



**Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting
Jennings City Hall
September 24, 2018 – 7 p.m.**

The two thousand three hundred eighty third meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Jennings City Hall.

A. Public Hearings

1. 2019 Tax Rates

Mayor Austin opened the Public Hearing for the 2019 Tax Rates in the City of Jennings at 7:00 pm. Michael Williams, Auditor with Hochschild, Bloom and Co., gave an overview which reviewed the amounts assessed for evaluation of the tax rates for residential and commercial real-estate for 2017 and 2018.

None spoke against the 2019 Tax Rates in the City of Jennings Mayor Austin closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 pm.

2. Petition from the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District to vacate a public right of way of a 15' wide alley in block 6 of West Walnut Manor in Jennings, MO.

Mayor Austin opened the Public Hearing for the petition from the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District to vacate a public right of way of a 15' wide alley in block 6 of West Walnut Manor in Jennings, MO. at 7:04 pm. Henry Johnson, Director of Public Health, Planning, Economic Development, and Housing, reported that the request is for the vacation of an alley between Harney Avenue and West Florissant Avenue, and Helen Avenue and Jennings Station Road. Mr. Johnson stated that the area is currently now all green space. He reviewed the map of the alleyway that was presented by the petitioner, The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District.

None spoke against the petition from the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) to vacate a public right of way of a 15' wide alley in block 6 of West Walnut Manor in Jennings, MO. Mayor Austin advised that the alleyway is located in the 4th Ward.

Councilmen Rodney Epps asked if MSD has purchased the properties that were located in the area that they are asking to vacate. Mr. Johnson responded that MSD had purchased all of the properties in the area they are asking to vacate, and the properties have been removed. Councilmen Rodney Epps confirmed that the City still owns the alley easement right of way. Mr. Johnson agreed. Mr. Johnson advised the Council that their packets also contained letters from the utility companies "signing off" on MSD's petition. Mayor Austin closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 pm.

B. Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

Mayor Austin called to order the Jennings City Council Meeting, Monday September 24, 2018 at 7:06 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members present

Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francien Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps, Yolanda Austin; none were absent

4. Approval of the Agenda

Councilwoman Dugger stated during last month's Council meeting she had items that she wanted to discuss under "unfinished business". She said that she followed the Mayors request to put the Neighborhood Stabilization Grant and the Recreation Center discussion on the agenda. After the discussion between Mayor Austin and Councilwoman Dugger, Mayor Austin advised that the Neighborhood Stabilization Grant was sent to the Ways and Means Committee and will be address during the committee reports, and she would prefer that the Council discuss the Recreation Center when it comes to that point on the agenda instead of at this time.

On the motion made by Councilmember Terry Wilson and seconded by Councilmember Miranda Jones. The City Council approved the agenda by the following roll call vote, councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; councilmembers opposed were: Francine Dugger; none were absent or abstained from voting.

5. Approval of the minutes from the Special Meeting on August 13, 2018

On the motion made by Councilmember Terry Wilson and seconded by Councilmember Allen Stichnote the City Council voted in favor to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on August 13, 2018

6. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 27, 2018

On the motion made by Councilmember Terry Wilson and seconded by Councilmember Allen Stichnote the City Council voted all in favor to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 27, 2018.

C. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS

1. Employee Recognition- Retirement

Mayor Austin recognized Lt. Eugene Neal for 24 years and 8 months of service. She congratulated him on starting his next chapter. Lt. Neal expressed his appreciation stating that he has enjoyed his time with the City and he will miss everyone.

2. Presentation from Michael Williams, Auditor with Hochschild, Bloom and Co. on 2017-2018 Audit

Michael Williams, Auditor with Hochschild, Bloom and Co. presented the 2017-2018 Audit report Councilwoman Dugger asked if Mr. Williams could go over the comments/recommendation for the Courts Department from last year and the year before, along with any improvements the Courts Department has made. After a discussion between Councilwoman Dugger, and Mr. Williams, he confirmed that there were audit comments/recommendations regarding the Courts Department last year, and there are some audit comments/recommendations that have been made this year. He stated that there have been some changes regarding the annual audit in the Courts Department.

3. Presentation from Michael Williams, Auditor with Hochschild, Bloom and Co. on After School Audit.

Michael Williams, Auditor with Hochschild, Bloom and Co. presented a report for the Recreation Department After-School Audit which was issued in a report from his company dated July 17, 2018. He gave an overview of the audit. He advised what went into the audit process. He stated that the differences between the amounts recorded at City Hall verses the amounts on the sign out sheets was \$1,955.00, summarizing that City Hall received \$1,955 less than what was on the sign out sheets. He went on to say the differences between the amounts recorded at City Hall and the amounts recorded in the receipt books were \$2,311.00, summarizing again that the amount in the receipt books maintained by the department showed that they received \$2,311.00 over what they turned into City Hall. He advised that the information he is providing is the big picture summary.

Councilwoman Dugger stated that she wanted the residents to know that the reason the audit was even done is because the After-School Program was started in August last year without the consent of the Council; which would have been necessary to license a program such as the After-School Program, the Council would need to give approval, but the Council knew nothing about the program. She said, that some people may have known, but the floor didn't know. Councilwoman Dugger continued saying that this program started, and the State of Missouri closed the program, and that is why the Council requested that "we" do this independent audit because there have been some people who have left the City, been fired from the City; City Attorney Sam Alton interjected by saying "Francine" (Councilwoman Dugger). Councilwoman Dugger expressed her concerns with the After-School program and explained to residents why an audit was being done. City Attorney Alton stated that there is a lot of conclusion being drawn about the After-School Program right now. He stated that he is not going to counsel anybody on the Council to answer anything having to do with the legal implications or questions about the program. City Attorney Alton stated that the Council can answer questions as they see fit, but a lot of conclusions are being drawn on legal issues that are not necessarily up for discussion tonight. After further discussion between Councilwoman Dugger and City Attorney Alton. Mayor Austin thanked Mr. Williams for his presentations.

