

FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Council Meeting, March 9, 2004

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 March 9, 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
Tom Wolf
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

Pastor Larry Jones, on behalf of the Greater Grace Church (3650-3684 Pershall Road) updated the Council on the progress of the water main project.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting – February 24, 2004. A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Closed Council Meeting – February 24, 2004. A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Landmarks Commission Meeting – February 16, 2004. A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

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

Plan Commission Meeting – January 21, 2004 – **with recommendations** to approve the Special Use Permit for a “Group Quarters” located at 1470 Alicia Avenue with ten stipulations. A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

APPOINTMENTS

Boards and Commissions Appointments for 2003-2004. A Motion was made by Councilman Keith Kallstrom to appoint Donna Morie to the vacated Ward 3 position on the FNIP Board. Motion was seconded, passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

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

PROCLAMATIONS

- ❖ Arbor Day Proclamation – April 2, 2004, read by City Forester, Michelle Matkovich.
- ❖ Ferguson Day of Prayer Proclamation – April 7, 2004, read by Attorney Richard Bresnahan. Mayor Wegert presented the Proclamation to Chris Giddens, a member of the Ferguson Kiwanis.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to the April 6, 2004 General Municipal Election Council Meetings in April will be held on the third Tuesday, April 20th and the fourth Tuesday, April 27, 2004. A Motion was made by Councilman Corson, seconded and passed unanimously to hold the April Council Meetings on April 20, 2004, and April 27, 2004.

BILLS REQUIRING FIRST READING

Introduced by Councilman Mark Crinnion

BILL NO. 6682 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 - PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE IV - USE REGULATIONS, SECTION 30.66 - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI, BY REPEALING SECTION 30.66 (a) (4) CONCERNING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN FORESTWOOD PARK AND CONTAINING A SUNSET CLAUSE FOR SAID ORDINANCE AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 30.66(a)(4); EFFECTIVE WHEN.

BILLS REQUIRING SECOND READING

BILL NO. 6681 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON TO OPT OUT OF STATE IMPOSED SALES TAX HOLIDAY; 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. Discussion ensued relating to the Sales Tax. On roll call vote the motion carried as follows:

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

Bill No. 6681 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6681 thus became Ordinance No. 2004-3208 and is permanently recorded in Book 26 on page 102.

MISCELLANEOUS

Peggy Faul – commented and congratulated Public Works Department regarding their Memorandum on the new procedures for inspections.

Bill Duncan – wanted the public to be aware that UMSL is having a Creating Livable Community symposium on April 12 and 13. People who are active in neighborhood organizations and who are interested in creating a more livable community in our own city

might be interested in attending.

John Corson – echoed Councilwoman Faul's comments with regard to the Public Works Department and the new procedures for inspections. Commended Interim Public Works Director, Terry O'Neil and City Manager, A.J. Krieger for hiring a good group of inspectors and moving forward with the new procedures. Mr. Corson attended the North County, Inc. dinner for Charlie A. Dooley and presented the City's Resolution to Mr. Dooley.

Keith Kallstrom – echoed the comments regarding the Public Works Department and the new procedures. Mr. Kallstrom would like the Housing Board of Appeals to receive the Memorandum, also. Mr. Kallstrom commented on the skateboard article in the Times and the City's ordinance and would like further discussion regarding skateboards. Discussion ensued with regard to skateboard parks and surrounding parks.

Mark Crinnion – thanked Pastor Jones for the update on the water main issue. On March 2, 2004, Central School participated in the *Read Across America* program and Mr. Crinnion participated and would like to encourage other schools to consider participating next year.

City Manager, A.J. Krieger – would like to schedule a special (open) Council Meeting for March 30, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk, Debbie Matthies – announced that the Council Meeting dates in April will be changed to April 20 and April 27, 2004, due to the election.

Mayor Wegert announced there will be a closed meeting to discuss real estate matters.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting recessed at 8:20 p.m.

Debbie Matthies, City Clerk

Council at 8:30 p.m. entered into closed session in accordance with RSMo 610.021 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 (2) RSMo. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Real Estate matters were discussed.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mayor Wegert, seconded, to return to open session. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

There being no further business to consider the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.