

CITY OF FERGUSON , MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

OUT-GOING COUNCIL MEETING

The out-going Council meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 20, 2010 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
James W. Knowles, III
Dwayne T. James
Peggy Faul
Fran Grecco (arrived 8:00 p.m.)

Ms. Matthies declared a quorum was present.

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

Mayor Fletcher welcomed all present and explained there will be two portions of the meeting. The first Council meeting would be for the Out-Going Council, a Public Portion at which you are invited to speak on matters of general concern; and the Business portion in which you are welcome to listen but not participate. The second portion of the Council meeting would be for the In-Coming Council, Public Portion and Business Portion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Knowles commented that it has been a pleasure working with Council and appreciates what Council has done for the City. Announced the National Association of Letter Carriers Annual Food Drive will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010.

Ann Chisholm announced the 4th of July Festival Committee is holding a Trivia Night on May 1, 2010, doors open 6:30 p.m. Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. Tables for 8. \$20 a person. If there are not enough people participating it will be cancelled.

There being no further public comments, Mayor closed the Public Comments portion at 7:05 p.m.

BUSINESS PORTION

MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes - March 23, 2010. A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul and carried to approve and receive the Council Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2010 and file as appropriate. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

Council reappointed Ed Taylor to the Landmarks Commission.

REQUESTS

A motion was made by Council Member Salant, seconded by Council Member James and carried to approve the temporary liquor license for the Ferguson Fourth of July Festival Committee for a Trivia Night fundraiser to be held May 1, 2010. Applicant Darcel Knowles. Motion carried with Council Member James Knowles abstaining as he is related to the applicant.

PROCLAMATIONS

May 2010 Tennis Month was read by Mayor Fletcher.

100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America – Fred Shaljo, North Star District Volunteer thanked Council for allowing the Scouts to attend the meeting and gave a brief background on the North Star District, Centennial Celebration activity. Ferguson Troop 686 from Blessed Teresa of Calcutta spread mulch in Ferguson Park, Troop 383 from St. Peters cleaned around their Church, Troop 608 from First Presbyterian cleaned up the confluence. In closing, Mr. Shaljo explained that these service projects were done all around the North County area, every Troop and Pack came up with a service project to do for the community. The North Star District BSA will continue for the next 100 years providing this country, this state, St. Louis and the City of Ferguson with the leaders of tomorrow by guiding them in the Scout Oath and Law.

Mayor believes that if more young people both boys and girls were in scouting there would be less problems in the communities, it is such a wonderful organization which sets a foundation for life and feels very few scouts ever go astray. Mayor Fletcher then read and presented the Proclamation to the Scout Troops that were present.

BILLS REQUIRING SECOND READINGS

City Manager, John Shaw explained that this Ordinance simplifies the fine structure for police responses to false alarms; the Ordinance changes the fine to \$25.00 for each violation after an initial warning. It carries with it the same exceptions as the current Ordinance to allow for power outages, weather, etc. that legitimately triggers the alarms at no fault to the property or business owner. This amount is reasonable based upon other municipalities in St. Louis County and helps to cover the costs associated with responding to such calls.

BILL NO. 6914 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 29-241 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO FALSE ALARMS, was introduced by Council Members present and read the first time.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member James and carried to read Bill No. 6914 a second time and place it upon its passage. Motion carried unanimously.

On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 6 – Crecelius, Salant, Knowles, James, Mayor Fletcher, Faul
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 – Grecco

BILL NO. 6914 was declared passed and sent to the Mayor for signature. Bill No. 6914 thus became Ordinance No. 2010-3426 and is permanently recorded in Book 31 page 40.

CERTIFICATION OF APRIL 6, 2010 ELECTION RESULTS

Mayor congratulated all of the candidates, 2 returning Council Members, Mike Salant and Dwayne James, and in Ward 1 new Council Member, Mark Byrne. Mayor also congratulated Jim Wilsonholme, and commented that it was a very spirited election.

The results of the April 6, 2010 election were presented and Council Members present certified the Election results. Mayor read the results:

Ward 1 – **Mark J. Byrne - 544**, James (Jim) Wilsonholme – 541, invalid write-in votes - 3

Ward 2 – **Dwayne T. James – 650**, invalid write-in votes - 29

Ward 3 – **Michael J. Salant – 319**, invalid write-in votes - 9

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor presented Council Member Peggy Faul with a Plaque and thanked her for her many years of dedicated service on the City Council.

Mr. Salant commented that it has been a pleasure working with Peggy over the years and looks forward to what Boards and Commission Peggy will serve on.

