

City Council Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2016  
7:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Mayor Donnie Brown presided with the following present: Ald. Chism, Cravens, Wade, Riggs, and Riley.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.
2. The minutes of the March 22, 2016 meeting were presented. Ald. Wade made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ald. Chism seconded the motion. All Councilmen voted “yes” and the motion was carried. The minutes were accepted.
3. Certification of the April 5, 2016 Municipal Election. The election voting results were acknowledged and accepted as follows:

**MAYOR**

RICHARD (DICK) BODI	448
H. RILEY BOCK	425
NICK WHITE	17

**ALDERMAN WARD 1**

THOMAS (TOMMY) CHISM	214
----------------------	-----

**ALDERMAN WARD 2**

ANTHONY YOUNG	240
---------------	-----

**ALDERMAN WARD 3**

RYAN RILEY	271
------------	-----

Alderman Riggs made a motion to accept the Clerk’s Certificate. Alderman Chism seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “yes” and the motion carried.

4. The Oath of Office was then administered by the City Clerk to the newly elected officials, who then signed their oath.

5. There being no further business for this board, Ald. Wade made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Riley seconded. All voted “yes” and the meeting was adjourned.

## City Council Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2016

8:00 p.m.

1. Mayor Richard Bodi called the meeting to order with Aldermen Riley, Wade, Riggs, Young, Cravens and Chism attending.
2. Bill 16-1262, an ordinance establishing the regular Council meeting dates to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month, commencing at 7:30 p.m. The Mayor read the title of the bill twice. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Riggs – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes; Ald. Chism – yes. The ordinance was adopted as presented.
3. Liquor License Renewals were presented as follows:
  - USA Gas – Ald. Riggs made a motion to approve. Ald. Chism seconded and all Aldermen voted “yes. The license renewal was approved.
  - ElBracero’s – Ald. Chism made a motion to approve. Ald. Cravens seconded, all Aldermen voted “yes” and the license renewal was approved.
4. City Administrator’s Report:
  - Library Roof Repairs: Adm. McGill informed the Council that Scott Washburn from Midwest Storm Restoration, the firm awarded the project, had been in town last week to inspect the Library roof, meet with the City Clerk and complete the required contract documents for the repair. He stated that he was impressed with Mr. Washburn and felt that we could expect a good outcome. Adm. McGill said that Mr. Washburn expected to begin work on the roof either Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> depending on the weather.
  - Adm. McGill then informed the Council that he would be bringing forth a bill in the near future for their consideration. He is recommending that the New Madrid City Transit provide free rides for voters to the polls on future elections. He is concerned that the fare might present a hardship on some individuals and that the City should do what they can to assist these citizen’s participation in elections.
  - The Administrator then informed the Aldermen that it is planned to bring the Mayoral appointments up in the first May meeting. He hopes to be able to space the appointments out in two or three year alternating terms so that these will not have to be addressed all at once. Mayor Bodi said that he will be bringing the list of boards/

committees/ and appointed positions for the board input on the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting with plans on actually make the appointments at the May meeting.

Adm. McGill reminded the Council that the annual clean up week will take place April 25<sup>th</sup> through April 28<sup>th</sup>. He stated that the City would have all hands on deck for this event.

Ald. Wade asked as to what progress had been made as to filling the vacant positions in the City staff. Adm. McGill answered that a meeting was scheduled for the next day with Pete Taylor, Acting Electric Superintendent, Chuck Palmer, Street Superintendent and the Mayor to assess staff and see where the needs are for the various job duties in order to hire the best individuals for the needs of the City. He hopes to set up interviews by the end of this week and actually hold them next week.

The Adm. then stated that the Pump Station project is expected to be completed by the end of this month.

Mayor Bodi informed the Council that he hopes to set up a work session for the Aldermen and Kristy Taylor, Finance Officer to go over all the ongoing and projected projects of the City, including the expenditures so far and those projected in the future. He mentioned that he and several other Councilmen had not been involved in the planning of these projects and would need to be brought up to speed.

The Mayor then told the group that he hopes to implement a Maintenance Planning Program for the City. He feels that this will be very valuable to the City operation and promote good choices when unexpected situations arise.

Adm. McGill said that the duties of Code Enforcement Officer, Safety Coordination and Building Inspection would be discussed since the new Mayor had had responsibility for these in the past. They will need to determine who would be best to assume these duties.

Ald. Wade stated that he felt that the City was very fortunate to have a Mayor that was experienced in maintenance and has a safety background as well.

Mayor Bodi stated that during his employment with Associated Electric, the company had a safety record below national standards. They instituted a program developed by DuPont called the "STOP" program, whereby workers completed audit reports daily where they filled out a card whenever they noticed a hazard or hazardous practice. No one was reported or penalized but it changed the whole mindset the workers had in this regard. This proved to be a great investment since their safety rating soared with this implementation. The program cost approximately \$4000 and then a staff person would be sent to the national training. The Mayor pointed out the investment could be recouped in just one prevented accident.

There being no further business, Ald. Chism made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Wade seconded, all Aldermen voted "yes" and the meeting adjourned.