

FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL
OUT-GOING/IN-COMING
Council Meeting, April 19, 2005
Council Meeting, 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL
110 Church Street



OUT-GOING COUNCIL MEETING

The out-going meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 19, 2005 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
Keith Kallstrom
Mark Crinnion
James Hines
Peggy Faul
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 first meeting would be the Out-Going Council portion and the second meeting would be the In-Coming Council portion, Public and Business Portion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Cunningham - 321 Hereford - thanked Mayor Wegert for over a decade of service. On behalf of his family and the Whistle Stop would like to wished Mayor Wegert well now and in the future. And thanked the other Council members as well.

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

BUSINESS PORTION

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Meeting – March 22, 2005

A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Senior Citizens Commission Meeting – April 7, 2005

A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

Ferguson Municipal Library Meeting – February 28, 2005

A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

FNIP Meeting – February 28, 2005

A motion was made by Mr. Crinnion, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as presented.

CERTIFICATION OF APRIL 5, 2005 ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the April 5, 2005 election were presented and all Council Members present certified the Election results.

Mayor - Mark A. Crinnion	766 votes
Brian Patrick Fletcher	1,104 votes
Tom Lemp	263 votes

Ward 1 - Tim Larson	705 votes
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Ward 2 - Tom Wolf	398 votes
James W. Knowles III	477 votes

Ward 3 - John Corson	239 votes
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PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

City of Ferguson Mayor Steven C. Wegert received a Proclamation read by Mayor Pro Tem, Peggy Faul and a plaque for his years of service to the City.

Plaques were presented to Council Members Mark Crinnion and Bill Duncan for their dedication and service to the City by Mayor Steven Wegert.

North County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year - Robert G. Lowery, Sr. Proclamation was read by City Attorney Stephanie Karr.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bill Duncan – thanked residents of Ward 1 for allowing him to represent them for the last two years. Stated changes are needed to better serve our residents and hopes the new Council will consider them. It would require that we would vote to change the City Charter.

Mr. Duncan suggested the following: 1) Create six smaller wards with one representative per ward – with smaller wards the representative would be better able to know the people and the problems of the ward; and would do away with the fragmented responsibility for the ward that exist now. 2) Do away with the title of Mayor and change it to that of a more accurate title, City Council Chairman.

Mr. Duncan thanked everyone for the opportunity for helping our City be all that it can be.

Keith Kallstrom – stated that it was an honor working with Mr. Duncan and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Mr. Kallstrom also stated it was an honor working with Mr. Crinnion and thanked him for helping him learn how to accomplish change instead of trying to divert him to a specific answer. He hopes Mr. Crinnion stays involved in city affairs.

Mr. Kallstrom further stated it was an honor working with Mayor Wegert. Thanked him for showing him the value of obtaining citizen feedback, and also thanked him for asking for his feedback even when he did not volunteer his opinion right away. As seen by tonight's proclamation you have helped us write the history of Ferguson over the last decade and helped bring Ferguson forward into the 21st century while honoring our past. Hoped Mayor Wegert will continue to help us in whatever way he feels appropriate.

Mark Crinnion – thanked the 2nd Ward for their confidence in him the last six years and said it has been an honor serving with this Council and the other council members of the last six years.

James Hines – wished Mr. Duncan and the Mayor well. And will enjoy working with the new members coming on board.

Peggy Faul – thanked Mr. Duncan for the two years serving with him. And thanked Mr. Crinnion for helping her understand some of the ways that a Councilman can get more information, the need to ask a lot of questions, and the need to be out there and listen to the people and give them quick responses the best that you can.

Ms. Faul also thanked Mayor Wegert for all that he's done in the City for the last nine years. You put Ferguson on the map and helped us go forward. Stated that she can only hope and pray that we as a Council and a City can continue that vibrant work.

Mayor Wegert – stated that the nine years have been interesting, sometimes frustrating but certainly well worth the investment and time that it takes to make a commitment to the City Council. It's an experience he would not trade for anything nor will it soon be forgotten. Thanked everyone he has worked with including this Council and previous Councils. Closed by saying it has been a privilege and an honor serving the citizens of Ferguson and he thanks you.