Mr. Knowles appreciates what Peggy has done over the past years, she has always been very helpful and always on top of things.

Mr. James commented that it has been a pleasure working with Peggy and hopes Peggy will still stay involved. Thank you.

Ms. Faul commented that she is taking a breather. It has been a pleasure to serve for the last 8 years mainly because of the people at City Hall who added to her belief that to do this type of work you have to like improving the place you live because it is not always glorious. In the past, there have been controversial issues, but in the end all of the Councils that she has served with have worked hard and have gone together respectfully in making the decisions they made and always for the good of the City and their neighborhoods. Ms. Faul feels that it has been great meeting all of the citizens that she never would have met had she not served on the City Council it has been a real joy, and feels there is a variety of people and talent in Ferguson. Ms. Faul is happy about the partnership with TrailNet and that Live Well has become a real part of Ferguson and believes it will continue. Thank you.

Ms. Karr commented that it has been nice working with Peggy and feels she has always been a voice of reason which Ms. Karr appreciates and also appreciates all of Peggy's hard work.

Ms. Matthies commented that it has been a pleasure working with Ms. Faul.

Mr. Shaw can easily speak for the entire staff on how much they appreciate her work on the City Council and support of the staff.

Mayor Fletcher congratulated the Scouts for their 100th Anniversary, it is a very significant milestone and the wonderful work they do especially with Scouting for Food.

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Mayor and Council will truly miss Peggy. Tremendous people put in a lot of hours and Peggy will continue to do a lot of good work even as a private citizen. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT-SINE DIE

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Faul and carried to adjourn sine die at 7:30 p.m.

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APRIL 20, 2010 – approximately 7:35 p.m.

IN-COMING COUNCIL

The in-coming Council meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on April 20, 2010 by Mayor, Brian P. Fletcher, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk, Deborah Matthies administered the Oath of Office to the re-elected Council Members Michael Salant and Dwayne T. James and newly elected Council Member Mark Byrne. Council congratulated the Council Members.

On roll call, the following Council Members were present:

Mayor Brian P. Fletcher
Kynan S. Crecelius
Michael Salant
James W. Knowles III
Dwayne T. James
Mark Byrne
Fran Grecco (arrived 8:00 p.m.)

Ms. Matthies declared a quorum was present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peggy Faul promoted the first Sunday Parkways on April 25, 2010 and the Live/Well 5K Twilight run/walk, Plaza @ 501 dedication and the garage sale on May 15, 2010.

There being no further public comments, Mayor closed the Public Comments portion at 7:40 p.m.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

A motion was made by Council Member Salant, seconded by Council Member Crecelius and carried to nominate Council Member Dwayne James, as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius to close the nomination.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius to approve the nomination of Council Member James for Mayor Pro-Tem by acclamation. Motion carried.

Council congratulated Council Member Dwayne James and Mr. James thanked the Council.

APPOINTMENTS

The following changes were made to the Council Representatives to Boards and Commissions:

Building Board of Appeals – Mark Byrne
Landmarks Commission – James Knowles
Library Board – Mark Byrne
Park Board – Kynan Crecelius
2+2 School District – Mark Byrne

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Knowles would like Council to discuss the possibility of doing infrastructure and capital improvements in the community to public safety related to the Police Department as well as the Fire House, and have Council support to engage ARCTURIS or another organization to do an inventory of the needs of the Police Department as well and move forward with a plan for making capital improvements to the Police Department. The Police Department is about 30 years old, it was built as a first phase of a two phase project that was never completed and it was built for 50 employees and now holds 72. Mr. Knowles feels that if the City is going to move forward with public safety capital improvements in the next year, now is the time to move forward on making this an entire public safety package and not just the Fire Department. This study would be to engage the command staff and the new Chief in assessing what they have and what they need and what it would take to make those improvements either in the upcoming year or within the next several years. This has previously been discussed by Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Knowles to authorize the City Manager to spend no more than \$15,000.00 to engage in a needs study for capital improvements to the Ferguson Police Department.

Mr. Crecelius would like to table the motion given that it is related to the CIP budget he feels it is important and it should be done but given the turnover in the Council and given the fact that Council is just now going into the budget year.

A motion was then made by Mr. Crecelius, seconded by Council Member Knowles and carried to table the motion until after the first budget work session until Council has had time to review the CIP and its relation to the Police Department and Public Safety infrastructure. Motion to table carried.

Mr. Knowles is fine with waiting until after the first budget meeting. Mr. Knowles is specifically talking Capital improvements.

Council will discuss it further at the work session on May 4, 2010.

Council reviewed the Budget Review calendar and changed one date of May 18 to May 20, 2010.