4. Comments by public. (Please sign in. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance.)

Yolanda Fountain Henderson did not provide her address. She presented a complaint of grass cutting at 2418 Sharidge Drive. Ms. Fountain Henderson stated that she is coming here because at last month's Council Meeting she addressed the issues at 2418 Sharidge and she was told by Mayor Austin that Henry Johnson, Director of Public Health, Planning, Economic Development, & Housing, was going to follow up with her via phone call last month. Ms. Fountain Henderson stated that 2418 Sharidge has had its grass

cut only one time this year. She stated that there are beavers, and now foxes coming out of the area. Ms. Fountain Henderson asked for an update on 2418 Sharidge. She said, that Public Works cut the grass of the home across the street from her house, but not the home up the street, and it is getting higher and higher. Mayor Austin asked Mr. Johnson for an update. Councilman Stichnote stated that he “wrote it up” his self, last week and the complaint was turned in for a second cutting. After discussion with Ms. Fountain Henderson, Mayor Austin, Mr. Johnson and Councilman Stichnote, it was determined that Mr. Johnson that would follow-up with Mayor and Ms. Fountain Henderson on 2418 Sharidge prior to the next Council meeting.

Ms. Fountain Henderson said, the Post-Dispatch did an article saying that there has been a 24.4 % increase in Crime. She expressed her frustration and asked for a Town Hall meeting to figure out how to fix the increase in crime in Jennings. Captain Cox stated that crime is up 10.8% from 2017.

Ms. Fountain Henderson extended an invitation to the Council to attend the Jennings School Board meetings which are held on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7 pm on Dorwood.

Rochelle Bates did not provide her address. She presented a complaint about hold harmless waiver of liability agreement seniors are now required to sign to ride the senior bus. Ms. Bates advised how long she has been a Jennings resident and what activities she enjoyed participating in. She said, she is not permitted to ride the bus anymore because she, along with some other seniors, did not sign a hold harmless waiver of liability agreement. Ms. Bates expressed her frustration with the hold harmless waiver of liability and asked if the Council would please look in to this matter.

Councilwoman Dugger expressed frustration and concern that the Council has not seen the hold harmless waiver of liability agreement that Ms. Bates is referring to. Mayor Austin advised that the liability agreement was drawn up by the City Attorney. City Attorney Alton advised that the document is a general liability waiver. After a discussion with the Council, Mayor Austin, and City Attorney it was advised by Attorney Alton that the waiver would not necessarily stop the City from being liable if something happened it is just a safe guard for the City.

Nancy Sparks did not provide her address. She presented a compliment about removal of overgrown vegetation. Ms. Sparks said, someone last month mentioned the over growth on a sign at the end of Sapphire where the street comes into College, that signs could not be seen. She said, that residents could not see anything because of the overgrowth of shrubbery, and someone did clean that off two weeks ago. She said, thank you very much. Ms. Sparks expressed her appreciation of the removal of the vegetation overgrowth, and the lawn mowing. She stated that there are some other things that she is going to contact Mr. Johnson about. Councilman Wilson advised that it was Councilwoman Roberts who mentioned the overgrowth of the sign during the August Council meeting.

Javarious C. Smith of 5621 Albia Terrace presented a complaint about police presence in the area. Mr. Smith recalled, and expressed his frustration, over a recent experience that he had when calling the police to assist in a dispute between his self and a neighbor. Mr. Smith continued expressing his frustration with the agreement between the St. Louis County Police Department and Jennings. He said, that there is no police presence and that is why the homicide rate is up. Mr. Smith expressed his concern with the number of officers in attendance at the Council meeting. He stated, another issue he wants to address is that he does not think that it is the Public Works workers that are not doing their job. He advised that he thinks that the City needs to cut the Department Heads down. Mr. Smith expressed his concerns about Department Head salaries compared to what the average citizen in Jennings earns. After discussion with Mr. Smith, Captain Cox, Sgt. Perez and Councilwoman Dugger. Captain Cox said, that he would investigate Mr. Smith’s complaints

Mayor Austin addressed Mr. Smith summarizing that Captain Cox, said he will look into the issue, she said that Mr. Smith’s phone number is listed on the sign-in sheet for addressing the Jennings City Council on September 24, 2018, but not an address. Mayor Austin asked Mr. Smith to provide his address to the City Clerk.

Councilman R. Epps said that the argument over property is civil and the police cannot do anything for a civil matter. Councilwoman Anderson stated that when they start arguing it becomes a police matter. There were additional comments from residents that were inaudible.

Jared Barr, with the Missouri Sewer District, 2350 Market Street St. Louis, MO. 63103, expressed appreciation for the Council hearing MSD’s petition to make an ordinance to vacate the right of way alley. Mr. Barr said, that he is representing the Missouri Sewer District (MSD), and came to express his appreciation to the Council for hearing MSD’s petition the to make an ordinance to vacate the right of way alley.

Yonnee Fortson of 2034 Murvale Drive expressed her request to be reconsidered and reappointed to the Planning Commission for a term longer than six-months. Ms. Fortson discussed her situation with the Planning Commission. She said, that she is asking to be reconsidered and reappointed to the Planning Commission for longer than a six-month term.

Sabrina Debney of 5756 Janet Ave. requested information on development plans for Janet. Ms. Debney said, “they brought everything off” mostly on the side of Janet that she stays on. She asked what the plans for the other side of Janet and the alleys in Jennings are. Ms. Dabney expressed her concerns and views about the alleys in Jennings. Henry Johnson, Director of Public Health, Planning, Economic Development, and Housing stated that the alley near Janet is the area that MSD made mention to vacating, and the area is under MSD’s control. Mr. Johnson stated that the “other side of the street” on Janet is not targeted for any future development, and as with any neighborhood the City would expect that the residents along the street would maintain those alleys.

3. Councilmember’s Reports (Reports are limited to 10 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance)

Councilman Allan Stichnote:

Councilman Stichnote thanked everyone for coming. He stated that he attended the September 12th, auction the City had for the Vacant Houses. He thanked the Mayor, and everyone involved stating that they did an excellent job. He said, that he also attended the Jennings High School Homecoming Parade on September 15th and it was a real good parade. Councilman Stichnote said, that residents have asked him about Jennings Station Road and he spoke to the foreman. He said that it is hard to believe but the foreman said that they are four weeks ahead of schedule and they should be done right around October 12th.

