

City Council Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2016
7:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, April 25, 2016 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Mayor Richard Bodi presided with the following present: Ald. Chism, Young, Wade, Riggs, and Riley.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.
2. The minutes of the April 12, 2016 meeting were presented. The Mayor asked that the minutes be amended to strike the "He" and replacing it with "They" as to the instituting of the STOP program at AECl. Ald. Riggs made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Ald. Chism seconded the motion. All Councilmen voted "yes" and the motion was carried. The minutes were accepted.
3. Visitors: There were no visitors in attendance.
4. Resolution: A resolution was presented by Adm. McGill asking the Council to award the purchase of a 2013 Hustler 3700 Riding Mower for the amount of \$11,500.00 from Sappington Pro Outdoors. Adm. McGill stated that Sappington submitted the "best" bid although not the lowest, due to the fact that their mower is one year newer and has a two year warranty and only 54.2 hours on the mower. The only other bid received was from Medlin Equipment for \$9,900 for a 2012 John Deer with 813 motor hours and no warranty. No other companies submitted any bid. Adm. McGill informed the Council that a new mower of this type and model would approximately retail for \$30,000.00. Ald. Wade made a motion to approve. The Mayor initiated a roll call vote as follows: Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Riggs – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Chism – yes. The resolution was approved. Ald. Wade asked if this mower was diesel. Adm. McGill said that it was. Ald. Wade said that this should hold up a lot better than a residential mower considering how hard the city worked the mowers. He asked if there was a plan to set up a rotation turn over for commercial mowers. Adm. McGill said that when he, Kristy Taylor FO and the Council started on the budget process for next year, they wanted to include equipment maintenance plans, with equipment having a 3-5 year rotation plan. He hopes to get that process started next month.

5. M&M Deli – Liquor and Merchants License Renewal. Ald. Riggs made a motion to approve the license. Ald. Chism seconded. All Aldermen voted “yes” and the license was approved.
6. Mayoral Appointments. The Mayor asked that this item be tabled until closed session.
7. City Administrator’s Report:
 - a. Substation Project: The Dirt work should be completed this week. MidSouth has everything lined up so that the bids for the next phase, the construction of the Relay and Control House, is being advertised and the bid opening will occur on May 5th.
 - b. Pole Replacement: Adm. McGill met with Standard Electric and MidSouth just last week. He feels that they pretty much have everything squared away for this project to proceed.
 - c. Pump Station: They are currently pouring concrete and should be finished within the next couple of weeks depending on the weather. Plans for the Water Plant were received last week.
 - d. Mo Main Street is a spin off entity of Mo Economic Development. A lot of communities in our area, Sikeston, East Prairie, Portageville, Cape and Malden have and/or are using them for tourism development. They are developing marketing plans for tourism. These plans are in the early stages but this provides an opportunity to attract grant monies for revitalization efforts for our downtowns in Southeast Missouri.
 - e. Adm. McGill has had meetings with SEMO Department of Agriculture regarding a partnership to market our area for Agri-business industry. This could benefit all the communities in Southeast Missouri. New Madrid has an advantage of available water. Semo is moving quickly on this and is seeking to obtain the USDA building on Hwy 61. Adm. McGill and the Mayor are encouraged by the meeting that took place last week. He will keep the Council updated on their progress. Ald. Wade asked what type of manufacturing they are hoping to attract. Adm. McGill said that the plans seem to start with the farmers producing the crops that can then be used to produce a marketable product. Then containers and shipping factories could be constructed that would move the market ready products to wholesalers, etc. Now that the City has the land needed, water available, rail and interstate access as well as the producers, the marketing could be quite

successful and beneficial for everyone here. He mentioned that Byron McVay, the Department Chair lives here in town. This could be a way to attract business without marketing on our own.

- f. Staff openings: Adm. McGill notified the Council that he, the Mayor and Pete Taylor had conducted 6 interviews for the openings in the Electrical Department. He said that all of the candidates had very good experience and recommendations and that he felt that they could not go wrong in hiring any of them. This was, however, making the selection difficult. He had made an offer just before the meeting but had not heard back from the individual. He hoped to make another offer the next day and would keep the Council informed.

The Mayor then informed the Council that he would like to go into executive session. Ald. Wade made a motion to adjourn to a closed session relative to: "Hiring, firing, disciplining or promotion or particular employees when information relating to the performance or merit of individual employees is discussed or recorded (RSMo 610.021.3). The Mayor initiated a roll call vote as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Riggs – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Chism – yes. The meeting was adjourned.

Ald. Wade made a motion to return to regular session. Ald. Riggs seconded. All Aldermen voted "yes" and the Council moved to open session.

There being no further business, Ald. Young made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Riley seconded and all voted "yes". The meeting adjourned.