

CITY OF ROCK HILL
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2006
7:00 P.M.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Mayor Morgan at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) The mayor requested and led the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Roll call was taken with the following members of the Aldermanic Board being present: Redmond, Knuckles, Johnson, Barnard, McCann and Brown.
- 4) **Emergency Items to be added to the Agenda**
- 5) **Citizens to Address the Board**
Daniel DiPlacido, 809 North Rock Hill Rd. – Mr. DiPlacido presented a petition to Mayor Morgan, signed by 555 Rock Hill residents, calling for an ordinance prohibiting the use of eminent domain for privately owned projects in Rock Hill, and an ordinance prohibiting the transfer of property taken by the city of Rock Hill, for public use, to any other entity, for a period of 10 years after the taking. Mr. DiPlacido also asked the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen to sign a Pledge to Protect Property Rights in Rock Hill. The Mayor and the Aldermen declined signing the pledge.
- 6) **Public Hearings**
- 7) **Announcements, Presentations, Proclamations, Communications and Invitations:**
 - a) Presentation of Proclamations to former Board members by the Mayor.
 - b) Acceptance of the certified results of the April 4th, election.
Official results are as follows: Mayor – Julie Morgan, Ward 1 Alderman – Philip Scherry, Ward 2 Alderman – Daniel DiPlacido, Ward 3 Alderman – Timothy Redmond.
 - c) Official swearing in of all of the newly members of the Board of Aldermen.
Following the ceremony, Alderman DiPlacido signed the Pledge to Protect Property Rights.
 - d) **ROLL CALL:** Redmond, DiPlacido, Johnson, Barnard, McCann, Scherry
 - e) Nominations and election of Mayor Pro Tempore-Motion to table by McCann, seconded by Redmond and motion approved.
 - f) Mr. Brown, Novus, offers the current status of the Market at McKnight redevelopment. There are meetings scheduled with owner/occupants of north side property to discuss offers made. One meeting will be with an attorney representing a larger group of owner/occupants. Alderwoman Barnard expresses concerns about deadlines being pushed back. Mr. Lucious Cary, 1031 Rockman Pl. asks about the projected opening for Stein Mart. He is told it will be January 10 – March 1, 2007. Mr. Ed Orlet, 1058 N. Rock Hill, is also concerned that completion dates are getting pushed back and asks if there is a construction loan. Mr. Brown, in answer to this and other questions, says that the utility companies have been notified and once they have completed all shut offs, the demolition can begin. He anticipates this in 3 – 4 weeks. He stresses that Novus is committed to seeing this through and also dislikes the delays, but progress is being made. Janet Mueller, 907 N. Rock Hill, tells Mr. Brown that she doesn't care for his choice of words in describing the conflict regarding her property. He answers that he hopes the conflict will be resolved and will continue his efforts to make it so.

- g) Time was allotted for residents to approach the Board to voice opinions on trash services prior to the Board voting on the contract. Residents voiced sentiments pro and con. Tony LaMantia, Allied Waste, and Dan Hannah, Waste Management, each thanked the Board for the opportunity to offer services to Rock Hill. In advance of the reading of Bill #1668, a motion is made by Alderman Johnson to accept, from bids received, Option #1 from the proposal of Allied Waste. A roll call vote was recorded with the following Board members voting in favor of the motion: Johnson, Redmond, Scherry, and Barnard. Voting against the motion: DiPlacido and McCann. The motion passed.
 - h) The representative from MSD offered a shortened version of the planned presentation. He stressed the fact that a pro-active approach is the way in which MSD has increased its sewer cleaning and other issues. Storm water funding is being addressed. He relays information on Rock Hill projects done last year, planned this year and next. In closing, he adds that brochures will be left for the members.
- 8) Old Business
- a) George Liyeos reports that progress is being made at the Colonial Square fence site. The berms will be added in the next few days.
 - b) The web site continues to improve and Mayor Morgan asks to be informed of any and all feedback that may be received by Board members. George Liyeos states that he is awaiting information from the newly elected officials as to e-mail addresses and photos.
- 9) Minutes of Previous Meetings
- a) Alderwoman McCann motioned to approve the minutes of the April 5th meeting. Alderman Redmond seconded the motion. Following a voice vote, the motion passed.
- 10) Treasurer's Report - None
- 11) Bills and Resolutions: Pursuant to RSMo. 79.130, all bills and resolutions will be read by "title" only. Copies will be available to the General Public at City Hall during regular office hours.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FIRST READING:

- a) **Bill No. 1668:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, MISSOURI, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH ALLIED WASTE MANAGEMENT TO COLLECT SOLID WASTE MATERIALS, INCLUDING RECYCLABLES AND YARD WASTE, FROM THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, MISSOURI. Alderwoman McCann motioned to have the first reading, by title only, of Bill No. 1668. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnard. The motion carried by voice vote. Following the reading by City Attorney Heinz, Alderwoman Barnard motioned to accept the first reading of Bill No. 1668. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman McCann. Following a voice vote, the motion carried. Alderwoman Barnard motioned to have the second reading, by title only, of Bill No. 1668. The motion was seconded by Alderman Redmond. Following the reading by the City Attorney, a motion was made, by Alderman Scherry, to accept the second reading of Bill No. 1688. Alderwoman Barnard seconded the motion. The City Administrator then recorded the following roll call vote in favor of the motion: Redmond, Johnson, Barnard and Scherry. Voting against the motion: McCann and DiPlacido. The motion passed and Bill No. 1668 became Ordinance No. 1596.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SECOND READING AND OR ADOPTION:

- b) **Bill No. 1667:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, MISSOURI, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY TO PROVIDE COORDINATED COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT SERVICES TO THE CITY OF ROCK HILL FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.

Alderman Redmond motioned for the second reading, by title only, of Bill No. 1667. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman McCann. The motion was carried by voice vote and the City Attorney read Bill No. 1667. Following the reading, Alderman Scherry motioned to accept the second reading of Bill No. 1667. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman McCann. During discussion, Capt. Arnett informed the members that approval of the bill will allow for officers to complete their reports and be back on street duty in half the time as before. In response to Alderwoman McCann's question, he states that the fees, \$725.00 annually, is included in the current budget. He tells Alderman Johnson that it is a computer program and the fee covers the installation by REGIS, and that St. Louis County is in charge of archiving the information. The City Administrator recorded the following roll call vote in favor of the motion: Redmond, Johnson, Barnard, DiPlacido, McCann, and Scherry. The motion passed and Bill No. 1667 became Ordinance No. 1597.

- 12) Planning and Zoning Committee Report – George Liyeos reports that there will be the 2nd of a series of meetings on the 19th to discuss design review guidelines with P & Z. The agenda is posted, and the meeting will begin at 6:30. Responding to a question by Alderwoman Barnard, he tells that minutes are available from either Mr. Korte or himself. Alderwoman McCann then encourages residents to take the time to become informed about in-fill housing or contact a representative from the Aldermanic or P & Z board to learn.

13) **Departmental Reports**

- a) Police – Captain Arnett welcomes the new aldermen and thanks Alderman Knuckles and Alderwoman Brown for their years of support of the police department. He adds that Officer Ziegler has been cleared to return to motorcycle patrol.
- b) Fire – Captain Halloran also welcomes the new representatives. He states that they are busier than expected because of covering for other departments and because of recent storms. The Captain adds that the men have been participating in a L.A.S.T. (Large Area Search Training) program with one last class coming up. He adds that they continue their spring inspections.

14) **City Attorney Items**

Ken Heinz offers condensed information on House Bill 209 regarding municipal telecommunications and the taxing involved. The House had passed this bill to roll back taxes on telecommunications to accommodate wireless service. The per cent roll back has been determined and because of the complexity of the calculations, a memorandum detailing this is not completed. He suggests that next week, the members be available for an emergency meeting to discuss the matter prior to the compliance deadline set forth by the state. It will be tentatively set for the 26th at 5:00.

15) **Mayor's Report**

- a) Mayor Morgan talks about the recent meeting covering storm water issues. She, along with Alderwoman McCann, feels that the outcome was positive. Alderwoman McCann feels that it is critical to concentrate on communication with the residents.
 - b) Because of the vacancy on the Parks & Recreation Board, Mayor Morgan asks that Matt Knuckles be nominated to fill the position. Alderwoman Barnard offers a motion to that effect. It is seconded by Alderwoman McCann. The motion is passed by voice vote. At this time, Alderwoman McCann motions that Alderman Scherry be appointed as the liaison to the Parks Board. The motion is seconded by Alderwoman Barnard. The motion is carried by voice vote.
- 16) City Administrator's Report - None**
- 17) CLOSED SESSION (if necessary): MOTION:** To hold a closed meeting with closed record and closed voting, pursuant to Subsection (1),(2),(3) & (12) of Section 610.021, RSMo, 2004, in order to discuss legal actions, causes of action, or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representative and its attorneys; and leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration thereof; and the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of an employee of a public governmental body; and documents related to a negotiated contract.
- 18) ADJOURN –** A motion to adjourn is made by Alderman Scherry and seconded by Alderwoman Barnard. The motion is carried by voice vote and the meeting adjourned.