

**City of St. Clair
#1 Paul Parks Drive
St. Clair, MO 63077
City Council Meeting
April 19, 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, 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 April 1, thru April 15, 2010 the Board of Alderman meeting minutes from April 5, 2010 and the Collectors Report for March 2010.

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

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:

1. Mayor Blum stated the April's Business of the Month is Firehouse Signs and Alderman Counts presented owner Kevin Gotsch with his award.
2. Mayor Blum stated the Community Pride Award for the month of April is the Elks Lodge (Matt Wideman); Administrator Arndt presented the award to Nancy Wideman wife of Matt Wideman.
3. Mayor Blum read the Student Leadership Mayor's Proclamation as follows:



Mayor's Proclamation
Great City of St. Clair, Missouri

WHEREAS, schools sponsor student leadership activities to provide students with early and vital experience in exercising a voice in matters of common concern, reconciling diverse interests, and selecting leaders;

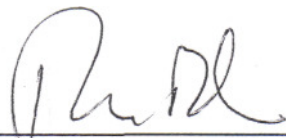
WHEREAS, student leaders are a positive influence on their peers, modeling good character and scholarship in and out of the classroom, and serve as change agents to improve the overall climate and academic performance levels of their schools;

WHEREAS, student leaders do not automatically develop sound leadership skills and require trained, dedicated faculty advisers to help young people develop the essential traits and characteristics of a leader and to provide the positive experiences necessary to expand their skills and foster their paths to becoming effective leaders;

WHEREAS, the support of school administrators and faculty, parents, and community members is necessary to help ensure the successful education of emerging student leaders;

WHEREAS, **National Student Leadership Week** serves as an ideal time to bring attention to the important and integral contributions that student leaders and leadership training makes in our nations' schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ron Blum, the Mayor of the great City of St. Clair, Missouri do hereby proclaim the week of **April 26 - 30, 2010** as "**St. Clair Student Leadership Week**" in support of National Student Leadership Week, and urge citizens to seek opportunities to recognize student leaders in our schools and support their training and activities as they prepare themselves for their future stations as leaders of our cities, states, and nation.



Ron Blum – Mayor of St. Clair

"We're Open for Business!"

Unfinished Business:

1. St. Clair Home Owner Rehabilitation Project

Administrator Arndt stated applications are still being accepted for the local grant project. Eligible applicants have to live within the St. Clair City limits, own their own home, and make less than \$33,950.00 for a household of two or less; or less than \$39,040.00 for a household of three or more. To date, 80 applications have been received at City Hall. There have been approximately eight bids received and reviewed for this for project. Contractors will be contacted by the end of the week to start construction.

New Business:

1. Verification of Election Results April 6, 2010:

Mayor Ron Blum read the official results of the Election Summary Report for the Franklin County Municipal Election conducted on April 6, 2010. Results as follows:

St. Clair Marshall -Total votes 158	Bill Hammack 153	Write in votes 5
St. Clair Ward 1 - Total votes 72	Nathan Tate 69	Write in votes 3
St. Clair Ward 2 - Total votes 80	Travis Dierker 78	Write in votes 2

Alderman Counts stated she very much enjoyed being on the council and has learned a lot. Alderman Counts stated sometimes when the council makes decisions they poll neighbors talk with people at Lewis Café and family members which are things that we should do, but when it comes to the vote the bigger picture must be looked at and to do what is best for the community ,City, and state. Alderman Counts stated the council votes influence so many more than just right here. Alderman Counts stated it might not be the popular vote but think of what is best for the whole community when you vote. Alderman Counts stated she appreciates everything that has been done for her, she has very much enjoyed being on the council, and she knows Travis Dierker will do a great job.

Recess: Mayor Blum called for a recess of the meeting

City Clerk, Chris Fawe, swore-in St. Clair Marshal Bill Hammack, Alderman Ward 1, Nathan Tate and Alderman Ward 2, Travis Dierker.

Mayor Blum thanked Alderman Counts for everything she has done for the city. Mayor Blum stated she has been a true inspiration for a lot of us and she will be missed. Mayor Blum stated he is sure the board has her interest as well as the citizen's interest in mind and we will carry on.

Mayor Blum re-opens the meeting:

Roll Call:

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

New Business Continued:

1. Election of the Board President:

Alderman Tate nominated Alderman Marrocco for Board President and Alderman Pierce provided the second. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

2. Appointment of Committees:

Alderman Marrocco nominated Alderman Dierker to the Planning and Zoning Board and Alderman Tate provided the second. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Alderman Tate nominated Alderman Marrocco to the Parks and Recreation

Board and Alderman Dierker provided the second. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

3. 2010 Asphalt Resurface Bid Openings:

Mayor Blum stated the bids are for the proposed asphalt-resurfacing portion of the City's 2010 Transportation Improvement Plan. Bids are as follows:

County Asphalt and Paving – three streets – Total base bid \$42,248.00

West Contracting – three streets - Total base bid \$47,353.00

Alderman Marrocco made a motion to have Administrator Arndt review and qualify the bids and bring them back to the next meeting and Alderman Pierce provided the second.

Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Bill No. 2010-16- AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A ZONING DISTRICT MAP FOR THE CITY OF ST. CLAIR.

Alderman Marrocco introduced Bill No. 2010-16 for 1st and 2nd reading twice by title only. Mayor Blum read Bill No.2010-16 twice by title only. Alderman Marrocco made the motion to approve Bill number 2010-16 as read and Alderman Pierce provided the second.

