

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012; 6:30 P.M.
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
901 NORTH ELM STREET**

Presiding: Mayor William S. Jenks, III

Council Members in Attendance: Monty Jordan, Greg Sawyer, Susan Eudaly, Gary Hicks, Don Morris, Jim Williams, Carrolyn Bolin, and Tony Bahr

Council Members Absent: William Lindgren, Jr., Stan Spadoni, Lou Magdits, and Fran Mazanec

Department Directors in Attendance: Fire Chief Robert Williams, Public Works Director Steve Hargis, Recreation Center Director Scott Caron, Police Chief Mark Kearse, Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson, and Community Development Director John Petersen

Other City Officials in Attendance: City Administrator John Butz, City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost, Communications Director Scott Grahl, and City Clerk Carol Daniels

Mayor Jenks called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and asked a member of the Ministerial Alliance to give the invocation.

Following the invocation, Councilman Jim Williams led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

II. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

(A) Fourth Quarter 2011/Year End Tourism and 2012 Marketing Reports: Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Stevie Kearse provided an overview of the Fourth Quarter 2011/Year End Tourism Report and the 2012 Marketing Efforts.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None.

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IV. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Jenks asked that Item IV. D. be considered at this point in the meeting.

(D) Motion to Close Certain Streets During St. Pat's Celebration: Public Works Director Steve Hargis outlined the requested street and parking lot closures from Wednesday, March 14 through Saturday, March 17 for the 2012 St. Pat's celebration. Additionally, he noted City Hall would be used as a staging area for the bands from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 17.

Mr. Tim Chapman, a member of the St. Pat's Board, told the Council more bands would be participating in this year's celebration. Some of the bands participating are Chevelle, Middle Class Rut, and Terrapin Moon.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Williams and seconded by Eudaly to approve the closing of the requested streets and parking lots during the 2012 St. Pat's Celebration. A voice vote on the motion showed eight ayes, zero nays, and four absent. Motion carried.

(A) Motion to Proceed with Debt Refinancing/Refunding Scenarios: City Administrator John Butz recalled the prospect of refinancing a couple of outstanding bond issues was discussed by the Council in December 2011. The bond issues include the G.O. Bond in 2004 for street improvements and storm sewers, and a couple of combined leased projects (the City-wide energy efficiency project and City Hall renovations). Mr. Butz reported staff requested qualifications statements for both Underwriter and Financial Advisory services. Since the roles of an Underwriter and Financial Advisor are different, staff would like to take this opportunity to experiment with them. Traditionally, the City has used an underwriter in the past. He said staff is recommending the G.O. bond refunding be awarded to Piper Jaffray for Financial Advisory Services and the lease/purchase refinancing/special obligation bond be awarded to Oppenheimer & Company for Underwriting Services. By doing this, Mr. Butz said staff would be able to compare the best method. Once selected, the firms would address the Council about the process of a negotiated sale or a negotiated bidding of the sale. The companies believe the savings would be anywhere from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year, which is a net present value savings of about \$300,000. This savings is based on what they think interest rates are going to be at the actual time of the issuance. A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Williams to award the G.O. refunding to Piper Jaffray for Financial Advisory Services and the lease/purchase refinancing/special obligation bond to Oppenheimer and Company for Underwriting Services. A voice vote on the motion showed eight ayes, zero nays, and four absent. Motion carried.

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IV. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

(B) Motion to Renew Sharp Road Listing with Investment Realty: City Administrator John Butz said for the past two years the City has listed the Sharp Road property and the former Ransdall Building (9.23 acres) with Investment Realty and the property was originally listed for \$1.7 million. When the listing was renewed in 2010, the Council lowered the price to \$1.5 million. Mr. Butz indicated staff is recommending the renewal of the listing for a one-year term at \$1.5 million. He mentioned the Council might want to consider lowering the list price to \$1.4 million to freshen the listing. After discussion, a motion was made by Bahr and seconded by Morris to renew the listing for the 9.23 acres with Investment Realty and reduce the listing price to \$1.4 million. A voice vote on the motion showed eight ayes, zero nays, and four absent. Motion carried.

