

**MINUTES OF THE
STE. GENEVIEVE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY - MARCH 23, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Greminger called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL. Roll call by City Clerk Pam Meyer showed the following members present:

Mayor Richard Greminger

Alderman Gary Smith

Alderman Bob Donovan

Alderman Rick Huck

Alderman Randy Ruzicka

Alderman Tom Couch

Alderman Mike Jokerst

Alderman Joe Prince

Absent: Alderman Donnie Stuppy

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. A motion by Alderman Huck, second by Alderman Prince to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Stuppy absent.

PRESENTATION/AWARDS. None.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES. None.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT. (See Attached Report)

STAFF REPORTS.

Sandra Cabot, Tourism Director. (See Attached Report)

Steve Wilson, Alliance Water Local Manager (See Attached Report) Mr. Terry Merritt whom previously served as Regional Manager with Alliance Water Resources announced that he has been promoted to director with the company and Mr. Evan Roma, and Mr. Tony Sneed will be replacing Terry as regional manager. Mr. Merritt introduced both Mr. Roma and Mr. Sneed to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Eric Bennett, Police Chief (See Attached Report) At this time Chief Bennett introduced Mr. Houston Meyer who is active with Hope Outdoors. Hope Outdoors is a Christian Ministry that offers ill and otherwise challenged children opportunities to go turkey hunting and Mr. Meyer is seeking permission to allow target practice for the individuals that are participating in the hunt on Friday, April 7, 2017 on the grounds of the First Baptist Church on Basler Drive. Mr. Meyer explained that each hunter is required to go through a hunter safety course prior to the hunt on Saturday morning April 8th. The maximum number of shots would be approximately 30 and they would be firing into a large three sided round bale bunker at approximately fifteen steps. The Board members did not see any issues with this but suggested that Mr. Meyer contact surrounding property owners to let them know this will be taking place. Chief Bennett concurred that with the type of gun being used, and the location and the placement of the bunker, he does not see an issue with it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

At this time Mayor Greminger spoke about some recent comments that had been made regarding the transparency of City Hall and the rudeness or conduct of the staff at City Hall. Mayor Greminger stated he has tried to make sure that things were transparent as possible and believes that City Hall is very transparent. As far as the rudeness or conduct of our staff, Mayor Greminger stated that over the years they City may have had employees here and there that should have possibly treated individuals better, but that comes and goes with the individuals and believes the current staff works hard on trying to help individuals as much as they possibly can. Sometimes the employees have to say no to people and try to make them understand the reason.

Mr. Paul Hassler, 348 Academy addressed the Mayor and Board and stated that the comments Mayor Greminger was referring to were made by him and that he would like to clarify that they were not directed towards city hall employees but some of the members of the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Hassler stated he never intended to say that the workers in city hall were rude.

Kara Burt with Downtown Renewal reported to the Mayor and Board. The Wayfinding sign project has been delayed and a new list of businesses are in the making and a new proposal will hopefully be brought back to the Board of Alderman sometime in April. The current plans include each business that participates to pay for their own sign. Ms. Burt stated that Downtown Renewal does have a budget for the project which includes a matching grant. Downtown Renewal will also be hosting Lip Sync Battle during the Fourth Friday Art Walk at 7:00 p.m. at the Orris as fundraiser. Downtown Renewal is also hosting a shop tour (April 5th) for downtown businesses so the owners know what other shops have to offer. It will start at 5:00 p.m. at the Welcome Center. Ms. Bert reported that seventy two percent of the downtown merchants have joined the merchant partnership program. Derby Day will be May 6th in the Lion's Club park.

Mr. Carl Wehner, 1158 Valle Springs Trail addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman concerning the vehicle replacement plan for the Fire Department that Mayor Greminger presented to the Board of Aldermen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS. None.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Minutes - Board of Aldermen - Regular Meeting - March 9, 2017. A motion by Alderman Prince, second by Alderman Ruzicka to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Alderman meeting of March 9, 2017. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Stuppy absent.

Minutes - Board of Aldermen - Closed Session - March 9, 2017. A motion by Alderman Ruzicka, second by Alderman Smith to approve the minutes of the closed session of March 9, 2017 of the Ste. Genevieve Board of Aldermen. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Stuppy absent.

Treasurer's Report - February, 2017. A motion by Alderman Huck, second by Alderman Couch to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2017. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Stuppy absent.

RESOLUTION 2017- 05. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI ADOPTING A PLAN FOR EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FOR THE STE. GENEVIEVE FIRE DEPARTMENT. A motion by Alderman Huck, second by Alderman Donovan to approve Resolution 2017-05 adopting a plan for equipment replacement for the Ste. Genevieve Fire Department. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Stuppy absent.

OLD BUSINESS

BILL NO. 4152. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE'S PERSONNEL MANUAL SECTION 801: "ALCOHOL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TESTING POLICY" IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADOPTING THE REVISED SECTION AS SET FORTH BELOW. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Jokerst, second by Alderman Ruzicka, Bill No. 4152 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderman Richard Huck, Alderman Joe Prince, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Randy Ruzicka, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Gary Smith and Alderman Tom Couch Nays: None Absent: Alderman Donald Stuppy, Motion carried 7-0-1. Thereupon Bill No. 4152 was declared Ordinance No. 4089 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 4153. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE AND THE STE. GENEVIEVE MUNICIPAL BAND. 2nd READING. A motion by Alderman Smith, second by Alderman Prince, Bill No. 4153 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderman Richard Huck, Alderman Joe Prince, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Randy Ruzicka, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Gary Smith and Alderman Tom Couch Nays: None Absent: Alderman Donald Stuppy, Motion carried 7-0-1. Thereupon Bill No. 4153 was declared Ordinance No. 4090 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS. None.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

MAYOR/BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMUNICATION.

Street Closure Request from the Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital to close the intersection of Main and Jefferson on Friday April 28, 2017 for the Art of Women's Health 5K Run/Walk. A motion by Alderman Huck, second by Alderman Smith to approve the street closure for Friday, April 28, 2017 for the Art of Women's Health 5K walk/run. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Stuppy absent.

Mr. Jimmie Jones is seeking approval from the Ste. Genevieve Board of Aldermen for a demolition permit to remove the 20' x 26' garage located behind the house at 415 Rozier Street. A motion by Alderman Smith, second by Alderman Donovan to approve the demolition request for Mr. Jimmie Jones. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Stuppy absent.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION. A motion by Alderman Couch, second by Alderman Prince to go into closed session to discuss litigation matters as authorized by Section 610.021(1), RSMO, and real estate acquisition matters as authorized by Section 610.021(2), RSMO. Motion carried 7-0-1 with the following roll call: Ayes: Alderman Richard Huck, Alderman Joe Prince, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Randy Ruzicka, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Gary Smith and Alderman Tom Couch Nays: None Absent: Alderman Donald Stuppy 6:20 p.m.

A motion by Alderman Prince, second by Alderman Ruzicka to come out of closed session. Motion carried 7-0-1 with the following roll call: Ayes: Alderman Richard Huck, Alderman Joe Prince, Alderman Bob Donovan, Alderman Randy Ruzicka, Alderman Mike Jokerst, Alderman Gary Smith and Alderman Tom Couch Nays: None Absent: Alderman Donald Stuppy. 6:39 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT. A motion by Alderman Couch, second by Alderman Smith to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Stuppy absent. 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pam Meyer
City Clerk