

**CITY OF ROCK HILL  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2006**

- 1) Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order 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, DiPlacido, Johnson, McCann, Barnard, and Scherry.
- 4) Emergency Items to be added to the Agenda – None.
- 5) **Citizens to Address the Board:**  
David Lancaster, 1100 Rockman - As P&Z Chairman, Mr. Lancaster spoke of the committee's work on sign ordinance revisions. The changes will result in a less cluttered business environment on Manchester, and make it easier to locate businesses. He added that the number of days for a temporary sign will be increased. In speaking about the M.V.O.B. (motor vehicle oriented business) ordinance, he stated that safety on Manchester is the paramount issue. The ordinance will limit the number of such businesses, and place restrictions on how close they are to each other.
- 6) **Public Hearings** to hear citizen's comments on the proposed residential real property, commercial real property and personal property tax rates for the calendar year 2006. The hearing was opened by Mayor Morgan. She called on Finance Director Don Cary to offer background information. He explained that the rates, as detailed in the available handouts, are set by the state. The mayor closed the hearing once it was determined there were no questions.
- 7) **Announcements, Presentations, Proclamations, Communications and Invitations:**
  - a) Communication from NOVUS representatives.  
Pete Sebelski, of Novus, offered the following points as to the progress of the project: There is much movement at the site. Buildings are coming down, ground is being moved. At the back, the stakes have been set for the retaining walls and for Stein Mart. In answer to a question by Alderwoman McCann, Mr. Sebelski stated that there should not be water service interruption on County Hills as the new water pipes are put in. There is a slight chance that Mueck Terrace residents may encounter some. Alderwoman McCann will notify those residents.
- 8) **Old Business**
  - a) Update on City Website.  
City Administrator George Liyeos reported that with the assistance of Rejis, a separate tab/folder has been added titled "News/Notices". Alderman DiPlacido commended all involved for their efforts toward the end result. The City Administrator "moved" that this subject be removed from the agenda until a need arises. The Board unanimously agreed.
- 9) **Minutes of Previous Meetings**
  - a) Minutes of the meeting from July 18, 2006  
Alderwoman McCann motioned to accept the minutes from the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnard. Alderman DiPlacido requested that his comments regarding the newsletter, during the Mayor's Report, be included. He also asked when the Board would receive the newsletter draft. The Mayor responded that the

e-mail would be sent out when she returns home after this meeting. At the conclusion of the discussion, the motion to accept the minutes was passed by voice vote.

**10) Treasurer's Report**

a) Approval of Liquor Licenses for Imo's-Restaurant/Sunday

The City Administrator asked that the Board look at the information supporting the request by Imo's for a liquor license. Following the review, a motion is made by Alderwoman Barnard to award a liquor license to Imo's. The motion is seconded by Alderman Johnson. The motion is passed by voice vote.

b) Warrant List

Finance Director Don Cary provided details of the larger items in the listing. In response to a question by Alderwoman Barnard asking if the account with Polsinelli is current, Don Cary answered that it is current. A motion is made by Alderwoman McCann to pay the bills. The motion is seconded by Alderman Redmond. The motion is carried by voice vote.

**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. 1680: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND FIXING THE TAX RATES IN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2006 ON ALL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY BY CLASSIFICATION FOR GENERAL CITY PURPOSES, FOR A PUBLIC LIBRARY AND FOR THE DEBT SERVICE ON SERIES 2002 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.**

Alderwoman McCann motioned to have the first reading, by title only, of Bill No. 1680. The motion was seconded by Alderman Scherry. The motion was carried by voice vote. City Attorney Heinz proceeded with the reading, after which a motion was made by Alderwoman McCann to accept the first reading of Bill No. 1680. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnard and carried by voice vote. Following the vote, Alderwoman McCann motioned to have the second reading, by title only, of Bill No. 1680. The motion was seconded by Alderman Scherry. The motion carried by voice vote, followed by the second reading by the City Attorney. Alderwoman McCann then motioned to accept the final reading of Bill No. 1680. The motion was seconded by Alderman Scherry. The City Administrator recorded the following roll call vote in favor of the motion: Redmond, McCann, DiPlacido, Johnson, Barnard, and Scherry. The motion carried and Bill No. 1680 became Ordinance No. 1607

**b) Bill No. 1681: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF ROCK HILL MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 520 SIGN REGULATIONS BY DELETING THE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND ADDING THERETO CERTAIN NEW SECTIONS REGARDING SIGNS**

Alderwoman McCann motioned to have the first reading, by title only, of Bill No. 1681. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnard, and carried by voice vote. The City Attorney proceeded to read Bill No. 1681, after which a motion was made by Alderwoman McCann to accept the first reading. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnard. During discussion, Alderman Redmond asked that the Board consider the long-time small

businesses. The costs for them to be compliant could be prohibitive if the time allowance is 5 years. He requests that this be discussed now, or at the time of the second reading. Following discussion, the motion carried by voice vote.

