a Whole.

BILLS REQUIRING SECOND READING

BILL NO. **6696** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL TAX BILLS AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR COSTS OF CUTTING AND REMOVING WEEDS AS PROVIDED UNDER CHAPTER 46. VEGETATION, ARTICLE III. WEEDS AND VINES, OF THE CODE OF 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 - 6 – Wegert, Faul, Duncan, Corson, Kallstrom, Crinnion

NOES - 0

Bill No. 6696 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6696 thus became Ordinance No. 2004-3223 and is permanently recorded in Book 26 on page 149.

BILL NO. **6697** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL TAX BILLS AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR COST OF REMOVING TRASH AND DEBRIS AS PROVIDED UNDER CHAPTER 28. NUISANCES, OF THE CODE OF THE

CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI; 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 - 6 – Faul, Duncan, Corson, Kallstrom, Crinnion, Wegert
NOES – 0

Bill No. 6697 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature.
Bill No. 6697 thus became Ordinance No. 2004-3224 and is permanently recorded in Book 26 on page 158.

BILL NO. 6698 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL TAX BILLS AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR COSTS OF BOARDING UP BUILDINGS AS PROVIDED UNDER CHAPTER 7. BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI; EFFECTIVE WHEN, introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

A motion was made by Mr. Kallstrom, 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 - 6 – Duncan, Corson, Kallstrom, Crinnion, Wegert, Faul
NOES - 0

Bill No. 6698 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature.
Bill No. 6698 thus became Ordinance No. 2004-3225 and is permanently recorded in Book 26 on page 161.

BILL NO. 6699 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS FOR THE HOUSING OF MUNICIPAL INMATES IN THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER, 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 - 6 – Corson, Kallstrom, Crinnion, Wegert, Faul, Duncan

NOES - 0

Bill No. 6699 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature.
Bill No. 6699 thus became Ordinance No. 2004-3226 and is permanently recorded in Book 26 on page 165.

MISCELLANEOUS

John Corson – sends his hopes and prayers to the Hines family. Questioned what is progress of the Lonerio project. Mr. Krieger stated the project was held up briefly waiting for the design. Things are progressing. Mr. Corson inquired about alternatives to our financial needs. Concerned with minimum manning of the Fire department staff and maintaining public safety.

Mr. Corson encourages conversation and research regarding liens on properties. Mr. Krieger commented we are doing it.

Mr. Corson suggested on the sales tax that the Council maintain solidarity on the issue. Want to make sure we're all on the same page. Encourages Council if you really need this and feel it's the right thing to do stand up and say yes. Want everyone to be on board and stand as one unit.

Keith Kallstrom – echoes Mr. Corson, we need the sales tax and we need to stand as a group. Mr. Kallstrom wishes Mr. Hines a speedy and comfortable recovery. Mr. Kallstrom thanks everybody for condolences and well wishes in the recent passing of his mother.

Mr. Kallstrom announced a new item for kids at this year's Streetfest on Saturday, September 26, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. the Spot Savers Dalmations formation will be performing.

Mark Crinnion – wishes Mr. Hines a speedy recovery.

Mr. Crinnion asked once the sales tax is approved what is the city going to do with it. Requested a three-year projection of how it will be allocated, so we can help people understand. A.J. stated he will prepare the projections.

Peggy Faul – received information from Municipal League conference she attended on Monday, September 13, 2004 and learned more on planning and zoning, legal issues, finance issues, and a great economic development talk.

Mrs. Faul encouraged citizens to use and try the Jolly Trolley II – it's a great place to meet

people.

Mrs. Faul commented on the Century Sunday in which three homes received plaques. Asked about the date of this year's Northern Lights Parade. A.J. will check with FSBD on an update for the parade. Mrs. Faul sends her best wishes to Mr. Hines.

Bill Duncan – informed the Council that Mr. Hines will be undergoing open heart surgery on Thursday, September 16th and wishes him well. Mr. Duncan reminded everyone to please remember the Town Hall meeting on Monday, September 20th, 2004.

Mayor Wegert – wishes Mr. Hines a speedy recovery

Attorney Barnholtz – sends best wishes to Mr. Hines and his family.

A.J. Krieger – informed the Council there is a committee that has been formed to work on the sales tax. The Council will probably be contacted to offer advice, experience, or input regarding the campaign.

Mr. Krieger reminded everyone of the upcoming Town Hall Meeting on September 20th, 2004. Staff is putting together a program for the meeting. If any members of Council want to participate or play a role please let him know. Mr. Krieger sends his best wishes to Mr. Hines.

Peggy Faul – added she supports the additional port-a-potties.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm

Sonya D. Brooks, Deputy City Clerk