



**CITY OF ROCK HILL**

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**CITY OF ROCK HILL  
MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009  
7:00 P.M.**

- 1) Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) The following members of the Aldermanic Board were in attendance: Mr. TJ Redmond, Mr. Ed Johnson, Mr. Edward Mahan, Ms. Mary Wofford, Mr. Daniel DiPlacido, Mr. Philip Scherry and Mayor Morgan.
- 3) **Citizens to Address the Board:** None
- 4) **Announcements, Presentations, Proclamations, Communications and Invitations:** None
- 5) **Public Hearing**
  - a) **McKnight Crossing TIF-5 Year Status Report**

Mayor Morgan opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Ann Robertson reported that the McKnight Crossing TIF had finished paying on the class A bonds totaling \$1,000,000 on December 1, 2007. The PILOTS and EATS from the TIF are now paying down the class B bonds. The class B bonds are expected to be paid off by December 1, 2011, eight years ahead of schedule.

**Public Comment:** None

Mayor Morgan closed the hearing at 7:07 p.m.

**b) 2009 Tax Rate**

Mayor Morgan opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Ann Robertson explained the proposed tax rates for 2009. She explained that the Board would be setting the rates for the city, library and the debt service. These rates will apply to all residential, commercial and personal property in the city.

**Public Comment:** None

Mayor Morgan closed the hearing at 7:18 p.m.

- 6) **Minutes of Previous Meetings:** Alderman Scherry moved and Alderwoman Wofford seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the July 21, 2009 meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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- 7) **Treasurer's Report:** Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Ann Robertson summarized the July/August warrant. Alderman Scherry moved and Alderman Johnson second a motion to approve the warrant. The motion to approve the July/August warrant passed by a unanimous voice vote.
- 8) **Planning and Zoning Report:** Jennifer Yackley Assistant to the City Administrator/City Clerk summarized the August 5, 2009 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.
- 9) **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. 1757:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, MISSOURI, ADOPTING SECTION 342.030 PERTAINING TO IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES.

City Attorney Paul Martin gave the first reading of **Bill No. 1757**.

- b) **Bill No. 1758:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 120 ARTICLE 1 SECTION 120.010 TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONERS FROM NINE MEMBERS TO FIVE MEMBERS AND GRANT THE ALDERMANIC LIAISON THE RIGHT TO VOTE ON MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

City Attorney Paul Martin gave the first reading of **Bill No. 1758**.

- c) **Bill No. 1759:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE IV-LAND USE, ARTICLE XII-FENCE REGULATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, MISSOURI, AND AMENDING TITLE V-BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION, ARTICLE IV-DRIVEWAY CONSTRUCTION OR MODIFICATION IN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL MUNICIPAL CODE.

City Attorney Paul Martin gave the first reading of **Bill No. 1759**.

- d) **Bill No. 1760:** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND FIXING THE TAX RATES IN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, FOR THE YEAR 2009 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.

City Attorney Paul Martin gave the first reading of **Bill No. 1760**.

Alderman Scherry moved and Alderman Redmond seconded a motion to have the second reading of **Bill No. 1760**. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Alderman Scherry moved and Alderman DiPlacido seconded a motion to adopt **Bill No. 1760**.

Members of the Aldermanic Board voting in favor of the motion were: DiPlacido, Scherry, Redmond, Mahan, Johnson, and Wofford. The motion passed and **Bill No. 1760** became **Ordinance No. 1681**.

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

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- a) **Bill No. 1756:** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH AT&T/SBC LANDLINE AND ASSIGNING A PERCENTAGE OF THE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS TO THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.

Alderman Scherry moved and Alderwoman Wofford seconded a motion to adopt **Bill No. 1756**.

The Board discussed the amount of the settlement that should be assigned to the St. Louis County Municipal League. The ordinance assigns 5%.

Alderman DiPlacido moved to amend the amount given to the Municipal League to 0%.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Alderman Johnson moved and Alderman DiPlacido seconded a motion to amend the amount given to the Municipal League to 0.5%.

The voice vote resulted in a 3-3 tie. The mayor voted against the motion, breaking the tie.

Alderman Scherry moved and Alderwoman Wofford seconded a motion to amend the amount given to the Municipal League to 1%.

The motion passed by a voice vote of 4-2.

Alderman Scherry moved and Alderwoman Wofford seconded a motion to adopt **Bill No. 1756 as amended**.