Mr. Shaw requested to engage the 2 local red light camera purveyors to do a study in the City of Ferguson to determine if there is a need for red light cameras. Council agreed.

Mr. Shaw and assistant to the City Manager, Sam Anselm will be attending the ICSC Convention from May 23 – 25, 2010 and asked Council to consider moving or canceling the May 25 Council Meeting. Council agreed to cancel the May 25, 2010 meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Salant to cancel the May 25, 2010 Council meeting. Motion carried.

Council agreed to have a work session on the cable channels.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Byrne thanked the voters and Citizens of Ferguson for the opportunity to serve on the City Council and will serve to the best of his ability and work as hard as any City Council Member ever has. Thanked Jim Wilsonholme for doing a great job in the campaign and felt it was very classy of Mr. Wilsonholme attending the meeting this evening in such a highly contested race and thinks a lot of Mr. Wilsonholme and feels Ferguson is lucky to have such a great young man here. Announced that the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta School Principal ran the Boston Marathon and finished in just over 3 hours.

Mr. James congratulated and welcomed Mr. Byrne to the Council and looks forward to working with him. Live Well Sunday Parkways April 25, 2010 1-4 p.m. at Jeske Park be engaged bring neighbors, friends please attend. Live Well 5K May 15, 2010 currently at a 103 participants with a month to go and wished to thank all of the sponsors, partners and the City for listening and allowing this event to happen. Thanked Council for the opportunity of Mayor Pro-Tem. Announced that the new Brewhouse is open, it is very good and is also good for Ferguson - try it out.

Mr. Knowles congratulated and welcomed Mr. Byrne to the Council; announced the Trivia night on May 1, contact Patti Knowles for a table. \$20 person, tables of 8. The committee because of the rain, had some struggles last year during 4th of July they are starting from a much lower number for fundraising this year. It is important that they do raise more funds so the 4th of July Festival can go off well again this year.

Mr. Salant congratulated and welcomed Mr. Byrne to the Council, it was a good election.

Mr. Crecelius congratulated and welcomed Mr. Byrne to the Council and looks forward to working with Mr. Byrne. Echoed on what was said earlier, Peggy this is not goodbye this is a well earned rest and hopefully will keep coming back. Mr. Crecelius stressed how important food drives are with a lot of reports of food banks running short or empty whether it is the letter carrier drive, scouting for food or other food drives every little bit helps people who never thought they would have to go to a food bank, if you have the means, it is one of those little things you could do that would mean so much to someone else. Mentioned Sunday Parkways and the opening of the 501 and hopes to see a lot of people attending, it looks great and hopes this summer the City gets a lot of use out of the plaza.

Ms. Grecco – apologized for her late arrival, just returned from Warrensburg. Congratulated and welcomed the re-elected Council Members and new Council Member Byrne. Council will not let Peggy go far. Mentioned Sunday Parkways at Jeske Park Sunday, April 25 and announced Florissant Valley Community College will have their Spring Cleaning on Saturday, May 8, 2010.

Ms. Matthies – welcomed Mark Byrne and looks forward to working with him.

Mr. Shaw congratulated all the recent elected officials and looks forward to working with Council Member Byrne for the next 3 years. Mr. Shaw was pleased to announce that the City was nominated as a finalist for the All America City Award which is the most prestigious award a municipality can win. The City will be engaging a lot of residents and neighborhood leaders to take part in this process. 27 cities were chose

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as finalists that will engage in this competition to take place this year in Kansas City June 16-18, 2010. The City needs to form a delegation to send to Kansas City. Mr. Shaw feels it is important that the City win this award and feels this can be done with making a good presentation with everything going on in the City. The City is very excited about this opportunity. Mr. Shaw gave special thanks to the Public Relations Intern; Susanna Steimel along with Assistant City Manager, Sam Anselm who helped put the application together. The application process was pretty demanding to get the City this nomination and would like to give them credit for getting the City this far. This recognition alone carries with it a fair amount of publicity that goes into the competition, but the winning of the award will give the City more positive publicity about the community and an opportunity to show how great Ferguson is. This is very exciting.

Mayor Fletcher congratulated all the candidates that won and welcomed new Council Member Byrne to the Council and looks forward to working with him. Mayor recognized City Clerk, Debbie Matthies for Professional Assistants week.

Mayor announced after the meeting this evening there will be a reception for the newly elected Council Members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to consider, Council Member Knowles, seconded by Council Member Crecelius moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

*** *RECEPTION****

ATTEST:

Deborah Matthies – City Clerk
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Brian P. Fletcher – Mayor
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