

**City of St. Clair
#1 Paul Parks Drive
St. Clair, MO 63077
City Council Meeting
December 7, 2009**

Mayor Blum called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

City Clerk, Chris Fawe called the roll. Present were Mayor Blum, Administrator Arndt, Alderman Tate, Alderman Marrocco, Alderman Pierce, Alderman Counts and Attorney Voss.

Mayor Blum led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Blum asked for approval of the monthly bills from November 12, thru December 3, 2009, and the Board of Alderman meeting minutes from November 16, 2009, Alderman Executive minutes November 16, 2009, Budget Workshop minutes November 19, 2009 and the Collector's Report November 2009.

Mayor Blum asked if there were any questions or discussion before the vote. Alderman Pierce asked why Mayor Blum voted on Ordinance 1562 at the last meeting stating according to chapter 79 he is not allowed to vote unless there was a tie. Attorney Voss stated the city has an ordinance that anytime two Alderman vote in favor of a bill, as long as there is a quorum, the Mayor may join to add the third vote to make it pass. Alderman Pierce stated just drop it then.

Alderman Marrocco made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted and Alderman Counts provided the second.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Awards and Recognition: - Business of the month

Mayor Blum stated the business of the month is Russell Colonial Funeral Home and Nancy Russell was there to accept the award. Mayor Blum thanked Nancy Russell for her many years of service and dedication she has provided to the city.

Ordinances and Resolutions

1. **Resolution 2009-17- A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET SCHEDULE.** Alderman Marrocco made the motion to approve Resolution 2009-17 and Alderman Counts provided the second. Motion carried by voice vote.
2. **Bill No. 2009-51 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION OF ST. CLAIR, MISSOURI TO AMEND THE EXCLUSIVE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL NON-DUMPSTER AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE AGREEMENT WITH IESI FOR A 5 YEAR TERM**

BEGINNING MARCH 1ST 2010 AND ENDING FEBRUARY 28TH , 2015.

David Bahrenberg with IESI stated it has been a pleasure working with the City of St. Clair for the past five years and he feels there is a good partnership and they appreciate the mutual cooperation.

Alderman Marrocco introduced Bill No. 2009-51 for 1st and 2nd reading twice by title only. Mayor Blum read Bill No.2009-51 twice by title only. Alderman Marrocco made the motion to approve Bill number 2009-51 as read and Alderman Counts provided the second.

Mayor Blum asked if there were any questions before the vote.

Board Polls as follows:

Alderman Tate	AYE	Alderman Marrocco	AYE
Alderman Pierce	AYE	Alderman Counts	AYE

Bill 2009-51 becomes Ordinance 1563

3. Bill No. 2009-52 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND AMENDING CERTAIN SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL USERS OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICES PROVIDED BY ST. CLAIR, MISSOURI.

Alderman Counts introduced Bill No. 2009-52 for 1st and 2nd reading twice by title only. Mayor Blum read Bill No.2009-52 twice by title only. Alderman Tate made the motion to approve Bill number 2009-52 as read and Alderman Marrocco provided the second.

Mayor Blum asked if there were any questions before the vote.

Board Polls as follows:

Alderman Tate	AYE	Alderman Marrocco	AYE
Alderman Pierce	AYE	Alderman Counts	AYE

Bill 2009-52 becomes Ordinance 1564

4. Bill No. 2009-53 AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR, MISSOURI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1ST, 2010 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 2010.

This is for review only-seeking approval on 12/21/09 Board meeting.

5. Bill No. 2009-54 AN ORDINANCE MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS; DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR AS A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN ALL PURSUANT TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION REDEVELOPMENT ACT; AND GRANTING OTHER FURTHER AUTHORITY.

Bob Fawe TIF chairperson's presentation is as follows:

It is my pleasure to come before you this evening as Chairman of the St. Clair Tax Increment Finance Commission to present our findings and deliberations.

St. Clair's history leading up to this monumental occasion has not been as bright as some would hope. For one reason or another, we have lost more than our share of opportunities as compared to our sister cities over the years. These losses have had a detrimental fiscal effect on not only our city government but our businesses and citizens as well. We believe that a majority of the people of St. Clair are pro growth as a result.

The Commission heard the testimony of the people of St. Clair at a Public Hearing on October 26th of this year. Those comments were, in our opinion, very supportive of this endeavor.

With that being said, I, as Chairman of the St. Clair TIF Commission urge this Council to approve our findings and recommendations as follows:

- > Approve the Redevelopment Plan [as submitted]
- > Approve the Redevelopment Area [as submitted]
- > Approve the Redevelopment Project [as submitted]

Just as the people have testified in a unanimous way and the TIF Commission has voted in a unanimous way, we ask that this Council also vote unanimously to support the will of the people in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Fawe, Chairman
St. Clair TIF Commission

Mayor Blum thanked Bob Fawe for his hard work and dedication that he has given to the City of St. Clair.