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IN-COMING COUNCIL MEETING

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

City Clerk, Debbie Matthies gave the Oath of Office to the new Council Members.

The in-coming meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on April 19, 2005 by Mayor, Brian Fletcher, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri.

On roll call the following Council Members were present:

Mayor Brian Fletcher
John Corson
Keith Kallstrom

James Hines
Peggy Faul
Tim Larson

Also present were City Manager A.J. Krieger, City Attorney Stephanie Karr and City Clerk, Debbie Matthies. Mrs. Matthies declared a quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gunnar Brown - 425 Wesley Avenue - Market Master of Ferguson Farmers Market, (along w/ Bud Seiter - 218 Tiffin Avenue - Chair of Maintenance, and Michael Gray - 406 Wesley Avenue - Assistant Market Master) wanted to let everyone know Farmers Market is opening Saturday, April 30th at 8:00a.m. – noon. The Market plans to be open every Saturday through October. The Market will have lots of flowers, some baked goods, crafts, a clown and music. The City has also arranged to provide the Jolly Trolley on the first Saturdays of the month. This is the only market in North County and we need to support it and we'll be looking for volunteers. See you all there.

Jim Knowles - 1123 Renshaw, - Vice Chair of the City's Planning & Zoning Commission, would like to ask Council to look into revising our comprehensive master plan. It will take some financial commitment of the City. There are zoning ordinances that need to be looked into, and how we want our zoning set up. Mr. Knowles also provided congratulations to all and looks forward to working with everyone.

John Knowles - 716 N. Elizabeth - Vice President of the Library Board, expressed congratulations and looks forward to working with everyone.

There being no further public comments, Mayor declared the public portion closed at 7:45p.m.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM FOR 2004-2005

Mayor Fletcher opened the floor up for nominations. Council Member Faul made a nomination to appoint Council Member Kallstrom as Mayor Pro Tem. With no other nominations being made, a Motion was made by Mayor Fletcher to appoint Council Member Keith Kallstrom as Mayor Pro Tem for 2005-2006. Motion seconded. On roll call, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 6 - Corson, Kallstrom, Hines, Fletcher, Faul, Larson
NOES: 0

APPOINTMENTS Council Representatives to Boards and Commissions

A Motion was made by Mayor Fletcher to appoint Council Member Larson as Council Representative to the Traffic Commission Board. Motion seconded, passed unanimously.

Mayor Fletcher suggested to postpone appointments to the remaining three Board vacancies until further discussion is held.

PRESENTATION - City Attorney – Kevin O’Keefe gave a presentation regarding the Charter of the City of Ferguson. Mr. O’Keefe in celebration of the anniversary shared the concepts and guidelines of the Council-Manager form of government which is the basis of the City’s Charter.

Based on observations of the past six months, Mr. O’Keefe suggested possible changes to the Council Meetings: 1) Recommended a sign-up on a card during ‘Public Comments’ portion of the meeting which will let us call speakers up in a orderly manner; and a clear name, address, and phone number to get back with a response to their concern (if needed). Further, a written record will facilitate your communications a little better. 2) Verify time limit for speakers during public portion - consider continuing the five minute time limit unless extended by the consent of the Council. 3) Consider receiving and filing meeting minutes from various boards and commissions on a monthly basis instead of at every meeting – that will allow time for the minutes to be reviewed in advance and simplify the business. 4) Make appointments to various boards and commissions at a single meeting a month instead of every meeting. 5) Suggested that a list of candidates being nominated for boards and commissions be submitted in advance, in writing and circulated to members of the Council so they can have proper time to consider and know who they are voting on. 6) Proposed changing the structure of the Manager’s Report. Mr. Krieger proposed that action items will be discussed by the manager and then introduce the Bills which will be taken individually and opened up to the Council for discussion/summary/background and recommendations. 7) Bills/Resolutions do not require entire/full text reading. Consider reading by title only unless there are portions you would like read into the record or otherwise read in detail.

