

City Council Meeting

Regular Session Minutes

November 10, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Liberty, Missouri was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on November 10, 2014 with Mayor Lyndell Brenton presiding. Mayor Brenton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Michael Hagan, who then led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Harold Phillips and Paul Jenness, Ward I
Greg Duncan and Jeff Moore, Ward II
Kevin Graham and Jeff Watt, Ward III
Michael Hagan and Gene Gentrup, Ward IV

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Curt Wenson, City Administrator
Dan Estes, Assistant City Administrator
Steve Hansen, Public Works Director
Janet Bartnik, Parks and Recreation Director
Brian Hess, Utilities Director
James Simpson, Police Chief
Mike Snider, Fire Chief
Shawwna Funderburk, Asst. to the City Administrator
Janet Pittman, Deputy City Clerk

Public Present: Stacy Burt, Liberty Tribune
3 members of the public

IV. APPROVE MINUTES AND SUMMARIES

V. CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION

Mary Cravens, on behalf of the Cemetery Advisory Committee, invited Mayor and City Council to the Veteran's Day ceremony to be held at 11:00 a.m. on Nov. 11th at Fairview Cemetery. The ceremony will also honor two of Liberty's veterans: Ira Hunter and Ray Merrell. Ms. Cravens stated that forms will also be available at the event for anyone wishing to purchase a Veteran's memorial brick.

Jim Gleason, Chairperson of the Citizen Sales Tax Oversight Committee, presented the Committee's Annual Report. He stated that the Committee reviewed 27 capital improvement

expenses, as well as the Special Purpose Sales Tax budgets, and they deemed that all met voter intent.

VI. MEETING SCHEDULE

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Session Minutes of October 13, 2014

Council Member Moore moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Council Member Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

B. Regular Session Minutes of October 27, 2014

Council Member Moore moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Council Member Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

C. Resolution announcing Municipal Election Filing Dates

Action: Council Member Moore moved to approve the resolution. Council Member Phillips seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

Yes: Council Members Phillips, Jenness, Moore, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan and Gentrup

No: None

Abstain: None

Inscribed in Resolution No. 2711.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

IX. ORDINANCES, CONTRACTS AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance acknowledging vendor payments for the period of October 17 to October 31, 2014.

Mayor Pro Tem Duncan took over as Chair of the meeting.

Document No. 7983 was read.

Action: Council Member Hagan moved to approve the vendor payments. Council Member Phillips seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

Yes: Council Members Phillips, Jenness, Moore, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan and Gentrup

No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 10284.

Mayor Brenton resumed as chair of the meeting.

B. Lime Sludge Removal

In May 2011, the City of Liberty received a Notice of Violation from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) concerning improper storage of lime sludge near the lime storage lagoons. Subsequently, City staff successfully negotiated an AOC requiring the City of Liberty to dispose of at least 25% of the stockpiled lime sludge annually. This effort would represent the 4th disposal effort, and allow the City to demonstrate due diligence in moving towards the completion of compliance activities listed in the AOC.

1. Ordinance approving a contract with Republic Services for 2014 (Phase 2) disposal of the City of Liberty stockpiled lime sludge to Courtney Ridge Landfill, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00

Document No. 7984 was read.

Action: Council Member Hagan moved to waive the rules and consider the ordinance on first reading. Council Member Phillips seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Council Member Jenness moved to approve the ordinance. Council Member Duncan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

Yes: Council Members Phillips, Jenness, Moore, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan and Gentrup

No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 10285.

2. Ordinance approving a contract with Republic Services for 2015 disposal of the City of Liberty stockpiled lime sludge to Courtney Ridge Landfill, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00

Document No. 7985 was read.

Action: Council Member Hagan moved to waive the rules and consider the ordinance on first reading. Council Member Phillips seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Council Member Watt moved to approve the ordinance. Council Member Hagan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

Yes: Council Members Phillips, Jenness, Moore, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan and Gentrup

No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 10286.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Parks Fund Budget

Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Dan Estes and Parks and Recreation Director Janet Bartnik presented the 2015 Park Fund Budget. The budget includes the completion of in-house and capital projects that address deferred maintenance items, and continuing to use partnerships and alliances as leverage to enhance programs. The department is transitioning into a staffing structure suited to future facility operations/management opportunities. The proposed budget is a balanced budget which achieves the Fund Balance goal of 12%. \$47,750 will be provided from the General Fund to defray Cemetery support costs provided by Parks. Staff noted that future challenges include aging facilities and new competitors; over-programming pressures and deferred maintenance items that have risen to the level of capital projects.

B. Special Purpose Sales Taxes

Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Dan Estes presented the Special Purpose Sales Tax 2015 Budgets. He noted that the sales tax budget shows 1% growth over 2014 (2014 sales tax forecast 8% higher than 2013 final). The financing strategy will blend pay-as-you go projects, lease purchases and long-term bonding. The structured use of Fund Balance will be used to fund projects, maintain next year's debt service requirements as well as the goal of maintaining \$1.0M for future opportunities/unknowns in street capital improvement projects. The budgets were presented to the Citizen Sales Tax Oversight Committee for their review on October 16, 2014. The Committee found the budgets met voter intent.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

XII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

Deputy City Clerk