



CITY OF ROCK HILL

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CITY OF ROCK HILL MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009 7:00 P.M.

- 1) Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) The following members of the Aldermanic Board were in attendance: Mr. Ed Johnson, Mr. TJ Redmond, Mr. Edward Mahan, Ms. Mary Wofford, Mr. Philip Scherry and Mayor Morgan. Alderwoman Sheri McCann was absent.
- 3) **Emergency Items to be added to the Agenda:** None
- 4) **Citizens to Address the Board:**

Mickey Croyle, 616 County Hills Dr.: Ms. Croyle expressed her concerns related to the relocation of both the city hall and the fire department to Rock Hill Park. She said the move would impact all of Rock Hill by the loss of tennis courts, a fenced playground and a buffer zone. She noted that Rock Hill Park is used extensively and is the only park on the south side of the city. Ms. Croyle asked that when the Comprehensive Plan is updated it should include an examination of the choices for the location of city hall and the fire department.
- 5) **Announcements, Presentations, Proclamations, Communications and Invitations:** None
- 6) **Old Business:** None
- 7) **Minutes of Previous Meetings:** Alderman Sherry moved to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2008 meeting. Alderwoman Wofford seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
- 8) **Treasurer's Report:** Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Ann Robertson summarized the December Warrant. She explained the check to Weis Design the city's engineer. Alderman Johnson moved and Alderman Scherry seconded a motion to pay the bills for December. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
- 9) **Planning and Zoning Report:** City Administrator George Liyeos summarized the agenda for the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on January 7, 2008. Mr. Liyeos also reported that the city has few vacant homes. The few vacant homes in the city are spec homes built by developers. Including a home on Bismark that had been auctioned recently. He asked that the aldermen report any problem vacant homes to staff.
- 10) **New Business:** Alderman Scherry brought up the issue of commercial buildings using large storage containers. The city currently does not require permits or limit the time to have storage containers for commercial buildings. Alderman Scherry made a motion directing staff to create an ordinance addressing portable storage containers in commercial areas. Alderwoman Wofford seconded the motion. The Board discussed the possibility of including construction areas in the ordinance. The motion passed 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: None

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SECOND READING AND OR ADOPTION: None

12) **Departmental Reports**

Police Department: Cpt. Paul Arnett reported the following:

- The two CERT officers, P.O. Sperber and P.O. Crosby attended a FBI course.
- The department went to a mandatory traffic update training at the Police Academy.
- He thanked the Public Works Department for repairing one of the police vehicles; saving the city \$1,200.
- A minor accident occurred due to the recent icy weather. Another driver ran into one of the new police cars.
- Reported on the bank robbery at Boulevard Bank that afternoon.

Fire Department: F.F. Greg Kuester reported the following:

- The firefighters are continuing HazMat training.
- There were no major fires or incidents over the holidays.
- The department is working on the budget for the next fiscal year.

- 13) **City Attorney's Report:** City Attorney Ken Heinz reported that he will be attending the MML's Planning and Zoning Seminar on January 29th. Alderman Scherry asked if there was anything the city needed to do regarding Hutkin/Miller Weingarten's request for an extension. Mr. Heinz responded that there were a few changes that needed to be made. He has a call in to their attorney to discuss the issue.

- 14) **Mayor's Report:** Mayor Morgan wished everyone a Happy New Year. She reported on an email from Geoff George thanking the following business: Clean Cut Creations, Starbucks, Baskin Robbins, Extreme Toys, Shaker's Bath House, Gateway Coating and Supplying, and Goin' Postal for their help with his Christmas light display and citywide party. He also thanked Chris Clark for paying the electric bill for the light display. The collection goal from the holiday party was 2,500 cans of food and \$1,000 for Backstoppers. He collected 2,645 cans of food and \$1,680 for Backstoppers.

She and Alderman Johnson will be participating in the 14th annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on January 18th, at 4:30 p.m. beginning at Webster Groves City Hall.

She discussed the April 19-25 2009 "Show Me Green" sales tax holiday for all Energy Star certified appliances. To participate in the holiday the city must opt in. Alderman Scherry moved and Alderwoman Wofford seconded a motion to approve an ordinance for the city to participate in the sales tax holiday. Discussion included why the city would support this holiday and not the school supply sales tax holiday in August. Reasons given to support this holiday were the limited number of eligible products, encourage updating appliances, and a minimal budgetary impact. The motion passed unanimously.

She announced that the Board of Adjustment will be meeting on January 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. regarding TitleMax's request for relief.

- 15) **City Administrator's Report:** City Administrator George Liyeos reported that staff along with Weis Design has put together a 10 year capital improvement plan regarding residential

streets. He noted that traffic volumes have increased on Rock Hill Road since the reopening of I-64. The city still has a grant to improve Rock Hill Road and design work is occurring now and construction will begin next year. A traffic study for Rock Hill Road has been completed. The plan and the study will be provided to the board in the Week in Review. Lastly, the joint meeting with the Parks Board has been scheduled for February. The comments from the public this evening will be included in the discussion.

He explained the President-elect's economic stimulus plan for capital improvement projects and noted that the city put in several capital improvement items including a new city hall.

Work on O'Day should be completed in the next two weeks. Work on Golden Gate will begin two weeks later.

16) Citizens to Address the Board: None

17) Alderman Scherry moved and Alderman Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Mayor Julie Morgan

Attested to:

Jennifer Yackley, City Clerk