Councilwoman Miranda Jones:

Councilwoman Jones expressed her frustration and recalled an event from last Thursday that where unfortunately her children were caught in the crossfire. She said that Jennings residents know that Jennings has a problem in the community and something must happen. Councilwoman Jones expressed concerns with calling 911 during the event and the police officers follow-up after the event. Councilwoman Jones stated that she thinks that St. Louis County Police Department does a pretty decent job, but a pretty decent job is not good enough for the City of Jennings. She stated that she is not going to spend her time talking about grass or trash because she has a six-year-old that does not feel safe in her community. She stated that the reason she is on this Council is to do better with “this community” and she is saying, it is not good right now. She discussed Ward 1 crime statistics and her plan to do something extra special in Ward 1. Councilwoman Jones said, that Ward 1 will also have a meeting the first week of November. She expressed that she wants to have a real conversation about what is currently, and what is needed, in Jennings. Councilwoman Jones asked Ms. Romzgae to come to the podium and talk to her. Maria Romzgae of the 7000 block of Emma discussed a that took place yesterday within the City, and her views on the police department. Romzgae discussed that there have been drastic changes within Jennings. Captain Cox confirmed yes there was a shooting yesterday and he notified the Mayor late yesterday morning. Captain Cox said that the suspect has been arrested and charged. Sgt. Perez provided details of the shooting incident, and arrest that took place on Emma. Councilwoman Jones said, that she wants to give kudo’s to Jennings School District (JSD) for being honored as Urban School District of the Year. Councilwoman Jones noted that the honor is a national award.

Councilman Terry Wilson:

Councilman Wilson thanked everyone for coming out. He expressed his appreciation for the resident’s dialog tonight and suggested other platforms to communicate and make suggestions to the police department as well. He suggested ways for the community and the police to work together. Councilman Wilson also gave suggestions on ways for the Council to work together to move the City of Jennings further. He said, that he thinks that Jennings is a great community. Councilman Wilson discussed the Jennings High School Homecoming parade and said that it was an example of the community coming together for the children. He stated that Jennings is the first district ever in the state to receive the Urban School District of the Year. Councilman Wilson discussed team work and the Jennings School Board (JSB). He said that the wanted to acknowledge Henry Johnson and Mayor Austin for coming together and getting with the Urban League to get the fence repaired. He noted that the City didn’t actually have to come out of the money to repair the fence that has been being discussed for about two or three years. He said, that he wanted a follow up on the grass that was planted on Bagley and Edgewater Drive neighborhood, but he will call William Kaeshamer. He discussed businesses providing security. He detailed several local businesses that do not have security and recalled a time where he witnessed someone shoplifting. There was further discussion regarding businesses providing security between Councilman Wilson and Councilwoman Anderson. Councilman Wilson explained that there was a shot spotter in Dellwood that could be moved to Jennings but is being held up in the County Council District by representative Rochelle Walton Gray. Councilman Wilson explained what areas are covered by the County Council Districts, who the representatives are for each area, what is needed to move the shot spotter, and when the County Council District meets. He reported that he will be Hosting a Ward 2 meeting on October 13th at 10:30 am and everyone is welcome to attend. He discussed some details of the Ward 2 meeting including who has been invited to present, and what he hopes to come out of the meeting.

He said that he saw Senate Bill 870 and sent it to City Attorney Alton for clarification on the legal jargon. Councilman Wilson explained that the Senate Bill is about the tax levy for the Riverview Fire Board (RFB) and how it affects Jennings. Councilman Wilson advised when the RFB meets and what his plans were to get clarification on the Senate Bill. He thanked everyone for coming out and acknowledge Lola who just celebrated a birthday.

Councilwoman Francine Dugger:

Councilwoman Dugger discussed Jennings Station Road, and Halls Ferry Road. She advised that she spoke with the area engineer and was told that there will be two phases of work. She explained what the area engineer advised her the two phases would be, how the street would look when both phases of work were completed, and how long it should take. She expressed that the area engineer thanks Jennings for having patience. Councilwoman Dugger discussed people's frustration with the construction work being done. She expressed gratitude for the work getting done and asked residents to be patience.

Councilwoman Dugger addressed the St. Louis Police Department, expressing that she needs to make sure that the residents are being heard. She expressed concern with some of Captain Cox's statements about crime statistics in Jennings. She said, that she would welcome the City and the Police sitting down and trying to figure it out, have any conversation.

Councilwoman Dugger said that she is going to yield her time to Ms. Cammy Davis. The resident stated that her name is Heather Jones and she is here because she is strictly disgusted with Jennings, and her "so called Council". Ms. Jones advised how long she has lived in Jennings. Ms. Jones expressed her disgusts with what the City looks like, and the behavior of the police along with the Council. Ms. Jones discussed the election process, and decorum ordinance for the Council meetings. Ms. Jones advised that she is not only a home owner, but she and her fiancé also have rental property. She said that Jennings has the number one school in the region, but the community looks horrible. Ms. Jones expressed her frustration with Waste Management a company picked by the Council. Ms. Jones continued to express her frustration and disgust with the appearance of the community. She said, that she hears gun shots daily. She stated that she doesn't like Jennings any more. Ms. Jones reviewed her first job in Jennings and continued to express her frustration with the current state of things in Jennings. Councilwoman Dugger stated that concludes her report.

Councilwoman Phyllis Anderson:

Councilwoman Anderson discussed Mr. Smith's recent experience he had when calling the police to assist in a dispute between his self and a neighbor. She stated that Mr. Smith is frustrated because residents are not getting police visibility.

Councilwoman Anderson gave the floor to Mr. Johnson a resident in the audience. Mr. Johnson stated that his name is Retired Sergeant Johnson. He said that he has had 29 years in law enforcement. He said, he would like to give kudos to Councilman R. Epps and to Mr. Henry Johnson, Director of Public Health, Planning, Economic Development, and Housing. Retired Sgt. Johnson discussed a neighborhood watch program he runs in the 5900 block of Jennings and how situations get taken care of. Retired Sergeant Johnson discussed how low utility lines are affecting the Waste Management service. He thanked Councilwoman Anderson for allowing him time to speak. Mr. Johnson reviewed the utility lines that are causing the issues for the Waste Management trucks, why the issues are occurring now, and how companies are working to resolve the issues. Mr. Johnson discussed how service wires would require the homeowners to raise them and what Ameren is doing to assist. Councilwoman Anderson reviewed the Ward 3 meeting from September 15th. She clarified with the Mayor who she would need to call to get clarity on the cameras set up for illegal dumping. Councilwoman Anderson advised that there will be a Ward 3 Clean up on October 20th starting on Kinamore and Osborn. She advised that the Clothes Give Away is coming up December 15th. She said, items can be dropped off at the Civic Center.