Members of the Aldermanic Board voting in favor of the motion were: Scherry, Redmond, Mahan, Johnson, Wofford and DiPlacido. The motion passed and **Bill No. 1756** became **Ordinance No. 1682**.

- b) **Resolution 09-20:** A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ROCK HILL, MISSOURI, APPOINTING PAUL MARTIN TO SERVE AS THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF ROCK HILL.

Alderman Scherry moved and Alderwoman Wofford seconded a motion to adopt **Resolution 09-20**.

Alderman Scherry moved and Alderman DiPlacido seconded a motion to amend Section II Part A under Services and Fees to strike the "\$150.00 per hour" and substitute "a monthly retainer of \$610.00".

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Alderman Scherry moved and Alderwoman Wofford seconded a motion to adopt **Resolution 09-20 as amended**.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

- c) **Resolution 09-21:** RESOLUTION REJECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE MISSOURI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE AND WITHHOLDING PAYMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO THE MISSOURI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.

Alderman Redmond objected to the reading of **Resolution 09-21**.

Alderman Scherry moved and Alderman DiPlacido seconded a motion to adopt **Resolution 09-21**.

The Board discussed the Resolution.

The motion failed by a voice vote of 1-5.

## 10) Departmental Reports

Fire Department: FF Greg Kuester reported the following:

- The department assisted Richmond Heights with a fatal fire.
- The department assisted Frontenac with a large house fire.
- The Berkeley Fire Department covered the city while the department was away.
- Fall inspections will begin soon.
- More equipment from the FEMA grant has been ordered.

Police Department: Chief Paul Arnett and Sgt. Ron Zeigler reported the following:

- Sgt. Cox assisted the Major Case squad.
- The department attended National Night Out parties.
- The department will attend the Family Fun Fair at Hudson School on August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The department has received a traffic grant to step up enforcement of child restraint laws.
- Chief Arnett attended the second leadership session at SLU.
- The department will receive \$5,000 for their work on a narcotic drug case.

Parks Department: Parks Director Al Hayden reported the following:

- Rock Hill Movie night was August 8<sup>th</sup>. There were about 65 people this year.
- The city will be working with H3Studios instead of the Lawrence Group on the Trailnet grant.
- The department received the application for the Municipal Parks Grant program.

Public Works Department: Parks Director Al Hayden reported the following:

- The department will be finished with the street repairs to Charlane Ct. by Friday.
- The department will begin hot patch repairs.
- No stormwater issues were reported after the recent heavy rains.

## 11) New Business-Mayor, Board of Aldermen, City Administrator, City Attorney:

- a) Alderwoman Wofford brought up the issue of rental properties not paying for trash pick-up. She asked Staff to look into developing a process to ensure that rental property owners have trash pick-up.
- b) Alderman DiPlacido reported that the orange fencing around the Arco property was falling down in places. Staff responded that they will look into the matter.

- 12) **City Attorney's Report:** No report.
- 13) **Mayor's Report:** Mayor Morgan welcomed Paul Martin as the new city attorney. She announced that Sgt. Ron Zeigler has been chosen as the Grand Marshall for this year's Fall Festival. She attended National Night Out parties in Ward 1 and Ward 3. She will be in Jefferson City on Thursday for a meeting of the Resolutions Committee of the Missouri Municipal League.
- 14) **City Administrator's Report:** City Administrator George Liyeos reported that the Fall Festival would be held at Stroup Field this year. He noted that Hacienda will be providing food and beverages, including alcohol, at the festival. He said that the city's ordinance regarding alcohol in city parks would need to be amended before the festival. Mr. Liyeos summarized the proposed arrangement between the city, the Historic Preservation Commission and the Elijah Lovejoy Society for use of the Fairfax House.
- 15) **Citizens to Address the Board:** None
- 16) **Closed Session**

Alderman Scherry moved and Alderwoman Wofford seconded a motion to go into 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 personnel issues. Members of the Aldermanic Board voting in favor of the motion were: Redmond, Mahan, Johnson, Wofford, DiPlacido and Scherry. The motion passed and the Board went into closed session at 8:37 p.m.
- 17) **Return to Open Session:** The Board returned to open session. No action was taken based on the discussions from the Executive Session.
- 18) Alderman Scherry moved and Alderman DiPlacido seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Julie Morgan

Attested to:

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Jennifer Yackley, City Clerk