

**O’FALLON CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Draft January 21, 2014**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Gary Graham who led the Council in “The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.”

Philip Goodwin, City Clerk, called the roll: Gene McCoskey, present; Richie Meile, present; Ed True, present; Jerry Albrecht, present; Jerry Mouser, present; Kevin Hagarty, present; John Drolet, present; Herb Roach, present; Michael Bennett, present; Courtney Cardona, present; Jim Hursey, present; Ray Holden, present; David Cozad, present; Harlan Gerrish, present. A quorum was declared present.

Mayor Graham asked for approval of the minutes. Motion was made by J. Mouser and seconded by E. True to approve the minutes of January 6, 2014. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING** – No hearing scheduled.

**RESIDENTS:** No one came forward.

**REPORTS:**

**Clerk’s Report:** City Clerk Goodwin read a request from the St. Clair County Sunset Rotary Club to conduct a raffle for a barrel of alcohol from January 21 – March 22, 2014. Motion by E. True and seconded by J. Mouser to approve the request. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Mayor’s Report:** Mayor Graham stated that the street department did another great job. H. Roach expressed his gratitude to the ambulance, police, fire and street crew when his friend needed assistance during the recent winter storm. The street crew cleared a path for the ambulance when they saw they could not get to the residence.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion by J. Albrecht and seconded by J. Mouser to consider Items 1 – 4 under the Omnibus Agreement. All ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Graham read the following resolutions:

**ITEM 1** - Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with S. Shafer Excavating, Inc., for the demolition of 110 East Third Street in the amount of \$7,900

**ITEM 2** – Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a professional services contract with the purpose of performing a design service/streetscape design study for the Green Mount Corridor in the amount of \$32,500

**ITEM 3** - Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Stutz Excavating, Inc. for the demolition of 401 E. Adams in the amount of \$6,700

**ITEM 4** - Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Mertzke Trucking and Excavating for the demolition of 114 Carbon Hill Road in the amount of \$6,800

Motion by J. Albrecht and seconded by E. True to approve the resolutions under the previous Omnibus Agreement.

**ROLL CALL:** McCoskey, aye; Meile, aye; True, aye; Albrecht, aye; Mouser, aye; Hagarty, aye; Drolet, aye; Roach, aye; Bennett, aye; Cardona, aye; Hursey, aye; Holden, aye; Cozad, aye; Gerrish, aye. Ayes –14; Nos –0. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Readings** – No 1<sup>st</sup> reading brought forward.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Readings** – Motion by J. Albrecht and seconded by J. Mouser to approve on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, an Ordinance authorizing an agreement for maintenance of the sewer main “North Sewer Main”.

**ROLL CALL:** McCoskey, aye; Meile, aye; True, aye; Albrecht, aye; Mouser, aye; Hagarty, aye; Drolet, aye; Roach, aye; Bennett, aye; Cardona, aye; Hursey, aye; Holden, aye; Cozad, aye; Gerrish, aye. Ayes - 14; Nos – 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

**STANDING COMMITTEES –**

**Community Development:** Motion by J. Albrecht and seconded by J. Mouser to approve the Special Event request from Ace Hardware for a temporary greenhouse on their property from March 1 – June 30, 2014 with conditions and the Special Event request from St. Elizabeth for the placement of ribbons on light posts for the Heart Health Awareness Month from January 31 – February 28, 2014. All ayes. Motion carried.

J. Albrecht announced that the next meeting is January 27th at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Works:** R. Meile stated they will meet January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Public Safety:** K. Hagarty announced they will meet February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Mayor’s Conference Room.

**Finance/Administration:** M. Bennett complimented the staff on implementing the new website design. He liked the new look and the ease of navigation.

Motion by M. Bennett and seconded by G. McCoskey to approve part B of Warrant #293 in the amount of \$159.50 for Gifts for Individuals.

**ROLL CALL:** McCoskey, aye; Meile, aye; True, aye; Albrecht, aye; Mouser, no; Hagarty, aye; Drolet, recuse; Roach, aye; Bennett, no; Cardona, aye; Hursey, aye; Holden, aye; Cozad, aye; Gerrish, aye. Ayes – 11; Recuse – 1; Nos – 2. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Bennett and seconded by J. Albrecht to approve part A of Warrant #293 in the amount of \$606,728.19.

**ROLL CALL:** McCoskey, aye; Meile, aye; True, aye; Albrecht, aye; Mouser, aye; Hagarty, aye; Drolet, aye; Roach, aye; Bennett, aye; Cardona, aye; Hursey, aye; Holden, aye; Cozad, aye; Gerrish, aye. Ayes – 14; Nos – 0. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Parks and Environment:** E. True said that Mary Jeanne provided updates on the design review of the pavilion at the meeting. They will meet again on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None brought forward.

Mayor Graham stated that he and other mayors will be meeting with the St. Clair County Board chairman regarding the tax for the proposed County jail. They have concerns with the 25 year length of the tax. He stated that a lot more money will be collected than will be needed to build the new jail. That cost to our City would be over \$800,000 per year in sales tax. His concern is that tax and the tax for the Metro East Park District, comes to 1.6 million a year. The other two mayors agree that the opportunities for upgrades for our communities will be affected.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by J. Albrecht and seconded by K. Hagarty to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Philip A. Goodwin  
City Clerk

Minutes recorded by  
Maryanne Fair, Deputy City Clerk  
Proper notice having been duly given