Councilwoman Julia Roberts

Councilwoman Roberts: Greeted everyone and started her report with a quote. She expressed her view of the general consensus of the City. She said in terms of being able to fix a problem you must unveil the truth. Councilwoman Roberts expressed her frustration with the amount of time it is taking to fix easy problems. She reviewed the processes she went through after the last Council meeting to get the warning signs that were covered with vegetation overgrowth cleared. She asked how the Council is really going to make moves on some of the deeper issues that the Council is exerting energy on things that should take a day or a second to fix. She expressed her view of what the process should have been to clear the vegetation overgrowth from warning signs after leaving the last Council meeting. Councilwoman Roberts expressed that she feels that there are systemic problems within the City's departments and corrections need to be made. She stated until corrections are made the Council is going to keep talking about the same issues and Jennings is not going to get anything fixed.

Councilwoman Roberts reviewed when she was elected to office and expressed her frustration with the lack of committee meetings. She discussed her views on committees holding meetings. Councilwoman Roberts requested a list of the homes that were sold during the auction along with the purchaser's

information and plans for the homes. Councilwoman Roberts said that in the 3rd Ward meeting the residents are asking for more of a police presence especially on the following streets: Marge, Albia Terrace, Sapphire, Easterbrook, College, Harney, Albright. She discussed residents' complaints about drug transactions. She thanked St. Louis County Police, Building, and Public Works for successfully getting some vacant homes on Marge boarded up. Councilwoman Roberts described Marge and advised that it is a problem area. She described issues with vacant houses. Councilwoman Roberts stated that she attended "Brown Sugar on the Move" in Pagedale at Beyond Housing. She stated that it was a forum about decreasing crime. She expressed her feelings about Councilman Wilson stating, "his Ward 2 meeting". There was a discussion between Councilwoman Roberts and Councilman Wilson about the upcoming Ward 2 meeting. She went on to say the City needs a forum for the City to talk about some of the things and issues citizens are facing in the City.

Councilman Rodney Epps

Councilman Rodney Epps greeted everyone and said that he wanted to thank William Kaeshamer, Director of Public Safety, for some of the stuff he has done for "them" this month. He discussed his availability to resolve issues and his views about having a bunch of meetings. Councilman R. Epps described the steps that he took to resolve the issue of the vegetation overgrowth on homes from the photos provided by Councilwoman Roberts during the last Council meeting. There was a discussion between Councilwoman Roberts and Councilman R. Epps regarding the efforts made to clear the vegetation overgrowth from the homes pictured.

Councilman R. Epps discussed his views about rising crime in Jennings. He reviewed his efforts in trash clean up. Councilman R. Epps expressed his concerns with the number of meetings being held and the lack of action to resolve residents' issues. He stated that "they" are all frustrated, but until the Council works together the City is not going to change anything. He said, that the City, the Police, and the Council needs help from the public.

Councilwoman Carol Epps

Councilwoman C. Epps greeted everyone and said that she was going to talk to William Kaeshamer, Public Safety Director, but he is not at the Council Meeting. She stated that she will call Mr. Kaeshamer tomorrow. She said, that is her report. Councilman R. Epps said to Henry Johnson, Director of Public Health, Planning, Economic Development, and Housing, "we" need some things picked up. Councilman R. Epps apologized and said that "we" cleaned up behind Dee's Place, the Mosque and the Barber Shop. Councilman R. Epps detailed who participated in cleaning up the area, along with what and how much was cleaned up. He asked for Public Works to come pick up the waste tomorrow.

D. Monthly Departmental Reports

12. Approval of monthly reports

Councilwoman Jones expressed frustration with the Public Works Department not being at the Council meeting. Councilwoman Dugger explained the process when someone calls in with a complaint. Councilwoman Dugger expressed her views on committee meetings, and department representatives being available to Council. Councilwoman Roberts discussed her dissatisfaction with the Public Works monthly report. After a discussion regarding the Public Works monthly report, and committee meetings, with Mayor Austin and Councilwoman Dugger, Jones, and Roberts, Mayor Austin advised that a motion and second had been made. Councilwoman Dugger stated, that "you" (Mayor Austin) cannot stop this Council, this Council has this floor to represent "these" people. Councilman Wilson advised per Roberts Rules of Order the motion was on the floor. Mayor Austin asked for a roll call vote.

On the motion made by Councilmember Terry Wilson and seconded by Councilmember Rodney Epps the Council approved the monthly departmental reports by the following roll call vote, councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps, Mayor Yolanda Austin (tie-breaker vote); councilmembers opposed: Miranda Jones, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts; none abstained or were absent from voting.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Ways and Means Committee:

Chairman Rodney Epps reported that the committee met today September 24, 2018 at 6:04 pm. He advised of the committee members present at the meeting. He reviewed the actions and discussion from the committee meeting.

Voice Pro RFP

Chairman Epps recommended Voice Pro to the Council. He described how Voice Pro would connect the City on one phone system. Councilwoman Dugger asked about the request for proposal (RFP) that was sent out. After a discussion with Chairman Epps, Councilwoman Dugger and Mayor Austin, Deletra Hudson, City Clerk, reviewed the RFP process. Ms. Hudson detailed how the RFP's were advertised, what companies they were sent to, and how long

companies had to respond. After further discussion with Councilwoman Dugger and Ms. Hudson, Councilwoman Roberts clarified the amount was for \$58,000.00. Mayor Austin confirmed the amount was correct. Councilwoman Jones described the current month to month contract with Voice Pro and the amount the City is paying. After additional Council discussion the Council voted in favor of accepting the proposal from Voice Pro.

On the motion made by Councilman Rodney Epps and seconded by Councilwoman Miranda Jones the City Council voted all in favor of the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee to accept the proposal as presented from Voice Pro for the City's phones system in the amount of \$58,600.00.

Budget Amendment for Voice Pro

Chairman Epps gave a summary of what Capital Improvement line item number 803-35-02 was being used for.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Miranda Jones and seconded by Councilman Terry Wilson the City Council voted all in favor of the recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee to accept the budget amendment request to move \$58,600.00 from the capital improvement/other "unassigned fund balance" of \$375,000 to the 803-35-02-line item.

Street Cleaning signs

Chairman Epps advised that the committee had to table the discussion about the street cleaning signs. He reviewed the current process for street cleaning and described why residents are frustrated. Chairman Epps said, the committee is going to have to put some signs up, but the cost will need to be figured out. Chairman Epps reported that the discussion was tabled until the committee and the Public Works Department could get together and see what the cost is going to be.