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

Board Polls as follows:

Alderman Tate	AYE	Alderman Marrocco	AYE
Alderman Pierce	AYE	Alderman Dierker	AYE

Bill 2010-16 becomes Ordinance 1583

2. Bill No. 2010-17-AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CORPORATION OF ST. CLAIR, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO THE 2010-2015 ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT AND THE APPROVAL OF SUBSEQUENT SIDELETTERS WITH INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL NO. 148, AFL-CIO.

Administrator Arndt stated there were four meet and confer sessions and he admired the professionalism, honesty and respect on both sides. There is a side letter that refers to vacation carry over and a side letter regarding James Terry will go to an hourly rate of \$21.21. There will also be a side letter that when a sanitary sewer employee receives a certification that they do not already have they will receive a .25 cent increase per hour if our sanitary sewer plant is required to hold a Class A certification.

Patrick Lynch business representative for the Operating Engineers, Local No. 148 thanked Mayor Blum and the Board for the opportunity to speak before them. Mr. Lynch stated there were four full days of meet and confer meetings. Mr. Lynch stated when this process is started both parties have a wish list that they try to meet. Mr. Lynch stated there was a medium

ground found between the two parties and both sides felt it was a fair and equitable agreement. Mr. Lynch stated that earlier this afternoon the union members voted to accept the negotiated proposal from the City. Mr. Lynch stated he was there to ask the Board to endorse, as the ordinance states, to enter into this agreement. Mr. Lynch stated, in closing, he would like to say the City had a talented and able City Administrator and to keep him around.

Alderman Pierce asked what was going to be done with James Terry's position. Administrator Arndt stated James Terry would act as Director of Public works with the same pay until a replacement is found.

Alderman Pierce stated the City is currently under a hiring freeze resolution 2009-5. Administrator Arndt stated the hiring freeze would have to be lifted to fill the vacant spot. Alderman Pierce asked what is wrong with Mr. Terry staying in that position. Administrator Arndt stated he had the option to stay in his position and he chose not to. Alderman Pierce stated he understood Mr. Terry was not given a choice. Administrator Arndt stated he was given a choice and he elected not to stay in that position.

Alderman Tate introduced Bill No. 2010-17 to be read in its entirety three times. Mayor Blum read Bill No.2010-17 three times in its entirety.

Alderman Marrocco made the motion to approve Bill number 2010-17 as read and Alderman Tate provided the second.

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

Board Polls as follows:

Alderman Tate	AYE	Alderman Marrocco	AYE
Alderman Pierce	NAY	Alderman Dierker	AYE

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City Attorney: Kurt Voss – no report

Departmental Reports:

1. Administrator Jim Arndt

A.) MML Dinner

The MML dinner is this Wednesday April 21, 2010 hosted by Franklin County with the social hour beginning at 6:00 pm. and dinner is at 7:00pm.

B.) Prepared budget reduction strategy

There will be pre-pared budget reduction strategy for the board to consider at the next board meeting on May 3, 2010.

C.) Permission to hire a contractor to remove sludge

Administrator Arndt is asking the board's permission to hire a licensed contractor to remove 100,000 gallons of sludge. Two contractors were contacted, one was not interested, and All-Weather gave a bid of .16 or .22 cents a gallon depending on their disposal site.

Alderman Marrocco made the motion to approve the sludge removal and Alderman Pierce provided the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

D.) Recognized as Tree City USA

This is the second year the City has been recognized as Tree City USA. We had the largest turnout so far on April 3, 2010. The celebration event in Des Peres will be on April 30, 2010 this year.

E.) Emergency Sewer Project

The City spent \$8,580.00 for the emergency sanitary sewer repair. Bids were received from two contractors and the job was completed in full by the next day.

F.) MML Training Seminar

This year's training seminar is in Jefferson City on June 17, 18, 2010. If anyone would like to attend, they are to let Administrator Arndt know.

G.) Pool Clean up Event

Administrator Arndt thanked the volunteers for the pool clean up. There were approximately 60 volunteers this year.

H.) Hiring of the new Public Works Director

Administrator Arndt is seeking permission from the board to authorize himself to start the search. There is a hiring freeze in effect that would have to be temporarily lifted.

Alderman Marrocco made the motion to temporarily lift the hiring freeze to search for a new Public Works Director and the second was provide by Alderman Dierker.

Alderman Pierce stated it was written that Mr. Terry was given two future employment options and it was done voluntarily. Administrator Arndt stated he had two options; he could stay as Public Works Director and give up the union or he could go into the union and give up Public Works Director. Alderman Pierce ask if it was worth giving up the union to have to hire another man when we have one that already knows what he is doing. Administrator Arndt stated, yes, it is and that was stressed through the whole process. Alderman Pierce stated he was not in favor of it.

Motion carried by voice vote.

2. **Public Works: Butch Terry- absent**
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: - none

Public Participation: - none

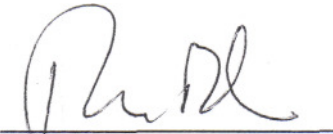
Motion for Executive Session: none

Re-Opening of Open Meeting

Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday May 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Mayor Blum called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. **Alderman Pierce made the motion to adjourn and Alderman Dierker provided the second.**

Motion carried by voice vote.



Ron Blum, Mayor

Date Approved **5-3-2010**



James Arndt, Administrator

Attest:



Chris Fawe, City Clerk