

FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL

**Regular Council Meeting, September 28, 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 28, 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 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

Brian Fletcher – 202 S. Elizabeth – had concerns and comments regarding Midwest Waste’s contract and new services and if there is going to be a Public Hearing. City Manager, A.J. Krieger indicated that Midwest Waste will work with customers and part of the reason for extending the current contract is to allow time for Midwest to educate customers on their new services.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2004 – A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion seconded, and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

FNIP-Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program Minutes – August 23, 2004 - A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion seconded, and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Ferguson Municipal Public Library Minutes – August 23, 2004 - A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion seconded, and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Parks and Recreation Board Minutes – September 21, 2004- with recommendations - To support the Robert-Superior Park upgrades/development project for funding through the Park Munny Grant application.

Mr. Corson had comments and concerns with the Munny Park Grant application. City Manager, A.J. Krieger indicated that the Munny Park Grant is scheduled for further discussion on the October 12, 2004 Work Session. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Corson seconded, and carried to accept the minutes as presented with the appropriate discussion.

Traffic Commission Minutes – August 19, 2003 - A motion was made by Mr. Kallstrom seconded, and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

APPOINTMENTS - Boards and Commissions Appointments for 2004-2005.

A motion was made by Mayor Wegert, seconded, upon the recommendation of the Library Board, to appoint Sean Stollhaus to the Ferguson Library Board. Motion approved unanimously 6-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. #2004-26 - Authorizing City Officials be placed on UMB Bank Account was introduced by Council as a Whole and read by Attorney Barnholtz. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

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

NOES – 0

Resolution passes

Resolution No. #2004-27 - Midwest Waste Collection Contract was 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

PROCLAMATION

Crime Prevention Month Proclamation was introduced by Council as a Whole and read by Attorney Barnholtz.

REQUESTS

Request for a Temporary Liquor License for the Ferguson 4th of July Committee for a Cook Off Fundraiser at the Victorian Plaza on October 9, 2004, request was withdrawn from the Agenda by City Manager, A.J. Krieger.

BILLS REQUIRING SECOND 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 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 – Crinnion, Wegert, Faul, Duncan, Corson, Kallstrom
NOES - 0

Bill No. 6700 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature.
Bill No. 6700 thus became Ordinance No. 2004-3227 and is permanently recorded in Book 26 on page 175.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Kallstrom – reminded everyone that October is Crime Prevention Month and the monthly Neighborhood Watch Meetings are held on the second Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Mr. Kallstrom hopes Councilman Hines is feeling better.

Mr. Crinnion – thanked everyone associated with the Streetfest Festival and felt it was a good event. Mr. Crinnion reminded Mr. Krieger that at the last meeting he requested sales tax projections and allocation.

Mrs. Faul – wanted to know if the education for the residents would be at the expense of Midwest Waste. City Manager, A.J. Krieger informed Council that it would be the expense of Midwest Waste. Mrs. Faul feels the new bicycle trails will be an asset to Ferguson by bringing new people into our community. Mrs. Faul would also like to have further discussion on the 4th of July festivities.

Mr. Duncan – commented that he felt the Town Hall Meeting went very well and felt the people in attendance were very enthusiastic and asked very good questions. He thought it was fairly well attended, but would have liked a full house and feels another meeting should be scheduled. Mr. Duncan informed Council that Councilman Hines is doing well, but taking things slowly and he hopes to attend the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Corson – echoed Councilman Duncan's comments on the Town Hall Meeting and felt there is positive efforts moving forward, but feels the citizens need more education on the sales tax issue. Congratulations to everyone involved with Streetfest, he felt it was well attended. Mr. Corson is happy to hear that St. Louis County is going forward with the Bike trail and feels it is positive for the community and hopes it moves forward quickly. The Fire Department has a new cascade system, which adds to their capabilities for the City.

Mr. Kallstrom – announced that the Wal-Mart District Tournament will be held at Forestwood Park on Saturday, October 2, 2004.

Mayor Wegert – attended a meeting of the Archdiocese regarding the proposed changes that are under discussion with the parish Church and school consolidation. Mayor was impressed and excited with the opportunities for the Catholic Community in North County and feels the community will be stronger. Mayor supports the efforts of all of the Churches in the community.

City Manager, A.J. Krieger – emailed Council two informational sales tax pieces and would like Council to review and comment as the committee working on the Propositions has asked the City to support their efforts with a mailing.

Mr. Krieger confirmed with Council and announced that the 2004 Boards & Commissions dinner will be cancelled.

Mr. Krieger requested Council review the information sent to them regarding the purchase of properties from the St. Louis County Trustees. Mr. Krieger would like Council's comments then, if Council approves, a Resolution to purchase the properties will be placed on the October 12, 2004 Agenda.

Mr. Krieger mentioned that Mr. Fletcher brought up the possibility of a Midwest Waste Public Hearing and Mr. Krieger asked Council if they would want an actual Public Hearing for discussion. Mayor commented that he would like to see the results from Midwest's efforts first, in their extension period, before conducting a Public Hearing. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Krieger introduced Joan Jadali who joined the City Staff on September 20, 2004 as the new Finance Director.

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

Debbie Matthies, City Clerk