Konica Minolta Copier Purchase

Councilwoman Jones asked if we could do the copier purchase. Chairman Epps stated that the Copier Purchase is under \$10,000.00 and does not need Council approval. Councilwoman Dugger reviewed the City's Purchasing policy and said, that she wanted to get back on that since it was mentioned last month and the month before about this \$9,500.00 that was spent on this outside lawn stuff. Councilwoman Dugger read from the Purchasing Policy and stated that any amount over \$2,500.00 must come to the Council for approval.

Councilwoman Jones made the motion to accept the bid of the \$8,907.70 which was seconded by Councilman Wilson. Councilwoman Jones described the detail of the information with the City purchasing the copier.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Miranda Jones and seconded by Councilman Terry Wilson the City Council voted all in favor of the recommendation from the Ways and Means Committee to accept the bid of Konica Minolta as presented for the of a purchase of the copier in the amount of \$8,907.70 with the stipulation of getting the service agreement in writing.

Reinstate Special Service Position

Chairman Epps reviewed the request to reinstate the Special Service Coordinator position that was presented to the Ways and Means Committee from the Mayor. He discussed the Mayor's recommendation for the position.

The Council discussed the role the Special Service Position person would hold in the City, the qualifications person filing the position would need, and how it has affected the City since the Special Service Position was eliminated.

On the motion made by Councilman Terry Wilson and seconded by Councilwoman Miranda Jones the City Council voted in favor of the recommendation from the Ways and Means Committee to reinstate the Special Service Coordinator position as presented by the following roll call vote, council members voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; councilmembers opposed were: Francine Dugger, Julia Roberts; none were absent or abstained from voting.

Budget Amendment for Special Service Position

Chairman Epps reviewed the details of the budget amendment that would fund the Special Service Coordinator. Councilwoman Jones reviewed the salary with benefits for the Special Service Coordinator. There was a discussion amongst the Council of where the money for the salary would come from for the Special Service Coordinator Position.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Miranda Jones and seconded by Councilman Wilson the City Council voted in favor of the recommendation from the Ways and Means Committee to accept the budget amendment request as presented to add the Special Services Coordinator position back into the City's budget by creating a line item by the following roll call vote, councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; councilmembers opposed were: Francine Dugger, Julia Roberts; none were absent or abstained from voting.

West Florissant Business Association

Chairman Epps advised that the West Florissant Business Association needs some battery updates for the cameras. Councilwoman Jones stated that the Ways and Means committee tabled this discussion.

Neighborhood Stabilization Grant

Chairman Epps advised that the Ways and Means Committee was not able to discuss the funding for the Neighborhood Stabilization Grant. Councilwoman Dugger expressed her frustration. After discussion with the Council it was determined that the next Joint committee meeting would be on October 9, 2018 with the Policy, Building, and Ways & Means Committees. Councilwoman Jones advised that the joint committee meeting would be open to everyone and encouraged every Councilmember to come and express their viewpoints even if they were not a part of the committees that were planning to meet.

2. Public Works Committee: Chairwoman C. Epps reported no meeting

3. Building Committee: Chairwoman Jones reported no meeting.

4. Parks Committee: Chairman Stichnote reported no meeting. He discussed updates on the Koeneman Park project. Chairman Stichnote reported, that the City should hear something about the Sievers Park grant around December 1st. Chairman Stichnote said, that he would like to thank Willie Brandon Jr., Recreation Director for stepping up and taking care of the light bulbs at Lloyd Archers Pavilion, it really made it brighter.

5. Municipal League: Council Representative Terry Wilson reported that the City Clerk got an opportunity last week to get some professional development in Branson, MO. Council Representative Terry Wilson stated that there is an upcoming meeting this Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm, but he will be out of town. He reported that the meeting will be at Twin Oaks 1381 Big Bend Road. Twin Oaks will be showing off their new Town Hall. He pleaded for anyone to attend the Municipal League meeting while he was out of town.

6. Planning Commission: The Council Representative Allan Stichnote reported that the Planning Commission met on September 6th at 5:45. Chairman Gary Johnson greeted everyone and reviewed that on September 6th the Planning Commission heard a petition to amend a sign ordinance section 21.10.3 and voted to table the discussion until the next meeting. Chairman Johnson stated that there was a sub-committee meeting on September 11th with progress towards a proposed recommendation for the Council which will be ready within the next month. Chairman Johnson described the Planning Commissions efforts to better serve Jennings community. Chairman Johnson stated that the Planning Commission meets the first Thursday of every month and it is open to the public.

Councilman Wilson asked Attorney Alton if he could petition the Planning Commission to change a zone. Councilman Wilson stated that he was told that he had to get it approve through Council before petitioning the Planning Commission and he would like a little clarity. Attorney Alton asked if Councilman Wilson could explain the exact issue. Councilman Wilson described his view of the situation involving his self and Councilwoman Dugger regarding petitioning the Planning Commission. Councilwoman Dugger advised that she had additional information on the situation involving herself and Councilman Wilson regarding petitioning the Planning Commission. After a debate between Councilman Wilson and Councilwoman Dugger, Attorney Alton stated that he has not seen anything in the City of Jennings Code that says a Councilmember would need approval of the Council before petitioning the Planning Commission and that is the only answer that he would have to Councilman Wilson's question pending any additional information from Councilwoman Dugger. Councilwoman Dugger described her

view of the situation involving herself and Councilman Wilson regarding petitioning the Planning Commission. After additional debate between Councilwoman Dugger and Councilman Wilson, residents made additional inaudible statements. Sgt. Perez asked the residents to please be quiet. Councilwoman Dugger stated that “we” need some order on the Council as well. Councilman Wilson agreed, and stated that Councilwoman Dugger has been out of order many of times. Council Representative Allan Stichnote stated that is all that he had to report. Councilwoman Dugger continued describing her view of the situation involving herself and Councilman Wilson. Councilman Wilson expressed why he felt that Councilwoman Dugger came to the Planning Commission meeting in the first place. He stated that Councilwoman Dugger needs to stop playing the games. Mayor Austin called Councilman Wilson to order. Councilwoman Dugger asked if Councilman Wilson was threatening her. There was continued overlapping discussion between Councilman Wilson and Councilwoman Dugger. Mayor Austin stated that the Planning Commission Chairman has finished his report and moved on to the Policy Committee.

