

**City of St. Clair
#1 Paul Parks Drive
St. Clair, MO 63077
City Council Meeting
February 1, 2010**

Mayor Blum called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Attorney Voss was absent.

Mayor Blum led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Blum asked for approval of the monthly bills from January 15, thru January 28, 2010 the Board of Alderman meeting minutes from January 18, 2010 and the Public Hearing minutes from January 18, 2010.

Mayor Blum asked if everyone had a chance to review the bills and if there were any questions.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

Awards and Recognition: none

Ordinances and Resolutions

- 1. Bill No. 2010-04- AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND THE MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION OF ST. CLAIR, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF DES MOINES AND FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ST. CLAIR HOME OWNER REHABILITATION PROJECT 2009.**

Alderman Marrocco introduced Bill No. 2010-04 for 1st and 2nd reading twice by title only. Mayor Blum read Bill No.2010-04 twice by title only. Alderman Marrocco made the motion to approve Bill number 2010-04 as read and Alderman Counts provided the second.

Mayor Blum asks if there were questions before the vote.

Board Polls as follows:

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

Bill 2010-04 becomes Ordinance 1571

2. Bill No. 2010-05-AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PLACE A QUESTION ON THE AUGUST 3RD, 2010 BALLOT ESTABLISHING A 4 YEAR TERM FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR.

Alderman Marrocco introduced Bill No. 2010-05 for 1st and 2nd reading twice by title only. Mayor Blum read Bill No.2010-05 twice by title only. Alderman Counts made the motion to approve Bill number 2010-05 as read and Alderman Marrocco provided the second.

Board Polls as follows:

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

Bill 2010-05 becomes Ordinance 1572

Unfinished Business:

1. Small Backhoe Bid Award

Mayor Blum stated the bids were opened at the previous board meeting and read aloud. Administrator Arndt and Director Butch Terry qualified the bids and the lowest and best bidder is Tri-County Equipment Sales for \$14,600.00. Alderman Tate stated there were concerns voiced to him about spending this money in the economic down turn. Administrator Arndt stated this small backhoe was in the budget for 2010 in the capital improvement projects, and did come in under budget. This smaller backhoe will be used to work on water meters in need of removal, replacement, or repair and will fit into tighter areas that the larger equipment cannot fit into now.

Alderman Marrocco made the motion to accept the bid and Alderman Pierce provided the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business:

1. St Clair Home Owner Rehabilitation Project.

The Board was provided with a draft of the application packet that will be made available to the public Tuesday February 2, 2010. These packets will be available at the City Hall, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Chamber of Commerce, Community Center and on-line at the City's website, and Farmers and Merchants website. There will be 100 qualified applications accepted on a first come first serve basis. The grant is for \$500,000.00 divided by 100 awards gives you \$5,000.00 per household. The individual breakdown is \$4700.00 for the rehabilitation project, \$70.00 contingencies, \$200.00 inspection, or permit fees, and \$30.00 for recording fees. There will be a public meeting on February 11, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center to discuss the project and answer, any questions the public may have. There will be a check presentation ceremony for this grant program Wednesday February 3, 2010 at 3:00 in the City Hall gymnasium.

2. St. Clair Merchants Committee Easter Request

Lori Gratzner, chairperson of the St. Clair Merchants Committee, is asking the Board's permission to have the 1st Annual Easter Parade & Spring Festival, Saturday March 27th 2010. The parade will start at 12:00 p.m. at the Mt. Zion Church and proceed through Parkway Village to Main Street ending at the intersection of Highway 47 and Commercial Avenue. The Park Board is recommending a rental fee of \$150.00, provide their own dumpster and clean-up trash after the event, control of parking, signed hold harmless agreement and provide the City with an insurance policy.

Alderman Counts made the motion to approve the parade and spring festival and Alderman Marrocco provided the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Setting Next Meeting Date

The Board is next scheduled to conduct a public hearing on February 15, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. and meet for their regular meeting at 7 p.m. The 15th is Presidents Day and the City offices will be closed. The administration is recommending the public hearing and board meeting be scheduled for Tuesday February 16, 2010 at 6:45 and 7:00 p.m.

Alderman Tate made the motion to approve the next board meeting for February 16 and Alderman Pierce provided the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

City Attorney: Kurt Voss – absent

Departmental Reports:

1. Administrator Jim Arndt

A.) Due to a possible lightning strike Well No. 5 is not working. Bids for repair work on Well No. 5 are as follows.

Flynn Drilling - \$14,863.00 - Harper Drilling \$17,722.00.

Flynn Drilling is the lowest and best bid and the administration is asking board approval to have the repair work done.

Alderman Pierce made the motion to approve Flynn Drilling for the repair work and Alderman Counts provided the second. Motion carried by voice vote. These claims will be submitted to Mirma insurance.

B.) Administrator Arndt is asking the Board to review the revised Personal Policy Manual and bring back any recommendations to the 1st meeting in March.

C.) There will be a bond committee meeting in the Boardroom Tuesday February 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

2. Public Works: Butch Terry- Thanked the Board for the purchase of the backhoe.

3. Police Department: Chief Hammack- no report

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 she and her husband went to the Science Fair and it was amazing to see and she recommends if you missed it this year to go next year.

Public Participation:

1. Diana Love Dierker 840 N. Main asked where the grant applications could be picked up. Administrator Arndt stated they would be available at the City Clerk's Office, Chamber of Commerce, Farmers and Merchants Bank or the Senior Center.

Motion for Executive Session: none

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday February 16, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. Public Hearing and 7 p.m. for the regular board meeting.

Adjournment: Mayor Blum called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. **Alderman Tate made the motion to adjourn and Alderman Counts provided the second.**

Motion carried by voice vote.

Ron Blum, Mayor

Date Approved **3/1/2010**

Attest:

James Arndt, Administrator

Chris Fawe, City Clerk