

**CITY OF ROCK HILL
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

- 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, Barnard, and Scherry.
- 4) **Emergency Items to be added to the Agenda - none**
- 5) **Citizens to Address the Board:** *Each person addressing the board shall give his/her name, address, and organization or firm represented, if any. He/she shall speak for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes; additional time may be granted by the presiding officer or the Board.*
Peggy Nelson, 2847 Dunkirk – Ms. Nelson is having problems with neighbors at 2831 Dunkirk doing damage to their property. She stated that her neighbors' child is destructive and that the parents are not married, which she believed is unlawful in Rock Hill. She has demanded that the child stay off of her property to no avail.
- 6) **Public Hearings-NONE**
- 7) **Announcements, Presentations, Proclamations, Communications and Invitations:**
 - a) Communication from NOVUS representatives.

Pete Sebeliski offered the following points as to the progress of the project: Steel is going up and you can see the corner section of building H between the bank and the retail center. When questioned about when steel would be available for Steinmart, Sebeliski explained that it was a tilt up building. When questioned about what tenants would be coming in to the new development, he stated that Starbucks and Steinmart had consummated deals. Regarding cell towers, they have all of NOVUS' documentation and their attorney has agreed on the way everything was drafted and written. The documents have been sent to Indiana for corporate approval and they were approved January 15, 2007. Sebeliski plans to call Friday to determine if and when they will begin moving the tower.
 - b) Communication from MSD Director of Engineering.

Brian Hoelscher offered information concerning the rate proposal that is going to the rate commission. He discussed the following concerning old material: St. Louis area has the fourth largest sewer system in the country. There are a lot of problems associated with maintaining a system that large. In 2002, they identified about \$3.7 billion worth of work that needs to be done in order to bring the area into compliance with state and federal environmental laws and regulations. They are approximately 4 years into that work with the first set of projects totaling about \$600 million. That finished the first phase of funding, and they are looking to start the next five years of funding that will support the program and allow them to continue their work towards compliance with state and federal environmental laws and regulations. Concerning new material, he discussed the following: Proposal of an increase in rates of about 60% over a 5 year period. Currently, the average residential property owner pays about \$22.38 per month for sanitary service, which is approximately \$10 below the national average of \$32.00 per month. They are proposing to bring the rate to \$36.79 by 2012. Besides the sanitary rates, the district is currently looking to do something about the storm water rates. The district has had to

charge to provide storm water services since its inception in 1954. There has never been a rate or revenue stream to fund that. EPA federal regulations do not allow them to collect sanitary rates and use them for storm water. They are proposing a revenue stream to provide a storm water utility, which would be determined by how much storm water is generated on a specific property. Other problems that need to be addressed are backyard flooding, creek erosion, creek flooding, and maintenance of retention ponds. The district is proposing is a sub-district process that allows them to lay out taxing sub-districts and allows them to have people vote on whether or not they want to be charged an additional amount of money to provide additional storm water services. In response to specific questions, Hoelscher offered the following additional information: The increase in the sanitary rates is not a ballot issue, but rather a rate issue. The tax for enhanced services would be November 2007 at the earliest, but probably 2008.

- 8) **Old Business** – Alderman DiPlacido brought up the fact that he is still getting complaints from residents on Blossom regarding the entry into Walgreens that is opposite of their street. He stated that he has gone up and observed the traffic there, and noticed that the east bound traffic that is turning into Walgreens is occasionally hindering people that are trying to make lefts into Blossom. This creates a traffic pileup in both directions, which is potentially a dangerous situation. He questioned the possibility of putting a no left turn sign at the entrance. Discussion followed among Mayor Morgan, Alderman DiPlacido, and City Administrator Liyeos. Mr. Liyeos stated that he would contact the company that did the traffic survey in 2005. Alderman Scherry made a motion to have the traffic commission look into the problem of Walgreens at Manchester. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Barnard and passed by voice vote. Alderman Redmond brought up a question on street repairs on Oakleaf. Mr. Liyeos replied that the repairs had been completed and it will be that way until April.
- 9) **Minutes of Previous Meetings**
 - a) Minutes of the meeting from January 2, 2007
Alderman Redmond made a motion to approve the minutes from January 2, 2007. The motion was seconded by Alderman Johnson and passed by voice vote.
- 10) **New Business** – Alderman DiPlacido had a complaint from some residents on Tavalon who lost their power. When he talked to them on Monday afternoon, they informed him that their power had gone out on Saturday evening and it was the third time in 6 months that their power had gone out for an extended period of time. Alderman DiPlacido wondered about the board writing a letter to Ameren UE expressing its dissatisfaction with their ability to maintain consistent reliable service to all of Rock Hill’s residents. Mayor Morgan thought the letter was a good idea. It was decided that Alderman DiPlacido would write the first draft of the letter.
- 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: (NONE)

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SECOND READING AND OR ADOPTION:

- a) **Bill No. 1691:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF ROCK HILL MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 370 VIOLATIONS BUREAU BY ADDING THERETO A CERTAIN NEW SECTION REGARDING FINES.