7. Policy Committee: Chairwoman Jones reported no meeting.

8. Solid Waste Committee: Chairman R. Epps reported no meeting

9. Beautification Committee: Reported no meeting

10. Youth Commission: Mayor Austin reported that there was a meeting, however the Youth Commission did not provide meeting minutes or a report. Councilman Wilson asked if Councilwoman Dugger was going to lock him up. Councilwoman Dugger explained to the Mayor that she needed to take a minute and asked for Sgt. Perez to meet her in the Hallway.

11. Senior Commission: Meeting Minutes are provided.

F. Legal Business (Proposed Ordinances)

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE AT 5531 JENNINGS STATION ROAD, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63136 FROM RIDDHI PATEL TO SANDIP PATEL.

First reading: On the motion made by Councilman R. Epps and seconded by Councilwoman Jones the following bill was introduced:

Bill # 2542 An ordinance of the City of Jennings, Missouri, approving the transfer of a liquor license at 5531 Jennings Station Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63136 from Riddhi Patel to Sandip Patel.

Councilwoman Roberts asked if the Patel’s indicated why they are transferring the license from one name to the next. Attorney Alton stated that the City of Jennings Code requires the transfer of the liquor license. After discussion with Attorney Alton, Captain Cox, Henry Johnson and the Council it was said, that the assumption is that the business is transferring between the Patel’s, and they are waiting on the Council’s approval of the license to fully operate. Councilwoman Jones asked if the application should be updated to ask for the reason why so that going forward it will not hold anyone up. She said, that it is not that businesses fault if the City did not have all the details to bring to Council, but the City must make sure that the City is asking the right questions going forward so that the vote is not delayed. Captain Cox detailed the processes he goes through when sending recommendations to the Council for liquor license transfers. He stated that the Mayor Austin has brought it to his attention that some of the applicants are trying to be slick when requesting transfers, but each applicant must go through a background check. Councilwoman Roberts stated that is the origin of her question, when “we” think of the problems of the things that the City sees surfacing in terms of drugs and liquor and things like that, because “we” know that liquor and drugs go together, and that is why she is asking for why the transfer request is happening. Captain Cox stated that is for the Council to look in to why. He stated that his job is when he gets the applications he does the background checks and if the person fits the criteria he signs off on it and recommends it to Council. There was some overlapping discussion by the Council. Mayor Austin called for a roll call vote on the motion made by Councilman Epps and seconded by Councilwoman Jones for the second reading

Second reading: On the motion by Councilman R. Epps and seconded by Councilwoman Jones The bill became ordinance #2487 by the following roll call vote, councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; Councilmembers opposed were: Julia Roberts; none were absent or abstained from the vote.

Councilwoman Dugger asked who introduced the bill. She stated that the City has an ordinance that says the bill sponsor must be listed. Attorney Alton said, that he talked to Deletra Hudson, City Clerk and there will be bills, where if someone applies like this liquor transfer, where it is not brought by a specific member of the Council. He stated that the way this one would be sponsored would be by whoever brings the motion. There was continued discussion regarding the sponsorship of proposed bills amongst the Council along with the City Attorney. Attorney Alton reviewed section 443 of the code going over the

process of liquor licenses request and stating that there is nobody specific with respect to a sponsor for something “like this”. He stated again that his answer would be to have the person who makes the motion be the sponsor of the bill, and that is not breaking the law, or in violation of the code, and there would be a sponsor. Councilwoman Anderson asked if the Council could know about bills similar to this ahead of time before coming to the Council meeting. Attorney Alton responded absolutely. Councilwoman Dugger said, she thinks it would be easier if the Chairman of Ways and Means propose the liquor license transfer. Attorney Alton asked if Councilwoman Dugger meant the Planning Commission because that is where it would go for a new license. Attorney Alton stated that the Ways and Means Committee has nothing to do with the transfer of the license. Councilwoman Dugger stated that there is still money involved in terms that the applicant must pay a fee. Attorney Alton stated that the other way to do this is to look at the bill sponsor ordinance and see if the ordinance can be amended for situations like this the Council won’t have to refer to a specific sponsor.

2. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PETITION FROM THE METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS SEWER DISTRICT TO VACATE A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY OF A 15’ WIDE ALLEY IN BLOCK 6 OF WEST WALNUT MANOR IN JENNINGS, MO.

First reading: on the motion made by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman R. Epps the following bill was introduced:

Bill # 2543 An ordinance approving a petition from the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District to vacate a public right of way of a 15’ wide alley in block 6 of West Walnut Manor in Jennings, MO.

