

FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Council Meeting, November 16, 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 November 16, 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 - ABSENT
Bill Duncan

Also present were City Manager A.J. Krieger, City Attorney Stephanie Karr 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - Pride of the City

Director of Public Works, Terry O'Neil briefly explained the Pride of the City program. Mr. O'Neil and Mayor Wegert introduced the Pride of the City winners. Mayor Wegert presented each of the winners with certificates and City Flags. Mayor Wegert commented that the goal was to place a City Flag on every Ferguson home. In Ward 1 the winners were 439 N. Elizabeth Ave., Joseph C. Eye, Jr. and 729 N. Elizabeth Ave., Roger & Catherine Johns. Ward 2 winners were 316 Carson Road, Ed & Linda Eschenfelder; 314 Mueller, Elizabeth O'Keefe and 7 Buckeye, Helen Kussman. Ward 3 winner was 6116 Bermuda Road, Charles & Bertha Bradley. All were present to receive their awards; signs will be placed in their yards by the Inspections Department.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - Captain Mark Czapliskie

Chief Moonier and Chief Rosenthal introduced and presented an award to Mark Czapliskie for being promoted to Fire Captain.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Blue Tapp Scheffer – 7054 N. Florissant Road – thanked everyone involved for their hard work and support regarding Propositions 1 and 2.

Brian Fletcher – 202 S. Elizabeth – had comments and concerns regarding the automated refuse and yard waste collection.

Mary Roth – 8 Buckeye – had comments and concerns regarding refuse cans being left out in front or on the sides of residences. Staff will follow up.

Helen Kussman – 7 Buckeye – had comments and concerns regarding dogs running at large in her neighborhood. Staff will follow up.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes – October 26, 2004. A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion seconded, and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Senior Citizens Commission Minutes – November 4, 2004. A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Pension Board Minutes – July 26, 2004. A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion seconded, and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

APPOINTMENTS - Boards and Commissions Appointments for 2004-2005.

A motion was made by Mr. Hines, seconded, to appoint Lewis Keathley to the Housing Board of Appeals. Motion approved unanimously 6-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT - City Manager, A.J. Krieger explained the items on the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2004-33 – Authorizing the City Manager, A.J. Krieger, to sign and execute the necessary documents for a grant application to the Bank of America Foundation for the Southwest Ferguson Neighborhood Revitalization was introduced by Council as a Whole and read by Attorney Karr. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 6 – Corson, Kallstrom, Crinnion, Hines, Wegert, Duncan

NOES: 0

Resolution passes

Resolution No. 2004-34 – Midwest Waste Grant was introduced by Council as a Whole and read by Attorney Karr. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 6 - Kallstrom, Crinnion, Hines, Wegert, Duncan, Corson

NOES: 0

Resolution passes

CERTIFICATION OF NOVEMBER 2, 2004 ELECTION RESULTS

All Council members present certified the November 2, 2004 Election results.

Proposition 1 - ½-cent sales tax to support city parks.

Passed 4,786 YES 4,494 NO

Proposition 2 - ¼-cent sales tax to support fire protection services.

Passed 5,566 YES 3,716 NO

Mayor Wegert commented on the high voter turnout of 75.97%.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Corson – Congratulated the Pride of the City Winners and Fire Captain Mark Czapliskie. Send regards to Officer Mark Wehner. Congratulated everyone that came together and worked on Propositions 1 and 2. This is the first step of a number of steps to help solidify the City's finances and move forward. Mr. Corson had comments and concerns with Midwest Waste's recycling program and the need to educate the residents. Mr. Corson is hopeful that the grant money for the Southwest Group will be successful in utilizing good neighborhood improvements and start moving forward in Ward 3.

Mr. Kallstrom - Congratulated the Pride of the City Winners. Northern Lights is November 28. Welcomed the new City Attorney, Stephanie Karr. "Scouting for Food" is Saturday November 20. Mr. Kallstrom would like to see Gannon Properties receive the rehabilitation tax credit for the Parkridge Apartments and

requested that FNIP get involved and give Council a recommendation to move this project forward.

Mr. Crinnion - Congratulated Fire Captain Mark Czapliskie and the Pride of the City Winners. Welcomed the new City Attorney. Mr. Crinnion was glad the citizens took the time to learn about the need for the sales tax issues. He requested City revenue for this year and how it compares to last year. City Manager, A.J. Krieger will follow up. Mr. Crinnion wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Hines – recommended a new appointment to the Housing Board of Appeals. The Board is doing well and getting off to a good start.

Mr. Duncan – Thanked the voters for having the confidence in the City by passing Propositions 1 and 2. Citizens who are interested in serving on a Board or Commission should notify one of their Council members. Mr. Duncan recently visited the new Northwest Healthcare Center, was very impressed, and urged everyone to take the opportunity to visit the facility. Welcomed City Attorney Stephanie Karr.

Mr. Krieger – Mr. Krieger confirmed with Council the City is not limiting yard waste at this time and the service bid did include unlimited yard waste. The December Council meeting will be held on December 14 with a reception following for Board and Commission members who have completed a full term. On behalf of City Staff, Mr. Krieger thanked the members of the Ferguson Forward Committee who gave so much of their time to pass Propositions 1 and 2. Mr. Krieger appreciated and thanked everyone involved with the Propositions, including Treasurer Matt Muckler, Chuck James, Blue Tapp Sheffer, Bud and Dorothy Seiter, Brian Fletcher, Ed Krueger, John Schneider from Firefighter's Local 2665 and City Firefighters who gave their own time to be at the polls to present information to the voters.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Debbie Matthies, City Clerk