

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013; 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, Steven Leonard, Kelly Long, Don Morris, Lou Magdits, Jim Williams, Brian Woolley

Council Members Absent: Jonathan Hines, Susan J. Eudaly, Tony Bahr, and Walt Bowe

Department Directors in Attendance: Public Works Director Steve Hargis, Parks and Recreation Director Scott Caron, Police Chief Mark Kearse, Fire Chief Robert Williams, Community Development Director John Petersen, and Finance Director Steffanie Rogers

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

Mayor Jenks called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and asked Councilman Don Morris to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(A) Public Hearing to Rezone Property Located at 1306 Elm Street from C-1 (Neighborhood Business District) Zoning to R-3 (Multi-Family District) Zoning (Islamic Center): Community Development Director John Petersen informed the Council the subject request is to rezone the property at 1306 Elm Street from C-1 (Neighborhood Business District) zoning to R-3 (Multi-Family District) zoning. He explained the applicants wish to convert the building, previously used as a mosque, into residential use. Mr. Petersen said the applicants plan to construct three apartments with a total of six bedrooms on the two floors. He pointed out R-3 (Multi-Family District) zoned property requires a minimum lot size of 9,000 square feet for three apartments. Mr. Petersen noted the property only has 6,483 square feet. Consequently, the applicants will need to obtain a variance from the Board of Adjustment. He told the Council that last week the Board of Adjustment set aside consideration of this request, due to the lack of a quorum, but plans to consider it during their December 5, 2013, meeting. Mr. Petersen reported the Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval of the requested zoning. He added the applicant has requested the Council consider the first and final readings of the subject ordinance.

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I. PUBLIC HEARINGS (continued)

(A) Public Hearing to Rezone Property Located at 1306 Elm Street from C-1 (Neighborhood Business District) Zoning to R-3 (Multi-Family District) Zoning (Islamic Center) (continued): After a brief discussion, Mayor Jenks opened the public hearing to anyone wishing to address the Council concerning the subject-rezoning request.

Mr. Jim Larson, Larson Construction, 11025 Emerald Ridge, Rolla, Missouri, addressed the Council on behalf of the Islamic Center. He explained the plans for the property are to remodel the inside of the structure only, with no changes to the footprint.

No one else present addressed the Council concerning the subject-rezoning request. Mayor Jenks closed the public hearing.

City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the following proposed ordinance for its first reading, by title. ORDINANCE NO. 4122: AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1306 NORTH ELM STREET FROM C-1 (NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT) ZONING TO R-3 (MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT) ZONING (ISLAMIC CENTER). A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Long to suspend the rules and that the ordinance be read for its final reading, by title. A voice vote on the motion showed eight ayes, zero nays, and four absent. Motion carried. Ms. Buschjost then read the proposed ordinance for its final reading, by title. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Long to approve the proposed ordinance. A roll call vote on the motion showed the following: Ayes; Leonard, Woolley, Williams, Magdits, Jordan, Morris, Long, and Sawyer. Nays; None. Absent; Bowe, Hines, Bahr, and Eudaly. Motion carried. The ordinance passed.

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

(A) Presentation by Mr. Kelly Beets, Senior Loss Control Consultant, MIRMA: Mr. Kelly Beets, Senior Loss Control Consultant with MIRMA (Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management Association) presented Police Chief Mark Kears with an award in recognition of the Police Department's participation in MIRMA's Risk Management Awards Program. Mr. Beets explained a check for \$3,375 would be issued to the Police Department to help offset the costs of a new dash-mounted video camera system.

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS (continued)

(B) Third Quarter 2013 Tourism Report: Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Stevie Kearse provided an overview of the Third Quarter 2013 Tourism Report and Marketing efforts. Following her report, she entertained comments and questions from the Council.

(C) Rolla Municipal Utilities FY 2013 Fourth Quarter Report: Rolla Municipal Utilities General Manager Rodney Bourne provided an overview of Rolla Municipal Utilities' (RMU) Fiscal Year 2013 Fourth Quarter Report. He entertained questions from the Council during and following his presentation.

III. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

(A) Review of MoDOT/Transportation Projects: City Administrator John Butz reported staff recently attended a County Commissioner's meeting where the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) presented its list of countywide projects. He noted staff extracted about 15 projects in and around Rolla from the County's list. The projects have been identified by members of the Council, City staff, or are a result of the various open forums allowing input into the transportation system. Mr. Butz explained the State annually renews a five-year transportation plan and the Meramec Regional Planning Commission's TAC (Transportation Advisory Commission) provides input. He informed the Council that TAC would meet on December 12 to finalize regional priorities. Mr. Butz referred the Council to the agenda materials where he identified five projects he believes are possibly more important. He asked the Council to contact staff with any feedback within the next two weeks.