Councilwoman Jones asked if the wording could be made plain for an understanding on what exactly the proposed bill means. Attorney Alton said, the proposed bill means that the City is allowing a portion of the alley that is mentioned in the proposed bill to go to MSD, so that they can put in the drainage system to allow for the water collection. Attorney Alton stated that this is what Henry Johnson discussed earlier in the meeting. Councilwoman Dugger asked if this proposed bill followed the same situation as the previous ordinance. She stated that there is no bill sponsor. Councilwoman Robert said that she sees the plans in terms of the locations and things like that provided by MSD, and she has seen rain gardens, but would like to know if the City has an idea of how the rain garden would look in the area. Mayor Austin advised Mr. Barr that he could come forward to address the Council. Jared Barr, with Missouri Sewer District (MSD) provided a brief history stating that MSD has purchased properties which were flood prone, and the idea is to create a detention basin with a rain gardens in them and on the exterior. Mr. Barr described what the area and the rain gardens would look like. He stated that the intent is to remove the rain water from the combined sewer system, retain it and allow it slowly back in to the sewers, to reduce basin backups, and street flooding. Councilwoman Dugger asked Mr. Barr if MSD has met with Public Works. Mr. Barr advised that he has met with Public Works with the City of Jennings and Flordell Hills which is immediately adjacent to the alley way. Councilwoman Dugger stated that she thought that the next piece would be to go through the Public Works Committee. Someone said no. Councilwoman Dugger said, who is “noing” hush and let her get this straight, she wants to make sure that the City Committee for streets, since MSD met with the Street Department, would have met on this issue and the Public Works Committee could have been the sponsor of this bill. Councilwoman Dugger stated that the Public Works Committee has not met so this proposed bill is coming from MSD to the Public Works Department to the Council. Henry Johnson stated that he was going to try and refresh everyone’s memory, that “this” has been brought to the Council before and discussed along with renderings that where in a Council packet last year. Mr. Johnson stated at that time it came from the Building Department because that is where building permits are issued. He reviewed the process for issuing building permits. Councilwoman Dugger asked why the Building Committee didn’t have the information then to be the sponsor of the bill. Mr. Johnson stated that is a relatively new ordinance, so he will sponsor the bill. Councilwoman Dugger asked Mr. Johnson to clarify what he said. Mr. Johnson restated that the ordinance for bill sponsorship is relatively new and was not required in the past, so the Building Department will sponsor the proposed bill. Councilwoman Dugger asked why this issue didn’t come before the Building Committee. Mr. Johnson advised that the Building Committee does not have to meet on building permit issues. Mr. Johnson stated the ordinance is there for the City to have a process and a procedure in place, and this may be an example of a time when a bill sponsor is not necessary. Councilwoman Dugger stated that the reason for the Council passing the ordinance to have a bill sponsor is so that ordinances are only proposed by the legislative body. She stated that proposed bills are coming from everywhere and the legislative body has no idea where they are coming from. She stated that everyone can tell the Council what the Council can do but the Council cannot do what the Council is supposed to do. Councilwoman Dugger asked Attorney Alton what he would say the reason this proposed bill is not sponsored. Attorney Alton clarified that Councilwoman Dugger was referring to a bill sponsor. Councilwoman Dugger confirmed. Attorney Alton repeated his previous response that again, whoever makes the motion is the sponsor of the bill. Councilwoman Dugger stated that “we” are just coming up with that tonight, but the ordinance was done months ago. Attorney Alton replied to Councilwoman Dugger saying that he is not going to respond to every outlandish allegation she makes, he stated that he is not coming up with anything tonight. He said, that if there is not a name on the bill then the sponsor would be whoever makes the motion. Councilwoman Dugger said that it is not outlandish we are just

trying to figure out “Sam” why “we” are deviating from what the law says. Attorney Alton asked what the law says. Attorney Alton stated that there are going to be bills, like the next proposed bill, for the tax rate, which he is not sure who the sponsor of the bill is, although it is required by the state of Missouri. He said, what he is going to tell you is that it is going to be the person who makes the motion who will be the sponsor for that bill as well. Councilwoman Dugger said what she is asking, be done is amend the ordinance for bill sponsorship so that it is clear. Attorney Alton asked if there was anything in the ordinance that said that the person who makes the motion cannot be the sponsor. Councilwoman Dugger stated no there is nothing that says that in the ordinance. Attorney Alton stated that there is nothing that prohibits it, so the sponsor can be the person who makes the motion. Councilwoman Dugger asked if this Council understood that. Attorney Alton stated that he was not sure. Councilwoman Dugger responded that she does not think so.

Second reading: On the motion made by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman R. Epps.

The bill became ordinance #2488 by the following roll call vote, councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; Councilmembers opposed were: Francine Dugger, Julia Roberts; none abstained or were absent from the vote.

3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, ORDERING THE LEVYING AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF MUNICIPAL TAXES FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND WEST FLORISSANT BUSINESS DISTRICT TO BE COLLECTED FOR THE YEAR OF 2018.

First reading on the motion made by Councilman R. Epps and seconded by Councilwoman C. Epps the following bill was introduced:

Bill # 2544 An ordinance of the City of Jennings, ordering the levying and establishing the rate of municipal taxes for municipal purposes and west Florissant business district to be collected for the year of 2018.

Second reading on the motion made by Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilman R. Epps

The bill became ordinance #2489 by the following roll call vote, councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; Councilmembers opposed were: Francine Dugger, Julia Roberts; none abstained or where absent from the vote.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Recreation Center Discussion

Mayor Austin gave the floor to Councilwoman Dugger. Councilwoman Dugger said, that she has been talking to a few cities on how they started the process to begin working on a center. She stated that we all know that we have acquired the land. Councilwoman Dugger said, what the other cities did was put it to the people, they had Town Hall meetings with discussions, and did surveys. Councilwoman Dugger reviewed her idea of how the City should start the process for a Recreation Center. After discussion among the committee members it was determined that there would be a joint committee meeting between the Parks and Building Committee on October 10th.

2. City Contracts RFP updates

Mayor Austin said, that the only RFP's that were out were for the phones, and the copier. Councilwoman Dugger asked on the contracts at are looking like the City is going month to month, how much time is the City putting between the RFP to make sure that the contract has not expired. Deletra Hudson, City Clerk, stated that the process is between 30 and 45 days to allow for advertisement and responses.

Councilwoman Dugger asked if the City has started the RFP process on the contracts that have already expired, that are currently being paid month to month. Ms. Hudson responded that is what is coming next. Ms. Hudson said, that the next one that she wants to do is the janitorial service for the City buildings, and the towing contract. Councilwoman Dugger confirmed that the City was on month to month payments with the janitorial and towing contracts. Ms. Hudson said, that originally the Clerk's office was not over the City's contracts so the first list that was provided to the Council was an inventory list. She stated that the Clerk's office was trying to track what we could get our hands on. Ms. Hudson stated that the Clerk's office went back through the list to see what contracts have expired or were going to expire within the next three years, and with that she knew the City needs to address the janitorial and towing contracts. Ms. Hudson stated that the Council just passed the phone contract which was the most crucial since it was the one that was really getting the City in the pocket. Councilwoman Dugger stated that was her concern that when the City is paying month to month the contract may have the City paying a little bit more. She stated that the City needs to get out of the month to month contracts. She said, that she appreciates the Clerk's Office putting a contract list together so that the Council can have it, and that it was not just for her. Councilwoman Dugger asked if the Council can be given an update and if the list could be put in order of date.

