

**CITY OF FERGUSON , MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 27, 2009 by Mayor Brian P. Fletcher, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri.

Mayor Fletcher 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 Brian P. Fletcher
Kynan S. Crecelius
Michael Salant (ABSENT)
James W. Knowles, III
Dwayne T. James
Peggy Faul
Fran Grecco

Ms. Matthies declared a quorum was present. Council Member Salant was an excused absence.

Also present were City Manager, John Shaw, City Attorney, Stephanie Karr and City Clerk, Deborah Matthies.

Mayor Fletcher welcomed all present and explained the Council meeting would have a Public Portion at which time you are invited to speak on matters of general concern; and the Business portion in which you are welcome to listen but not participate.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Tree Dedication Mapping Project – The Middle School *Probe* Students.
Recreation Superintendent, Stan Kreitler introduced Ms. Hilary Hawkins, Probe teacher at Ferguson Middle School. Ms. Hawkins introduced the following students who were present and represented the group of ten who worked on the mapping project: Victoria Ingram, Kolby Owens, Christina Merritt, Lexus Barnes and Micheala Intveld-Sutherlin.

Parks and Recreation Office Manager, Cathy Wallace explained that the Probe Students from Ferguson Middle School embarked on a difficult project of cataloging and mapping the 179 trees throughout January Wabash Memorial Park.

Ms. Hawkins gave a brief background on how the students went about cataloguing the trees; some trees dating back to 1991. The students created and presented a detailed map of the entire park with color and number coordinated tree locations throughout the park. The map has created a guide for the loved ones that have dedicated the trees in January Wabash Memorial Park to easily locate and visit the trees.

Some students were responsible for also creating a handheld map in locating the trees while walking through the Park. The handheld maps are available through the Park Office.

Council thanked Ms. Hawkins and the students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gerry Noll, 1237 Deer Ridge, Chair Person for Sunday Parkways gave a brief overall summary on the three Sunday Parkways festivities in August, September and October sponsored by the City, Live Well Ferguson and TrailNet. Mr. Noll thanked everyone involved and who participated in the Sunday Parkways festivities and thanked City Government and City Council for all of their support.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

EFI Actuarial Report – Greg Stump presented the Actuarial Report for the City of Ferguson's Pension Plan comparing it to last year and how the difference will affect the Plan this year. In addition, Mr. Stump presented additional information to help the Council in gauging future pension funding requirements.

There being no further public comments, Mayor closed the Public Comments portion at 7:25 p.m.

BUSINESS PORTION

MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes – October 13, 2009. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco and carried to approve and receive, the Council Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2009 and file as appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

Senior Citizens Commission Minutes – October 15, 2009. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco and carried to receive the Senior Citizens Minutes as presented and file as appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

Ferguson Dog Task Force Minutes – September 17, 2009. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco and carried to receive the Ferguson Dog Task Force Minutes as presented and file as appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

Ferguson Special Business District (FSBD) Minutes – September 17, 2009. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco and carried to receive the Ferguson Special Business District (FSBD) Minutes as presented and file as appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

Ferguson Municipal Library Minutes – September 28, 2009. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco and carried to receive the Ferguson Municipal Library Minutes as presented and file as appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

Ferguson Municipal Library Minutes – August 24, 2009. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco and carried to receive the Ferguson Municipal Library Minutes as presented and file as appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

Ferguson Dog Task Force Minutes – August 20, 2009. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco and carried to receive the Ferguson Dog Task Force Minutes as presented and file as appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

Landmarks Commission Minutes – June 3, 2009. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco and carried to receive the Landmarks Commission Minutes presented and file as appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

Council appointed the following to Boards and Commissions:

Jason Edwards - Architectural Board
Annette Jenkins - FNIP Board
Danetta Swanson - Park Board
Jeremy Gettemeier - Plan Commission

PROCLAMATIONS

North County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year - Dr. Chris Wright Nicastro was read by Mayor Fletcher. The Proclamation will be presented to Dr. Nicastro at the Citizens of the Year Banquet 2009 at Norwood Hills Country Club Friday, October 30, 2009.

RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco and carried to approve Resolution No. 2009-19. Motion carried unanimously.

2009-19 A RESOLUTION URGING VOTERS TO BECOME KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT PROPOSITION E-911, NOVEMBER 3, 2009, BALLOT ISSUE RELATING TO FUNDING FOR A COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, was introduced by Council Members present and read by City Attorney, Stephanie Karr.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 6 Crecelius, Knowles, James, Mayor Fletcher, Faul, Grecco
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 - Salant
Resolution passes.

BILLS REQUIRING FIRST READINGS

BILL NO. 6901 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DIVISION 2 OF ARTICLE VI OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, CONSISTING OF FOUR SECTIONS, RELATING TO PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION AND THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, was introduced by Council Members present and read the first time.

