

FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting, October 28, 2003

Work Session, 7:00 P.M.

Council Meeting, 8:00 P.M.



The regular meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on October 28, 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

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 in two portions the Public Portion and the Business Portion.

WORK SESSION UNFINISHED BUSINESS **(Streetscape Presentation)**

City Manager A.J. Krieger, SWT Consultant Ted Spade and Council continued the Streetscape discussion. A.J. explained that the primary purpose is to improve Florissant Road, and the secondary purpose is for more aesthetic or streetscape types of elements. The Surface Transportation Program Grant is 80% Federal funded and 20% City funded. A.J. feels it is important to construct and employ common features unifying and better marking entryways into the City. Discussion ensued. A.J. is meeting with MODOT on Thursday to discuss the process and will keep Council informed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

❖ **Pride of the City of Ferguson**

Ward 1	836 Hudson	Eugene and Florence Cooper
Ward 2	420 N. Florissant	John Glaser
Ward 3	9234 Clarion	Gary and Theresa Toczowski

Terry O'Neil, Assistant Public Works Director explained the Pride of the City program. Mr. O'Neil and Mayor Wegert introduced the Pride of the City winners. Mayor Wegert presented the winners with a letter, certificate and City Flag. The winners who were present to receive their awards were Eugene and Florence Cooper (Ward 1) 836 Hudson and John Glaser (Ward 2) 420 N. Florissant. Gary and Theresa Toczowski (Ward 3) 9234 Clarion were not present. Signs will be placed in their yards. Council congratulated the winners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Lonero, 901 Hudson – spoke on behalf of the FSBD in regards to City Christmas decorations. Mr. Lonero explained that the FSBD would like the City to partner with them in buying new Christmas decorations. Three recommendations this year came from City Staff; 1) upgrade the garland and lights for all 116 light poles; 2) outline the buildings in large lights by permanently attaching the lights to the buildings keeping them up all year with the intention of using the lights during other City festivals; and 3) replace the first Season Greetings banner with a Northern Lights banner. Mr. Lonero explained it is a \$14,000.00 venture that FSBD is willing to match dollar for dollar with the City. Discussion ensued. Council approved the \$7,000.00 match towards the Christmas decorations. Council thanked Mr. Lonero.

Martin Pion - #6 Meadow Lane – had concerns and comments regarding the pedestrians and cyclists on Florissant Road. Mr. Pion discussed the environmental issues, growing landfill crisis and global warming and would like to see the City of Ferguson have more discussions regarding these issues. Council thanked Mr. Pion.

Mike Lonero – 719 Forest – had concerns and comments on Streetscape and possibly placing some type of sculptures or visual signs at the South end as well as the North end to be seen from Highway 70, the UMSL area and the Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center to help bring people into the City of Ferguson. Mr. Lonero questioned Council if anything is going to change with regard to the Liquor License fee. Mayor Wegert explained that the City has to mirror the State Law. Attorney Bresnahan explained the City of Ferguson has an Ordinance which has been in place that the City fees are based on the maximum amount the State Law allows. Mr. Lonero asked if a new category could be created. Attorney Bresnahan explained the City can only have the same categories the State has. If desired, Council could consider lowering the Ordinance amount. Council thanked Mr. Lonero.

Brian Fletcher – 202 S. Florissant – had comments regarding the Annual Christmas Light Contest and requested delaying the Contest a week to give people more time to decorate. Mr. Fletcher wanted to know if Florissant was having a parade and suggested encouraging the surrounding communities to participate in the Northern Lights Parade.

Mayor declared the public portion closed at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting – October 14, 2003 – A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Closed Council Meeting – October 14, 2003 - A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Library Minutes – October 20 2003 - A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Landmarks Commission Meeting – September 15, 2003 - A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

FNIP Meeting– September 22, 2003 - A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

FNIP Special Meeting – September 29, 2003 - A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Park Board Meeting – October 21, 2003 **with Recommendations** - A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

MANAGER'S REPORT

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

APPOINTMENTS - Continue Board and Commission Appointments.