3. Update on the Urban League Fence issue

Henry Johnson provided details of what Urban League has done so far with updating the fence surrounding their property. He advised that fence poles have been installed, the fence fabric is going up and the Urban League is waiting on the privacy slats to separate the fence. Mr. Johnson stated that the fence is a new galvanized chain linked fence. Councilman Wilson stated that there was another fencing concern as a result of the drug deal gone wrong that happened in the City last Thursday, that a car hit the fence behind Walgreens. Councilwoman Jones stated that a resident asked her who is responsible for fixing the fence since that was kind of a freak accident. Mr. Johnson asked if the hole in the fence was on the Walgreens side. Councilman Wilson stated that it looked like it was on the Work Wear for Less side more so than Walgreens. Mr. Johnson stated that he had not gotten that information. Both Councilman Wilson and Councilwoman Jones expressed that it is fairly new. Mr. Johnson stated that he would get on the new hole in the fence tomorrow. Councilwoman Dugger thanked “Sam” and stated that it has been a long time coming and she knows that “Sam” (Attorney Alton) had something to do with the fence being fixed. She stated that she wanted to say that she appreciates that effort, it took a while, but the City was persistent enough to start the process.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of the Planning Commission appointment

The Council approved the recommendation of the Mayor to appoint David Green to the City Planning Commission for a four-year term. Councilwoman Jones stated that the Council did hear Ms. Fortson’s request to be on the Planning Commission. There was a discussion amongst the Council, and the Mayor about Ms. Fortson’s appointment request to the Planning Commission where it was agreed that Mayor Austin would meet with Ms. Fortson prior to the next Council meeting.

On the motion made by Councilman Allan Stichnote and seconded by Councilwoman Miranda Jones the Council voted all in favor of appointing David Green to the City Planning Commission for a four-year term.

2. Approval of the appointment to the Board of Adjustment

The Council approved the recommendation of the Mayor to appoint Wayne Weusthoff to the City Board of Adjustments to complete three years of a five-year term. The Council and the Mayor discussed how openings with the Board of Adjustment are advertised. Mayor Austin asked if there has been a motion and a second on the floor. Councilwoman Jones confirmed that there has been a motion and a second on the floor. Mayor Austin called for the vote.

On the motion made by Councilman Allan Stichnote and seconded by Councilman R. Epps the Council voted in favor of appointing Wayne Weusthoff to the City Board of Adjustments to complete three years of a five-year term by the following roll call vote Councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps ; Councilmembers opposed were: Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts; none were absent or abstained from the vote.

3. Approval of the monthly bills for payment

Councilwoman Dugger expressed frustration with “the landscape company” and asked for a discussion to see if the City should pay them. After a discussion about “the landscape company” with the Council it was determined that the contract was canceled after the last Council meeting and the company has not been paid by the City yet. Councilwoman Roberts asked what Natural One Organic is responsible for. There was continued discussion with the Council about the Natural One Organic Lawn Care company and it was determined that Brenda Williams, Finance Director, will find out about the two Natural One Organic Lawn Care and see exactly what they were for. After further discussion from the Council along with Mayor Austin about which department would have created the bill with Natural One Organic Lawn Care, and why the Public Works Department is not at the Council meeting, the Council voted in favor of approving the monthly bills for payment.

On the motion made by Councilman Terry Wilson and seconded by Councilwoman Jones the Council voted in favor of approving the monthly bills for payment by the following roll call vote Councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; Councilmembers opposed were: Francine Dugger, Julia Roberts; none were absent or abstained from the vote.

4. Motion for closed session, Legal and Personnel (RSMO 610:021-1,3)

On the motion made by Councilwoman Dugger and seconded by Councilwoman Roberts the council voted in favor of closed session, Legal and Personnel (RSMO 610:021-1,3) by the following roll call vote Councilmembers voting in favor were: Allan Stichnote, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis

Anderson, Julia Roberts, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; Councilmembers opposed were: Miranda Jones; none were absent or abstained from the vote.

I. Mayor's Report

Mayor Austin read a card thanking the Mayor and Public Works for cutting the grass at 8312 College from Ms. Barbra St. John. Mayor Austin announced that on Saturday, September 29, 2018 that Tony Thompson will be working with 25 young people, by speaking with them and empowering the youth. Mayor Austin stated that she wanted to thank Mr. Johnson and Myra Randle, Economic Development Specialist. She stated that the City did end up with 127 bids for the auction and the Vacant Property Registration has brought in at least \$10,000.00. She thanked those that were in support of the auction and the Vacant Property Registration. Mayor Austin stated that the auction brought in over \$140,000.00. Mayor Austin said, to Councilwoman Roberts, the homes were not purchased by developers, this was previously discussed in prior Council meetings that there would be a certain number of homes in each Ward. Mayor Austin advised that the homes were advertised for two weeks. Mayor Austin stated that the auction was to bring back home ownership and some of the people who have purchased the homes have already cut the grass and started working on the homes. Mayor Austin said, that on September 11 the City observed the First Responders at City Hall. She stated that she spoke with the developer on the south end, and there is a contract on the Save a Lot. Mayor Austin said, that Mr. Johnson has been doing a good job of reaching out and she has also been getting phone calls of business and homeowners who want to come back to the City. She thanked everyone who stayed until eleven o'clock and stated that there will be a three-minute break prior to the Council entering in to the closed session, Legal and Personnel (RSMO 610:021-1,3)

J. Closed Session, Legal and Personnel (RSMO 610:021-1,3)

Temporary Promotion

On the motion made by Councilman Allan Stichnote and seconded by Councilman Terry Wilson the City Council voted by roll call vote to appoint Sgt. John Geasley Jr. to Interim Correction Lt. until the vacant position is filled, Councilmember voting in favor were: Allen Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; Councilmembers against: Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts; none were absent or abstained.

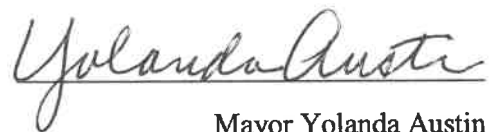
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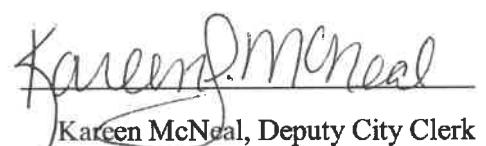
On the motion made by Councilwoman Miranda Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Phyllis Anderson the City Council voted by roll call vote to place written notice in William Kaeshamer personnel file and to place him on a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP), Councilmembers voting in favor were: Allen Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; none were absent or abstained or opposed.

K. Adjournment

On the motion made by Councilwoman Phyllis Anderson and seconded by Councilwoman Miranda Jones the City Council voted by roll call vote to adjourn the closed session, legal and personnel (RSMO 610:021-1,3) at 11:55 pm on Monday September 24, 2018, Councilmembers voting in favor were: Allen Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Julia Roberts, Rodney Epps, Carol Epps; none were absent or abstained or opposed.

Attest:


Mayor Yolanda Austin


Kareen McNeal, Deputy City Clerk