- c) **Bill No. 1682:** AN ORDINANCE THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, MISSOURI, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 405, THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL REGARDING MOTOR VEHICLE ORIENTED BUSINESSES. Alderwoman McCann motioned to have the first reading, by title only, of Bill No. 1682. The motion was seconded by Alderman Redmond. The motion carried by voice vote and the bill was read by the City Attorney. Following the reading, a motion is made by Alderwoman McCann to accept the first reading of Bill No. 1682. The motion is seconded by Alderwoman Barnard. Alderman Redmond began discussion by voicing his reluctance to passing this without more planning and discussion. He feels that as it is written, the bill would remove opportunities for businesses to succeed on Manchester. Alderwoman McCann requests that a P&Z representative explain, via e-mail, the thinking behind the structure of the bill. Administrator Liyeos suggests that in order for the Board to fully study this proposed bill, that it be put on the agenda for the second September meeting. Following discussion, the motion is carried by voice vote.

#### **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SECOND READING AND/OR ADOPTION:**

- d) **Bill No. 1679:** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW PERSONNEL CODE. A motion is made by Alderwoman McCann to have the second reading, by title only, of Bill No. 1679. The motion is seconded by Alderman Redmond and carried by voice vote. The City Attorney proceeds with the reading. Following the reading, a motion is made by Alderwoman McCann to accept the second reading of Bill No. 1679. The motion is seconded by Alderman Redmond. During discussion, Alderman DiPlacido objects to the terminology used in the section of the document that pertains to the city website. He offers suggestions that he feels will better state the purpose of the website. Topics of discussion included Rejis' assistance and work on the site, and the personnel code being a document for city employees more than for the members of the Board. The City Administrator then recorded the following roll call vote in favor of the motion: Redmond, McCann, DiPlacido, Johnson, Barnard, and Scherry. The motion carried and Bill No. 1679 became Ordinance No. 1608.

#### **12) Planning and Zoning Committee Report**

Mr. David Lancaster, P&Z Chairman, reported that the last meeting of the committee was the same evening as the "storm". The committee did finish up the work on the bills that were presented earlier in the evening.

#### **13) Departmental Reports**

- a) Fire – Capt. Halloran reported on the calls involving his crews this last month, including responding to calls after the big storm. He adds that they will soon begin the Fall inspections.
- b) Police – Capt. Arnett tells of the success of National Night Out. They attended 8 block parties. The department is taking part in a School Fair, September 9<sup>th</sup> at Hudson School. He presented bids received for radios.

- c) Parks & Public Works – Al Hayden reported that the Fall Festival plans are almost complete. New to the event will be a chili cook-off. He asks the Board Members to let him know of availability for the parade in order to have enough vehicles.
  - d) Finance – Don Cary, Director of Finance, reports that the majority of merchants and businesses in Rock Hill have returned license applications and fees. Those who are delinquent are being contacted. He discussed recent developments in the Sales and Use Tax guidelines for telephone company purchases.
- 14) **City Attorney Items** – The City Attorney reported on the Telephone Utility Gross Receipts Tax and the actions by the State Supreme Court.
  - 15) **Mayor’s Report** - Mayor Morgan commended the crews of the Public Works Department for their efforts during the aftermath of the storm.
  - 16) **City Administrator’s Report** - The Administrator echoed the comments of the Mayor. He added that he is meeting this week with a F.E.M.A. representative and initiating the process for reimbursement. Mr. Liyeos also reported on the status of clean up efforts. The audit review will be in September. There will be notification of the exact date and time.
  - 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.  
A motion is made by Alderwoman McCann to proceed to closed session. The motion is seconded by Alderman Scherry. Voting, by roll call, in favor of the motion were: Redmond, McCann, Scherry, Barnard, and Johnson. Voting against the motion: DiPlacido. The motion carried.
  - 18) **Return to Open Session (if necessary)** – Board approval of any closed session actions.
  - 19) **ADJOURN**