

FERGUSON CITY COUNCIL

**Regular Council Meeting
May 10, 2005**

**Work Session, 7:00 P.M.
Council Meeting, 8:00 P.M.**

**CITY HALL
110 Church Street**



The regular meeting of the Ferguson City Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on May 10, 2005 by Mayor Brian P. Fletcher, in the Council Chambers 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
John Corson
Keith Kallstrom
James W. Knowles III
James Hines - ABSENT
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.

Mayor Fletcher welcomed all present and explained the Public Portion and the Business Portion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Knowles – 716 N. Elizabeth – Coordinator for the National Association of the Letter Carriers Food Drive for the City of Ferguson. Mr. Knowles has arranged for all food collected within the Ferguson zip code be deposited at St. Stephens Episcopal Church to benefit the area food bank. Interested citizens should place a can of food in or by their mailbox and it will be collected on Saturday, May 14, 2005. Thank you.

Ed Krueger – 425 Darst – is very pleased with the City trash program and likes the fact that everything is disposed of in one day and feels the program is very effective.

Mayor commented that he is also pleased with the trash program and thanked the staff in dealing with citizens and their questions. Mayor encouraged citizens who still have concerns to contact City Hall.

Tom Patterson – Royal Ave. had comments and concerns regarding the position of the Flags in the Council Chamber. Mr. Patterson requested a copy of the Budget.

Gloria Neiner – 67 Harneywold Drive (Black Oaks) – had concerns and comments regarding the streets in the Black Oaks subdivision being very hazardous. Ms. Neiner presented Council with current photographs of the street problems in the subdivision, commented that the street defects have needed attention and repair for years, and continue to become worse. Ms. Neiner asked Council for their immediate attention to this matter.

Kathy Shaffstall – Harneywold (Black Oaks) – expressed concerns and comments on the streets becoming worse in the Black Oaks subdivision.

Gloria Neiner – 67 Harneywold (Black Oaks) – commented that next to her home is an empty lot which still has a driveway and has concerns that anyone has easy access to it.

Mayor will have staff and Public Works Director Terry O'Neil check into the situation.

Martin Pion – 6 Meadow Lane – welcomed the new City Council and Mayor. Mr. Pion had comments and concerns regarding environmental issues and the recycling program for the City. Commented that last month was Earth Day and the week of May 16th is Bike to Work Week and May 20th is Bike to Work Day.

There being no further public comments, Mayor declared the public portion closed at 8:15 pm.

BUSINESS PORTION **CONSENT AGENDA**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2005. A motion was made by Mr. Knowles, seconded, and carried to accept the minutes as presented and file as appropriate.

PROCLAMATIONS

Peace Officers' Memorial Day and Police Week Proclamation was read by City Attorney Stephanie Karr.

APPOINTMENTS

A Motion was made by Mayor Fletcher, seconded, to appoint Attorney Marsha Stiles to the Library Board. Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Mayor Fletcher, seconded, to appoint Theresa Smythe to the Library Board. Motion passed unanimously.

BILLS REQUIRING FIRST READING

BILL NO. 6709 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FERGUSON, MISSOURI, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO ACCEPT FOR CITY DEVELOPMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION, REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS LOCATOR NUMBER 12J331342, HELD IN TRUST BY THE TRUSTEE OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY. A FEE OF \$27.00 (TWENTY SEVEN DOLLARS) TO COVER THE RECORDING OF THE DEED IS REQUIRED; EFFECTIVE WHEN was introduced by Council as a whole and read the first time.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

City Manager presented an overview of the City Budget

- ❖ Budget Presentation Overview – City Staff provided an overview of the proposed FY 05-06 Budget, in advance of the Council Budget meeting on May 14, 2005. A Public Hearing to adopt the City Budget is anticipated for the June 14, 2005 Council Meeting. Discussion ensued.
- ❖ Line of Credit - City Staff recommends that the City of Ferguson begin making immediate preparations for the implementation of a city-wide improvement program and to advance important Council/community goals by leveraging the City's available capital funding. In order to finance the range of improvements City Staff recommends that the City access a \$5 million line of credit. Discussion regarding the preliminary line of credit terms, with Staff recommending a 2-year draw schedule at a favorable interest rate. Discussion of various options for servicing the debt and the risks involved.

A majority of the Council concurred to move forward with the line of credit and present it on the May 24th Council Agenda for first reading.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Larson – would like to fill the vacancy on the Traffic Commission.

Ms. Faul – thanked everyone involved with the Robert Superior Clean up efforts.

Mr. Knowles – is excited about the progress taking place in the community as well as the line of credit and bringing revenue generators to the Community.

Mr. Kallstrom – May is Bike Month and Mr. Kallstrom rode his bike 7 miles to the Valley of Flowers Parade. Reminders - North County Inc. is holding an Economic Development Business Retention Expansion Tools Program on Wednesday, May 11, 2005, which Mr. Kallstrom is planning on attending; the Neighborhood Watch BBQ is Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the JW Memorial Park's North Pavilion; and Sunday is Peace Officers' Memorial Day and suggested flags be at half-staff. Mr. Kallstrom researched the position of the Council Chamber flags and believes they are in the correct position, but would like staff to research it further with the Secretary of State to see if the State of Missouri has a policy or provision regarding which side the State flag should be placed, to verify Mr. Patterson's comment.

Mr. Corson – Commented on the Peace Officers' Memorial Proclamation, and thanked the law enforcement and fire personnel for all they do. Mr. Corson feels citizens need more education regarding recycling which will help the environment. Mr. Corson would like an update on the Council Meeting process revisions presented at the April 19th meeting. Discussion regarding some of the revisions regarding citizens signing in under Public Comments, receiving and filing of Boards and Commission Minutes, Ordinance procedures and work session discussion. The City Attorney will look into some of the proposed changes as set out in the Charter and update the Council regarding the procedures. Mr. Corson is interested in moving forward with the Budget and agrees that the City is in a better position than in the past to make City improvements.

Mr. Krieger – reminded Council of the Budget Meeting Saturday May 14th at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber.

Ms. Faul – reminded everyone of Century Sunday on May 15, 2005.

Mayor Fletcher – commented that the General Operating Budget of 56.5% of the City's revenue comes from sales tax. Mayor Fletcher believes more revenue could be generated without tax increases, if more citizens would "Buy Ferguson" and start purchasing more items in Ferguson. Purchasing elsewhere takes away City money for roads and street improvements that the community needs. If citizens would make minor changes in their shopping patterns, it would make a difference for the City.

In the last several weeks, Mayor Fletcher has had the honor of speaking to a number of Ferguson organizations; he enjoys it, and offers himself to any organization, community or group that would like him to speak.

Mayor Fletcher reminded Council of the Closed Session following the Council Meeting.

Mr. Kallstrom – reminded everyone of Safety Days, Saturday, May 21, 2005 sponsored at Toys-R-Us.

Mayor Fletcher reminded everyone of the "Garage Sale" on Saturday, May 21, 2005 and the Farmers' Market every Saturday.

There being no further business to consider, at 9:45 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Fletcher, seconded, to enter into closed session in accordance with RSMo 610.021 to discuss matters relating to communication from the City Attorneys as provided under Section 610.021(1) RSMo, and personnel and employee matters under Sections 610.021(3) and (13) RSMo. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

There being no further business to discuss, at 10:00 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Fletcher, seconded, to return to open session. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Fletcher, seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Debbie Matthies, City Clerk