MISCELLANEOUS

John Corson – congratulated new Council members. Stated he is happy to be back and start a new term and sees some good signs ahead of us. We need to take what we’ve learned from the past, move forward and really create some great synergy for the City. He’s ready to get started.

Keith Kallstrom – welcomed Mr. Corson back. Welcomed Mr. Larson and Mr. Fletcher to the Council. Thursday, April 21st along with the North County Chamber Dinner honoring Mayor Robert Lowery there will be a fireworks display test for the 4th of July Fireworks show at 8p.m. at Hudson Park. This will allow us to see the best places for residents to view the display. Also, Saturday, April 23rd at Florissant Valley Community College - household hazardous waste collection is being offered. 8a.m. – 3p.m.

James Hines – welcomed new Council members. Commented that we are definitely heading in a positive direction and would like to see us stay that way. We need positive attitudes and thoughts.

Mr. Hines inquired about the new trash collection service and the need to get it on the way or extend it. He would like more information on when it's going to start and what procedures do we have for residents selecting the size of containers. Suggested that the company send out a card with the resident's address and the size of container wishing to be selected.

Peggy Faul commented that she had received a letter regarding the new trash service. However, was not clear on how a resident would let them know what size container they wanted. Mr. Krieger responded that the 90-gallon service is the base service unless they elect to choose something else. Delivery of the containers will begin this week. Inside every container will be information on how to use it along with Midwest Waste contact numbers and contact information if you would like to change to a different service option. Ms. Faul further questioned the senior discount – are they to come down to City Hall? Mr. Krieger confirmed that seniors do need to come to City Hall. In addition, a representative from Midwest Waste will be at City Hall the last week of April.

Ms. Faul welcomed new council members. In addition, welcomed back returning Council members and extended a special welcome to Mayor Fletcher.

Ms. Faul commented that Landmarks Commissions has put a recommendation in about a certified local government. Ms. Faul reported that the Commission strongly encourages the City to apply. Apparently it will be a help for some grants as far as the landmarks goes. Mr. Krieger commented if the Council feels that we should apply we will do it. However, Mr. Krieger stated it is not necessarily a benefit to the City. Ms. Faul would like it placed on a future agenda.

Ms. Faul suggested we continue to hold Landlord meetings at least once a year. It will allow us to give landlords updates, review codes, and share how we would like to see properties maintained in Ferguson. In addition, Realtors meeting with the City and Council would be a benefit. We can inform them of what we're looking for and

how we would like to see our City advertised. We need to get our PR up and running again.

Tim Larson thanked everyone for their welcomes. He's looking forward to working with the City Manager and facing the challenges of working on the new City Council.

A.J. Krieger reminded everyone that there will be a meeting next week. Do not anticipate any action items. Presentations on at least three topics, one on Florissant Road, which we'll cover in work session beginning at 7p.m. Community improvement effort and some preliminary discussion about the budget during the regular session at 8p.m. Council might want to go back and revisit Florissant Road – and think about how we want to structure the meeting.

Mr. Krieger stated he wants to meet as we did last year and do a Saturday budget session from 8:30a.m. – noon. Charter requires we send the Council the budget by May 1st. Council should receive copies by Friday, April 29th. Tentative dates for the budget session are May 7th or May 14th. Please email Mr. Krieger with the date which works best for you.

Mr. Krieger reminded new Council members to please monitor their email accounts the next couple of days and make sure they're receiving items. If not, please let us know.

Mayor Fletcher – thanked residents for the honor of choosing him as Mayor. He will do the best possible job that he can and stated his phone is always available. And please feel free to stop him if you see him around the City. He is more than willing to listen to your needs and wishes and compliments as well. He commented on the election and thanked Mr. Lemp, Mr. Crinnion and Mayor Wegert for all they've done for the City. And thanked Mr. Duncan for a great two years as well. After meeting many citizens during the campaign he discovered street repairs as their main concern which the Council will talk about, and we will look at some other things that need to be done as well.

Mayor Fletcher encouraged everyone to please contact your Council people and myself – we are the ears and eyes for you.

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Debbie Matthies, City Clerk