A motion was made by Alderman Johnson to have the second reading, by title only, of Bill No. 1691. The motion was seconded by Alderman Scherry and carried by voice vote. The City Attorney proceeded with the reading. A motion was made by Alderman Scherry to approve the second reading. The motion was seconded by Alderman Johnson. The City Administrator recorded the following roll call vote in favor of the motion: Redmond, DiPlacido, Johnson, Barnard, and Scherry. The motion carried and Bill No. 1691 became Ordinance No. 1616.

- b) **Bill No. 1692:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, MISSOURI, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH AT&T MISSOURI FOR THE PROVISION OF VIDEO SERVICES IN THE CITY.

A motion was made by Alderman Scherry to table the reading of Bill No. 1692. It was seconded by Alderwoman Barnard and passed by voice vote.

- c) **Bill No. 1681:** Alderman Scherry made a motion to un-table Bill No. 1681 that was tabled back on September 5, 2006 for a second reading on the February 20, 2007 meeting. It was seconded by Alderwoman Barnard. Lengthy discussion followed and passed by voice vote.

12) Departmental Reports

- a) Fire-Briefing regarding LAGER's enrollment letter.

Fire Chief Kevin Halloran reported that they are still working on the LAGER's and they will have it to the board by Thursday. He stated the following information regarding 2006: The department ran 932 calls, which is the most that the city has ever run. They had 518 calls within Rock Hill – 300 were EMS and 218 were fire related. Mutual aid calls totaled 414, with 12 being EMS and 402 being fire related. There were a total of 7 working fires within the city of Rock Hill and the department assisted on 25 working fires outside the city. They moved up 2 other agencies to backfill 6 times. They installed 164 car seats, 53 smoke detectors and 90 smoke detector batteries. The fire truck that they were looking at is no longer available.

- b) Police-Briefing regarding LAGER's enrollment letter.

Police Chief Paul Arnett reported that they have only had 2 calls for wires down—on Tavalon and Barcia. Officer Colvin, who is now first Vice President of the Missouri Juvenile Association, has helped them raise more money than they have ever raised before. The money is used to retrain other officers in juvenile matters. He also discussed a pilot program that has been started as a universal ID card system for police and fire for natural disasters or terrorist attack incidents.

- c) Public Works and Parks

Al Hayden with the Parks Department reported that there were 5 entrants in the holiday decorating contest this year. The winner was Floyd Todd, 2401 Rockford. He will be receiving a gift certificate for Hacienda for winning. They did receive a \$170,000 grant for the Stroup Field improvement. The project will not be started until after this ball season, probably in September. Per Ron Meyer, there was no damage to the city and he did not have to call people in. On the previous storm at the beginning of December, he has completed the information for FEMA reimbursement. Right now Public Works is concerned with filling pot holes throughout the city. Regarding the mulched branches

from previous storms that are being stored at the back end of the nature trail, they will be using some of those for mulching their trees and along the walking trail. They would like to do something to make the rest available to the residents at no cost.

13) City Attorney Items

- a) Suggestion on meeting procedures for reading and accepting ordinances.

City Attorney Ken Heinz spoke about protocol on motions. It is not necessary to move to accept the first reading or the second reading, but it is still being done. He suggests that rather than making all of these motions, the board pass things by consent to make things more efficient.

14) Mayor's Report

- a) Mayor Morgan reported that the city overall fared reasonably well in the last storm, and expressed her frustration with Ameren UE.

15) City Administrator's Report

- a) Date for TIF Commission Organizational Meeting set for January 30th, at 7:00 p.m. here at City Hall.

Mr. Liyeos stated that he should have an agenda out sometime early next week.

- b) A Request for Proposals has been issued for Radio Dispatching Services for Police & Fire.

- 16) 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 Alderman Scherry to proceed to closed session. The motion is seconded by Alderwoman Barnard. Voting by roll call, in favor of the motion were: Redmond, Johnson, Barnard, and Scherry. Voting against the motion: DiPlacido. The motion carried.

- 17) Return to Open Session (if necessary)**—Board approval of any closed session actions.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Barnard to return to open session. It was seconded by Alderman Johnson and carried by voice vote.

18) ADJOURN

Alderman Scherry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Johnson and carried by voice vote.