RESOLUTION –

Resolution No. 2003-17 - Municipal Parks Grant Program was introduced by Council as a Whole and read by Attorney Bresnahan. On roll call, the motion carried as follows:

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

PROCLAMATIONS

The Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the Red Ribbon Week -October 23-31,

2003 Proclamations were read by Attorney Bresnahan.

REQUESTS

Request for a new Liquor License for K Lo's Lounge, 9181 W. Florissant, new applicant is Yolanda Lockhart-Gibbs; (formerly J's Joop Joint). Applicant has met the requirements. Ms. Lockhart-Gibbs was present for questions and comments and informed Council that the hours of operation would be 4 p.m. – 1 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday. No Sunday or Monday hours at this time. The Lounge will be for the 30 and over age group. Ms. Gibbs explained she is currently the Allstate Insurance Agent located at 9191 W. Florissant directly upstairs from the 9181 address and has been at that location for 10 years. Ms. Gibbs thanked Council.

A motion was made by Mayor Wegert to approve the Liquor License for K Lo's Lounge, at 9181 W. Florissant, seconded and approved unanimously. Council wished Ms. Gibbs good luck.

BILLS REQUIRING SECOND READING

BILL NO. 6667 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OFFENSES ARTICLE VI OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION 3 WEAPONS OFFENSES OF THE FERGUSON MUNICIPAL CODE BY ENACTING A NEW SECTION 29-136.5 FIREARMS IN CITY BUILDINGS; EFFECTIVE WHEN, introduced by Council as a Whole and read the first time.

A motion was made by Councilman 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:

Mr. Kallstrom handed out some additional Ordinances for the City Attorney to review.

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

Bill No. 6667 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6667 thus became Ordinance No. 2003-3195 and is permanently recorded in Book 25 on page 292.

BILL NO. 6668 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29 OFFENSES ARTICLE VI OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION 3 WEAPONS OFFENSES OF THE FERGUSON MUNICIPAL CODE BY ENACTING A NEW SECTION 29-136.6 CITY EMPLOYEES

PROHIBITED FROM CARRYING FIREARMS WHILE ON DUTY; EFFECTIVE WHEN, introduced by Council as a Whole and read the first time.

A motion was made by Councilman 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: 7 – Wolf, Wegert, Faul, Duncan, Corson, Kallstrom, Crinnion
NOES: 0

Bill No. 6668 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature.
Bill No. 6668 thus became Ordinance No. 2003-3196 and is permanently recorded in Book 25 on page 294.

MISCELLANEOUS

John Corson – extends his condolences and prayers to the Westfall family. Mr. Corson would like Council discussion regarding conditional residential occupancy and conditional commercial occupancy licenses and would like a Work Session regarding rental interior inspections. Mr. Corson would also like Council to reconsider and move forward with the Tree Ordinance in the spirit of Tree City USA.

Keith Kallstrom – extends his condolences and prayers to the Westfall family and to all St. Louis County residents. Mr. Kallstrom enjoyed the Tree Dedications that took place on Saturday October 25, 2003. Mr. Kallstrom attended a Municipal League Meeting where an Attorney gave a presentation regarding the concealed carry Ordinance. Mr. Kallstrom handed out a copy of the Ordinance to Council for their review and Attorney Bresnahan's recommendation.

Mark Crinnion – extends his condolences and prayers to the Westfall family. Mr. Crinnion Congratulated the Pride of the City winners and wished everyone a happy and safe Halloween and to remember that children will be walking on the streets.

Tom Wolf – extends his condolences and prayers to the Westfall family.

Peggy Faul – extends her condolences and prayers to the Westfall family and commends Mr. Westfall's efforts and involvement with Domestic Violence and the Kathy J. Weinman Shelter. Ms. Faul congratulated the Pride of the City winners and is very interested in the Streetscape project moving forward.

Bill Duncan – agrees with Mr. Corson regarding Council discussion on the rental interior inspections.

Mayor Wegert – commented Monday night was the third meeting of the Old Ferguson

West Group and reported the group would be moving forward with some projects. Mayor commented that Council places neighborhood associations as one of its top priorities and encouraged A.J. to keep involved with the group for staff participation and leadership.

Attorney Bresnahan – extends his condolences to the Westfall family and had the privilege of knowing Mr. Westfall for almost thirty years. It is a great tragedy for St. Louis County.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Debbie Matthies
City Clerk