(C) Motion to Approve Missouri S&T Stormwater Cost Share: Public Works Director Steve Hargis said staff is proposing a cost-share with the Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T) for storm sewer improvements in the area of the Gale Bullman Multipurpose Building and Athletic Fields, located at Highway 63 and Tenth Street. He proposed to the Council the City provide the materials to the University for installation in conjunction with their parking lot improvements and the University would bear all costs of installation. Mr. Hargis pointed out this would increase the capacity of the storm sewer to that of a ten-year storm. He informed the Council the \$100,000 needed for the materials is not included in the current budget. Mr. Hargis said staff is recommending the \$100,000 be taken from the Street Fund reserve account and replaced during the 2012-2013 budget. After discussion, a motion was made by Eudaly and seconded by Sawyer to authorize staff to proceed with the Missouri S&T storm water cost share. A voice vote on the motion showed eight ayes, zero nays, and four absent. Motion carried.

(D) Motion to Close Certain Streets During St. Pat's Celebration: At the request of Mayor Jenks, this item was considered earlier in the meeting, immediately before Item IV. A. above.

V. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS

(A) Resolution to Award Bid for Holloway House Roof Replacement: Mayor Jenks suggested consideration of this item be delayed until more Council members could be present.

VI. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

(A) Councilman Morris: Councilman Morris indicated the City Council's role is to provide the best quality of life for this community with the tax dollars that are available. In order to do that, he said it is important that Rolla's businesses be as productive as possible. Mr. Morris suggested a letter be sent from the City to the business community asking them to submit their ideas as to how the City Council might help improve their business. Chamber of Commerce President Mike Thompson indicated he would encourage the business owners to respond to the City's letter. Mr. Morris asked the Council members to consider this idea and to share their feelings with him.

(B) Councilman Sawyer: Councilman Sawyer pointed out drivers do not seem to be aware of the crosswalk located at Tenth and Main Streets. He asked if there is any way to make the crosswalk more visible to drivers so an accident can be avoided.

Mayor Jenks added the same problem is occurring at the crosswalks on Pine Street.

City Administrator John Butz commented this issue surfaced during the past two weeks due to a similar request for a crosswalk leading to Leach Theater across from the parking lot. Public Works Director Steve Hargis has mentioned better signage and lighting is needed, but it would cost about \$100,000 to sign and light every crosswalk. Mr. Butz said staff is currently exploring this matter with the University, specifically regarding the Pine Street and Tenth Street crosswalks, to see if they would be willing to partner with the City on the lighting and signage costs.

VII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mayor Jenks opened the floor to anyone wishing to address the Council. No one present responded.

VIII. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

(A) City Council Park Workshop: City Administrator John Butz reminded the Council the City Council Park Workshop would be held on Monday, February 27 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. He said Council needs to be really engaged in this issue. Mr. Butz added the second Council Workshop, pertaining to the Department

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VIII. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (continued)

(A) City Council Park Workshop (continued): of Natural Resources (DNR) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, would be held on March 26. He told the Council these regulations would begin to affect the City this year.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Eudaly and seconded by Bolin to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to RSMo. 610.021 to discuss real estate. A roll call vote on the motion showed the following: Ayes; Hicks, Jordan, Williams, Bahr, Bolin, Eudaly, Sawyer, and Morris. Nays; None. Absent; Magdits, Lindgren, Mazanec, and Spadoni. Motion carried.

The Council adjourned into Executive Session at approximately 7:19 p.m.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION

The Council reconvened into open session at approximately 7:45 p.m.

City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost reported that during Executive Session, the City Council discussed a real estate issue and a vote was taken to authorize staff to obtain an appraisal.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Carol Daniels.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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