Alderman Marrocco introduced Bill No. 2009-54 for 1st and 2nd reading twice by title only. Mayor Blum read Bill No.2009-54 twice by title only. Alderman Tate made the motion to approve Bill number 2009-54 as read and Alderman Marrocco provided the second.

Mayor Blum asked if there were any questions before the vote.

Alderman Counts asked Administrator Arndt to elaborate on "and granting other further authority" as worded in Bill No. 2009-54. Administrator Arndt explained this meant the City staff had authority to execute any paper work deemed necessary related to the TIF plan. This is outlined on page 5, section (V) in Bill No. 2009-54.

Alderman Pierce stated he noticed the airport was in the TIF plan quite a bit and asked if that meant if it was going to be improved also. Administrator Arndt stated that the airport was part of the redevelopment area, but it is not a current phase or project they are working on. Alderman Pierce told Bob Fawe "good job."

Board Polls as follows:

Alderman Tate	AYE	Alderman Marrocco	AYE
Alderman Pierce	AYE	Alderman Counts	AYE

Bill 2009-54 becomes Ordinance 1565

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. **Park and Recreation Board Appointment-** Mayor Blum stated we have a Parks and Recreation Board Appointment. Administrator Arndt stated Debbie McIntosh is interested in serving on the Parks Board and has helped already at previous park events. Alderman Tate stated he has worked with Debbie already and he feels she would be a great asset to the Board and made the motion to appoint Debbie McIntosh to the Parks and Recreation Board and Alderman Counts provided the second. Alderman Marrocco abstained.
Motion carried by voice vote.

2. **Federal Home Loans Bank of Des Moines Grant** – Mayor Blum stated Administrator Arndt and Farmers and Merchants Bank have been working hard together for this grant. Administrator Arndt stated the City of St. Clair and Farmers and Merchants Bank have been awarded a \$500,000 grant for a Home Owner Rehabilitation Project. This project is slated for the year of 2010. If homeowners qualify for the grant, they could receive up to \$4700.00 to make repairs and/or improvements to their homes. The criteria for selection are based upon a family's income. There is 10% set aside for the elderly and 10% for the physically or mentally disabled.
Administrator Arndt stated the City has received \$2.5 million from MoDOT, \$800,000 East West Gateway, 1.2 million from East West Gateway, and this \$500,000 grant brings the total in grants to around \$5 million in the year 2009.
Alderman Counts asked what would happen if there were not enough qualified applicants for the home improvement grant. Administrator Arndt stated he hopes it will all be used but if not, at least the people that utilized it will benefit from it and the City had this opportunity.

3. **Departmental Spending Freeze-** Administrator Arndt is asking Board approval for a city department- wide spending freeze for the remainder of 2009. Alderman Counts made the motion to approve the spending freeze for the remainder of the year and Alderman Marrocco provided the second.
Mayor Blum asked if there were any questions before the vote.
Motion carried by voice vote.

City Attorney: Kurt Voss - none

Departmental Reports:

1. **Administrator Jim Arndt**

1. Leaf Removal-

Administrator Arndt stated 78 people called in to have leaves picked up from their homes, along with many others who did not call. Administrator Arndt thanked the Public Works and the Board of Alderman for making this project happen. Alderman Marrocco and Alderman Pierce stated their leaves were picked up and they really enjoyed the fact they did not have to do them their selves this year.

2. Kevin Williams of Williams Electric

Administrator Arndt stated he would like to thank Kevin Williams for donating his time, equipment and materials to put up the Christmas lights on the utility poles in the City of St. Clair at no charge.

3. Sanitary Sewer Audit-

Administrator Arndt is asking the Board to approve a proposal for an independent audit for the wastewater plant. Alderman Tate made the motion to approve the proposal from the independent auditor MI2 and Alderman Marrocco provided the second. **Mayor Blum asked if there were any questions before the vote. Motion carried by voice vote.**

- 2. **Public Works: Butch Terry- sick**
- 3. **Police Department: Chief Hammack- sick**
- 4. **Building Inspector: Joe Davis –no report**
- 5. **Planning and Zoning: Myrna Turner - absent**
- 6. **Parks: Kim Arndt – absent**

Other Business:

Mayor and Board Members

- 1. Alderman Marrocco stated the Christmas parade was a huge success and there were many people that attended. The floats were really nice and there were many people that participated in the parade. Alderman Marrocco thanked everyone that came out for the parade. Mayor Blum thanked the Park members for making this a great success.
- 2. Alderman Pierce asked if the door at the Senior Center had been repaired. Administrator Arndt stated it has not been looked at yet! Alderman Pierce stated there is also water that stands near the doorway.

Public Participation: Nancy Russell stated she will be removing the old sign at the Community Center and the new one is now in place.

Motion for Executive Session:

Adjournment: Mayor Blum called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. **Alderman Marrocco made the motion to adjourn and Alderman Counts provided the second.**

Motion carried by voice vote.

Date Approved **12/21/2009**

Attest:

Chris Fawe, City Clerk

Ron Blum, Mayor

James Arndt, Administrator