

FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting, May 27, 2003



The regular meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on May 27, 2003 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

Mayor Wegert welcomed all present and explained that the meeting would be in two portions – the Public Portion and the Business Portion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rhein Dabler – Clayton Engineering Company – represented the Greater Grace Church and explained to Council the delays in the water main installation – their letter of credit expires July 2003 and Mr. Dabler asked Council for an extension of 12 months. Council will confer with Attorney Bresnahan for an answer in regards to an extension. Pastor Larry Jones and the Architect were also present for questions.

Brian Fletcher – 202 S. Elizabeth – had comments and concerns about the weeds and high grass in the City of Ferguson. Mr. Fletcher gave an update on the new McCluer South Berkeley High School and its January completion date. Council would be invited for a walk-thru of the High School.

Peggy Faul – had comments and concerns from residents about the upkeep of the Griffith School yard. Mr. Fletcher stated that the grounds upkeep is behind schedule due to the weather, but would check into the situation for Mrs. Faul.

Mayor Wegert informed Mr. Fletcher that the City is still interested in cooperating with the upkeep of the grounds with the Ferguson School District. Mr. Fletcher will pass the information onto Dr. Travis.

Chuck Henson – 1110 Birchgate Trail – made a presentation to Council for consideration of an additional City Board – *Board of Human Rights*.

Atefa Young – had comments and concerns about the Airport buyout area and the vacant buildings. Mayor Wegert said a telephone call would be made to the Airport to address the issue.

Tom Patterson – had been on a cross country trip and commented on how well the highways were kept outside the State of Missouri.

There being no further comments, the public portion concluded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting, May 13, 2003 - A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Closed Council Meeting, May 13, 2003 - A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Park Board Meeting, May 20, 2003 – with recommendations to appeal the removal of a tree at 423 Millman; to accept the Splash at Wabash Corporate Punch Pass proposal; and to accept PAKT's request to use the Tennis Courts as outlined. A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Ferguson Municipal Library, April 21, 2003 - A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program, April 28, 2003 - A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

MANAGER'S REPORT

No additional items to report.

MISCELLANEOUS

John Corson – enjoyed the Splash preview Friday and congratulated everyone on a “job well done”.

Mayor Wegert commented the opening of Splash was on time and on budget.

Keith Kallstrom – enjoyed the Splash preview and had lunch on Monday at the pool. Mr. Kallstrom congratulated the 2003 D.A.R.E. graduating class. Mr. Kallstrom informed Council that The American Legion has available Blue Star Banner Corporate Flags for government and corporate America to show their support for employees called to active duty with their Reserve or National Guard units. Mr. Kallstrom requested that the City Manager inquire about the Blue Star Banner Flags program.

Mark Crinnion – enjoyed the Splash preview and thanked everyone involved.

Tom Wolf – enjoyed the Splash preview and a job well done. Mr. Wolf thanked Mr. Henson for his suggestion.

Peggy Faul – is looking forward to the Splash opening on Saturday, May 31st at 1:00 p.m. and reminded everyone that Safety Days will be held on June 7th. Mrs. Faul asked that Ferguson residents please watch their driving speed on neighborhood streets. Now that school is out, more children will be playing in their neighborhoods. Mrs. Faul thanked Mr. Henson for his suggestion.

Bill Duncan – Thanked Mr. Henson for his suggestion. Mr. Duncan feels that communication is the *key* between the City and its residents.

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

Debbie Matthies,
City Clerk