

**CITY OF ROCK HILL
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2007
7:00PM**

- 1) Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00p.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:
T.J. Redmond, Daniel DiPlacido, Mary Wofford, Sheri McCann, and Philip Scherry.
Absent: Edward Johnson-Excused.
- 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.*

Mary McDowell 911 Blossom Lane: Parking problems, broken glass, Left turn problems onto Manchester, logs left behind property from AmerenUE. Mayor Morgan stated that Ameren is aware of the logs and will pick up. George Liyeos responded in reference to Hacienda's parking. There has been a traffic study being conducted by the Police Department, and the City is working with Hacienda to alleviate this problem.

Ron Milligan Blossom Lane: Additional issue with Papa John's trucks making late deliveries after 10 p.m.

Alderman DiPlacido inquired about the possibility of inserting a center turn lane on Manchester and petitioning MODOT to do that. He states that the left turn into Walgreen's is a safety issue.

Alderwoman McCann responded that this had been looked into before and MODOT would not do this unless the City paid for it. As for Walgreen's, it was MODOT who signed off on the allowance of the left turn and not the City.

Tim O'Donnell 905 Blossom Lane: Also voiced concerns regarding same issues.

Jeff Wilson on 9701 Greenwood Terrace, issue regarding people parking on both sides of the street, while there are games going on at Steger School fields. Residents cannot get through, nor could the fire department. Issues remain with the visual of the Johnny on the Spot, at the baseball field location. Mayor Morgan stated that the City will work with the School District to alleviate the situation, and come up with a compromise.

Donna Dunlop 9702 Mueck Terrace: Asked that signs be erected for "No Steger Event Parking" and can a new location be found for the Port A Potty's.

Bob Weider 1028 Charleville: Gave his account about his recollection of when he was on Planning and Zoning with respect to the entrance and exit for Walgreen's.

Alderman DiPlacido provided information about his discussion with the School District about the allowance of two parking spaces on Mueck for the equipment managers and all other parking was to be located elsewhere.

Nicole Ehlert said her street has been transformed from a quiet residential street into a very high traffic street. She would also like to see the Port A Potties enclosed.

Mike Dunlop 9702 Mueck Terrace: Provided numerous pictures of the problem of parking during athletic events and perceived this to be a serious safety concern.

Alderwoman McCann mentioned her concern regarding the lanes being narrowed on Rock Hill Road during the construction in the area and her concern for her and others safety.

- 6) **Public Hearings:** Don Cary briefed the Board that based upon the information provided to calculate the reassessment of the proposed residential real estate, commercial real property and personal property tax rates for the calendar year 2007, there will be a decrease in the rates, from calendar year 2006, of approximately 4 cents. No comments offered from the public.
- 7) **Announcements, Presentations, Proclamations, Communications and Invitations:**
 - a) Communication from Tony LaMantia of Allied Waste and Gary Gilam: Volume has gone up considerably with the inception of recycling carts in April 2007, an overall 118% over base volume since 2003.
 - b) Communication from NOVUS regarding RPA-1 Market at Mc Knight Development: No representative present.
- 8) **Old Business:** None
- 9) **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Alderman Scherry moved to approve the minutes, from the meeting of July 17. Alderwoman McCann seconds. Motion carries.
- 10) **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a) Approval of Liquor License for 7-Eleven. Motion made by Alderwoman McCann for approval. The motion is seconded by Alderwoman Wofford. Upon voice vote the motion carries unanimously.
 - b) Warrant List-Motion made by Alderman Scherry for approval. The motion is seconded by Alderwoman McCann. Upon voice vote the motion carries unanimously.
- 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. 1707:** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND FIXING THE TAX RATES IN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2007 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. Bill No. 1707 was read by City Attorney Heinz by "title" only. The City Attorney further explained that this bill needs to be read a second time and approved so as to be in compliance with State Law before the end of the month. Alderwoman Wofford motions to approve the Bill. Alderwoman McCann seconds the motion. Mayor Morgan proceeded with the roll call vote on the motion: Redmond, DiPlacido, Wofford, McCann, and Scherry. The motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SECOND READING AND OR ADOPTION:

- 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 (TABLED). Alderwoman McCann motions to remove Bill 1681 from the Table. Alderman Redmond seconds the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried. Alderman Scherry has a question about the ten year provision for compliance. Alderman Redmond responds that this time frame has been lengthened

from three years, to five years, and finally ten years in order to promote the idea of change but doing so within a realistic time frame. Alderman DiPlacido voices his concern about the possible unconstitutionality of the proposed sign ordinance regarding religious and issue related signs and asks the City Attorney to consider the language he has taken from the Ladue Code in reference to this matter. Alderman DiPlacido also inquires about the 30% rule for window signs. Alderman Redmond responds by stating that this number is a slight increase in the allowance and reflects the industry standards with other cities in the area as presently set. Alderwoman McCann expresses her frustrations with the added delay in approving the Bill. The City Attorney agrees to review the Sign Code and provide his comments on the issues presented and any others he may discover.