(B) Ordinance Approving the Replat of Lot 1, Chrysler Addition and Approving the Final Plat of Lots 1 & 2, Chrysler Addition No. 2 (West): Community Development Director John Petersen explained the property owner is requesting that Lot 1, Chrysler Addition, be split into two lots. He reported the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the request and recommend approval. Mr. Petersen mentioned the applicant requests the Council consider the first and final readings of the subject ordinance at this meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

(B) Ordinance Approving the Replat of Lot 1, Chrysler Addition and Approving the Final Plat of Lots 1 & 2, Chrysler Addition No. 2 (West) (continued): Following a brief discussion, City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the following proposed ordinance for its first reading, by title. ORDINANCE NO. 4123: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE RE-PLAT OF LOT 1, CHRYSLER ADDITION, AND APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF LOTS 1 AND 2 OF CHRYSLER ADDITION NO. 2 BEING A RE-SUBDIVISION IN ROLLA, MISSOURI (WEST). A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Long to suspend the rules and that the ordinance be read for its final reading, by title. A voice vote on the motion showed eight ayes, zero nays, and four absent. Motion carried. Ms. Buschjost then read the proposed ordinance for its final reading, by title. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Sawyer to approve the proposed ordinance. A roll call vote on the motion showed the following: Ayes; Williams, Jordan, Woolley, Leonard, Sawyer, Magdits, Long, and Morris. Nays; None. Absent; Bahr, Eudaly, Bowe, and Hines. Motion carried. The ordinance passed.

(C) Ordinance Calling for an April 8, 2014, General Municipal Election Sales Tax Issue on Park Funding: Parks and Recreation Director Scott Caron noted over the past two years the Council has discussed the funding of the Parks and Recreation Department. The Council has emphasized the need to maintain existing infrastructure. Additionally, Mr. Caron pointed out over the past two years several measures have been taken to reduce the expense of the Department by eliminating four full-time positions. Regardless, a funding gap remains. Mr. Caron indicated there is a sales tax mechanism that is available to cities to be able to operate their park systems. Based on meetings with the community and the Council, he said it appears a one-quarter cent sales tax would meet the existing needs of the Parks and Recreation Department as well as addressing some maintenance issues over the next eight years. Mr. Caron stated staff is recommending an ordinance calling for an April 2014 election proposing the imposition of a sales tax of one-quarter (1/4) of one percent for eight years beginning October 1, 2014, reduced to one-eighth (1/8) of one percent beginning October 1, 2022, for the purpose of funding local parks and recreation.

Councilman Morris asked if there is a way to state in the proposition that one-eighth of the proceeds would be used for capital improvements in the parks and the other eighth would be divided equally between the maintenance of parks and the recreation center. He said this would help to clear up any confusion as to how the sales tax would be used.

City Administrator John Butz indicated the City's Counselors are reviewing the proposition to see if the ballot language can be tweaked.

IV. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

(C) Ordinance Calling for an April 8, 2014, General Municipal Election Sales Tax Issue on Park Funding (continued): City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the following proposed ordinance for its first reading, by title. ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AT THE NEXT MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY ON APRIL 8, 2014, THE PROPOSITION OF IMPOSING A MUNICIPAL SALES TAX OF ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014, FOR EIGHT YEARS, REDUCED TO ONE-EIGHTH OF ONE PERCENT BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING FOR LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.

V. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS

None.

VI. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

(A) Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS) Annual Conference Report: Councilman Steve Leonard indicated he was the employer delegate of the City of Rolla for the 46th Annual Meeting of the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS) held in Springfield, Missouri on October 24. He informed the Council the employers decided to leave the status quo for most of the administration that administers to over 40 different investment managers who handle the \$5.3 billion within the plan. Mr. Leonard said there was significant change in the management over the last year and that decision appears to have paid off very well. The plan returned a 14.54% investment over the 2012/2013 year, which is significantly better than most pensions perform. He concluded he remains convinced the City's fund is in good hands with LAGERS.

VII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

(A) Open 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) Safety Issue: Councilman Magdits asked City Administrator John Butz to speak with the Missouri S&T Student Council representative about the problem of students walking in front of traffic on Bishop Avenue near the Gale Bullman Multi-Purpose Building in the early morning hours. Mr. Butz indicated he would pass on this concern.

(B) Business Cards: Councilman Woolley stated when he speaks with constituents, they sometimes ask if he has a business card, with his phone number and/or address. He said he thought this might be a good idea and wanted to get some feedback from other Council members. After some discussion, City Administrator John Butz asked the Council to give this issue some thought and to contact either him or Mr. Woolley.

(C) Existing Park Sales Tax: City Administrator John Butz reminded everyone the existing one-half cent park sales tax expires December 31, 2013. He said when you go to make a \$100 purchase after December 31, 2013, you will have an extra fifty cents in your pocket. If reauthorized, Mr. Butz said it would be at half of the current tax.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Carol Daniels.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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