City Manager, John Shaw explained that this Ordinance establishes a separate department to carry out human resources-related functions, pursuant to the goal set forth by the Charter Amendments of April 2008. The Ordinance clearly outlines the duties of the department of human resources, and the responsibilities of the Personnel Board as they relate to their role created by the City Charter.

Council discussed the possibility of the Director of Human Resources being the City Manager, himself, or a person appointed by the City Manager.

REQUESTS

Liquor Licenses

Motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member James and carried to approve, a *conditional* new Liquor License for Nine Miles Out located at 9260 W. Florissant Ave. Owner/Managing Officer David A. Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shaw explained that this permit is conditional based upon inspections.

Motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco and carried to approve, a *conditional* new Liquor License for Ray Hill's Brew House located at 418 S. Florissant Road. Owner/Managing Officer Ray Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

November Council Meetings

Motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member James and carried to move the November 10, 2009 Council Meeting to November 17, 2009 and cancel the November 24, 2009 Council Meeting due to the Holiday. Motion carried unanimously.

There will be only one November Council Meeting on November 17, 2009.

December Council Meetings

Motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco and carried to cancel the December 22, 2009 Council Meeting due to the Holiday. Motion carried unanimously.

There will be only one December Council Meeting on December 8, 2009.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Faul requested another 2+2 meeting.

Council decided on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. for the CIP Work Session.

Mr. Knowles, commented in the past the City has notified or contacted sex offenders in town to keep their lights off and, by law, not to participate in the Halloween Holiday. Please make sure officers are aware and are checking the houses.

Mr. Shaw commented the officers will be aware of who is not to participate in the Holiday.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Crecelius reminded everyone to be careful and safe during the Holiday season. Happy Holiday.

Mr. Knowles reminded everyone to be safe and careful driving in neighborhoods. Please visit the last weekend at the Farmers' Market.

Mr. James commented that the Dog Bark B-Q was a great event; the dogs were barking and socializing. Thanks to all of the volunteers, task force, Recreation Superintendent Stan Kreidler and Public Works and everyone involved in a fun event. The Northern Arts Council is having a Halloween event Friday; please support that event as they are a great treasure in the downtown area. Ferguson Swim Team Fundraiser November 6, 2009 at Blessed Teresa Calcutta for a Ferguson Teammate. Pesto Festo is November 7, 2009.

Mayor Fletcher announced that the Emmanuel Church of Christ is having their Wurstmart on November 7, 2009.

Ms. Faul reminded everyone to vote on Election day, November 3, 2009. Thanked everyone involved with the Sunday Parkways events, Police, Public Works, Recreation Superintendent Stan Kreidler, Parks, Farmers' Market for the use of their tents, Kathy Noelker, CERT, VIP volunteers and everyone involved and who participated in the events. The Park Department is having their Halloween event on Friday October 30, 5-7:30 p.m. at the Baptist Church on Florissant Road and January

Wabash Memorial Park. Ms. Faul heard the Tree Dedication was very nice. Emerson Electric has challenged the City of Ferguson in raising money for the 501 project. Would like to coordinate recycling program with the Library. Everyone have a safe Halloween.

Ms. Grecco reminded everyone of Election day on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, her plea is to please vote yes for E-911. Ms. Grecco feels E-911 is crucial to coordinate Emergency Response. Remind everyone to turn clocks back on Saturday night. Be safe for Halloween. Visit the last Farmers' Market on Saturday.

Mayor Fletcher and Mr. Shaw visited Crestview Senior Living Community in Crestwood which was featured in the Post-Dispatch. Mayor feels Crestview is a wonderful concept. Ferguson seniors have expressed that they would love to stay in Ferguson without taking care of their home but there is no senior living community in Ferguson. Mayor hopes, in the future, the City might be able to offer some type of concept for seniors of this quality.

Council needs to name the 501 project, since it is coming to closure. Mayor attended the Northern Lights Parade Festival meeting the committee is working hard and diligent. Due to the economy UMB Bank is unable to give \$500 this year. Mayor asked Council if the City could make up the \$500, to keep the same program as in the past without cutting back on the event. Council agreed to the \$500 to supplement the loss from UMB Bank. The event will take place on November 29. Anyone wanting to participate, please contact the Mayor.

Mayor Fletcher announced a closed session.

At 8:05 p.m. a motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius and carried to enter into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Section(s) (2) real estate matters and (12) negotiations of a contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Having concluded the closed session at 11:00 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco and carried to convene to open session. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to consider, Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Grecco, moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Deborah Matthies – City Clerk
City of Ferguson, Missouri
Approved: 11/17/09

Brian P. Fletcher – Mayor
City of Ferguson, Missouri