- c) **Resolution 07-06:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AND AGREEMENT WITH TRAMAR CONTRACTING, INC., FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO STROUP FIELD THAT INCLUDE THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF FENCING, BACKSTOPS, BLEACHERS, PORTABLE SOCCER GOALS AND ALL NECESSARY SITE WORK WHICH WILL BE FINANCED THROUGH THE ST LOUIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL PARKS GRANT COMMISSION RECENTLY AWARDED TO THE CITY.

Alderwoman McCann motioned to approve and adopt the Resolution. Alderman Scherry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

- d) **Resolution 07-07:** READOPTING AND REAFFIRMING THE REQUIREMENTS AND POLICIES OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ETHICS IN LIEU OF THE FILING OF FINANCIAL INTEREST STATEMENTS WITH THE MISSOURI ETHICS COMMISSION.

Alderwoman McCann motioned to approve and adopt the resolution. Alderman Scherry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

- e) **Proclamation** OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEBSTER-ROCK HILL MINISTRIES-The Mayor read the Proclamation in its entirety and officially congratulated them on their 25th Anniversary.

12) **Departmental Reports:**

Public Works and Parks: Thank you for approving the Stroup Field improvements. Fall Festival planning meeting will be Wednesday August 29th 3:00pm at the Park building. Eldorado Court paving is complete, driveway and garage pad poured for the new firehouse. Hot patch repairs on the streets will continue.

Police Department: Two officers attended the funeral of the officer killed in the line of duty in St. Louis. Saturday, September 8th, the family Fun Fair will be held at Hudson Elementary between 9 a.m. and noon. Blossom traffic study was completed July 25-August 6th for a total of 43.5 hours from 8-9am 12-1:00pm and 4-6pm of 914 vehicles turning, only 14 had to wait a minute or longer. The majority were able to make their left hand turns within 1 minute, and none over 2 minutes. This applied also to Kortwright,

Blossom and Manitou. The only option to alleviate these waits would be a left hand turn lane, which is at the discretion of MODOT. Hacienda parking issues can be handled through the department with the reporting of license plates to the department. Mueck Terrace parking issue could be resolved by posting no parking signs on the west side of the street so the fire department could have access.

Fire Department: moving forward on 906 N Rock Hill Road, new firehouse project, rough ins are complete, Ameren should be hooking up next week. Costs have been kept down. Fire and EMS calls have been relatively quiet.

Finance Department: Continuation of business and merchant licensee fee collection, new vendor for the City to order office supplies online with streamlined invoicing, lower rates, same day shipping; free delivery. New construction completed in 2006 was sparse, resulting in low figures for St. Louis County for property tax rates. Purchasing dump truck and pick up truck for Public Works Department, working to get the most prudent interest rate for the purchase. Demolition has been completed for houses on 910-922 N. Rock Hill Road. We have been seeking a small interior design company for the renovation of the New City Hall building. There were only 2 responses to the RFP. Per the Mayor's suggestion, the City will run another ad in the St Louis Business Journal for additional bid proposals on the interior design bid.

13) **City Attorney Report** – None

14) **Planning and Zoning Report:** Sign ordinance reviewed. FedEx-Kinkos sign was approved.

15) **Mayor's Report:**

a) TIF Commission Meeting August 28th. 7:00pm at City Hall

b) There will be a follow up visit with the residents affected by RPA-2 on Sept. 17th

c) Articles for the Fall Newsletter are due now and should be received no later than Monday, August 27th.

d) There will be a Ward Meeting next week.

e) Fall Festival Date is set for October 6th, there are some issues with Hudson Elementary School site, there is a new multi-purpose room being constructed, and will not be completed prior, however the site remains at Hudson.

16) **City Administrator's Report:**

a) Meeting August 23, 2007 dinner will be served beginning at 5 p.m. with Professor Lew Bender at Eden Seminary in the McCarthy Room.

17) **Adjourn-**Alderman Wofford moves to adjourn the meeting. Alderman McCann seconds the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carries unanimously and adjourns at 8:59pm

