



Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting
Telemeeting Via Zoom Video
April 27, 2020
Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

The two thousand four hundred and second meeting of the Jennings City Council was held on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 7 p.m. via Zoom Video.

A. REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Council members present: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Rodney Epps, and Aja Owens.

Council member(s) absent: None.

Also present: Mayor Yolanda Austin; Deletra Hudson, City Clerk; Sam Alton, City Attorney.

3. Approval of the Agenda

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the Council approved the agenda for the meeting. All in favor, none opposed.

4. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2020.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Stichnote, the Council approved the minutes from the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2020 by the following roll call vote of the council members voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Rodney Epps and Aja Owens; Francine Dugger opposed.

5. Approval of the minutes from the Special Meeting of March 30, 2020.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson, the Council approved the minutes from the Special Meeting of March 30, 2020. All in favor, none opposed.

B. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONERS, REMONSTRATIONS, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS

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

No public comments at this time.

2. Councilmember's Reports (Reports are limited to 10 minutes. See Decorum Ordinance)

Councilman Stichnote stated he had no report.

Councilwoman Jones greeted everyone and addressed Capt. Law. She said stated her concerns with the increase noise of gunshots in the community. She informed Capt. Law that she wanted to ask questions regarding those concerns sometime in the future and reports made to the Police Department.

She said this is obviously a difficult time for residents, and she encouraged residents to stay strong, stay safe and stay home. She reminded residents of Ward 1 that there is an existing social media page for resources. She thanked the Jennings School District for their Friday food distributions and councilmembers for all their hard work, it has been incredible showing unity and strength.

Councilman Wilson greeted everyone and thanked those that joined in the Zoom video call. He gave a shout out to Councilwoman Owens for the delivery of the food plates a few weeks ago. He was contacted by seniors in his Ward, other councilmembers contacted him about the distribution, and he was reached out by her as well.

He gave a shout out to Mayor Austin for pressing the envelope with St. Louis County, to be sure the County was providing relief not only to the City of Jennings but to all of North County. He gave a large shout out to the Jennings School District for delivering food to not only students, but to the families of the community and really pushing out the resources. He feels that Jennings is ready for other organizations, like the Urban League, that have been pouring into the community. He echoed what Councilwoman Jones said earlier: stay at home, stay safe, and let us take care of each other.

Councilwoman Dugger greeted everyone and addressed the Public Works Department, who has been diligent to respond to her notices of trash dumping on the streets, which has increased lately. She also thanked Sgt. Perez and other Officers. But she said she is yet to understand what the Police Department plans to do to address the increased speeding in the Jennings area, and particularly in Ward 2. She would like to know what is happening to help that situation.

Councilwoman Dugger reports that some families have been suffering losses due to COVID-19. Some senior residents at Jennings Place II in Ward 2 have passed away and she sent her condolences to those families. She extended her condolences to those residents living in those buildings who cannot leave and are anxious about the situation. She asked the Mayor if she could assist in this situation as well. At Jennings Place II, the management company is primarily keeping the buildings clean. She feels that since the building has suffered two deaths, the management company should clean the building and common areas more thoroughly. She has asked Sgt. Perez and Officer McCrary to connect with the management company to help with the resident's unrest. Councilwoman Dugger said she would like to take more measures to assist seniors living there and asked if that were something the Mayor could help with. Mayor Austin said she would address that in her report.

Councilwoman Dugger asked if the Mayor has received any reports of minority participation on the construction work. Mayor Austin replied that she had not. Mayor Austin said that each contractor the City works with does know what the expectations are, but she will reach out to Schona to follow up on that report. Councilwoman Dugger said that the ordinance specifies that she should be receiving a report with that information and she just wanted to follow up with that from the February City Council Meeting.

Councilman Johnson urged the community to stay safe and adhering to the regulation procedures. He said he would like to acknowledge the other councilmembers for their efforts with taking care of seniors and residents.

He wanted to mimic Councilwoman Jones and Councilwoman Dugger with their concerns of speeding and gunshots. He feels like there is a little more activity in Ward 3. He said he found some information in the form of a report on citations which can be gathered. Capt. Law informed Councilman Johnson that he would make himself available to discuss he concerns. Councilman Johnson agreed to discuss further with Capt. Law. He again urged the community to stay safe.

Councilwoman Anderson greeted everyone and said she missed them. She gave a shout out to the councilmembers who showed up to the press conference (for the COVID -19 testing site at Urban League) and a big shout out to Mayor Austin for her efforts on getting a COVID-19 testing site in the Jennings area. She thanked her for that effort. Councilwoman Anderson thanked Jim for the clarification to residents regarding the grass cutting. She thanked Councilwoman Owens for always keeping Jennings healthy.

She reported hearing the gunshots as well and speeding up McLaran. She asked for clarity on that situation as well. She said she missed everyone and wished them to stay safe and stay kind.

Councilwoman Owens greeted everyone and said that a lot of councilmembers have already spoken about what she wanted to address. She wanted to make sure people were aware of resources that were available, like Prepare St. Louis (STL), who have been canvassing the area. She was thankful for the updates and reported the delivery of food to 300 families in the area, not limited to the Jennings area.

She said there was a press conference for the testing site and awareness of where resources may be found. She thanked the Jennings School District pantries for their distributions and reminded the public of the resources available. She commented that the remodeled park looks nice and wondered if there will be a public presentation done in the future.

She also noted the speeding on McLaran, suggesting that a speed bump might be necessary there. She thanked Public Works for their trash clean-up and asked how the trash issue can be improved. Jim Maixner, Director of Public Works, said that police officers are issuing tickets for littering but if violators are not showing up to Court there is not much more that can be done. She understood what measures are being taken and noticed that more and more trash had been accumulating near the Family Dollar.

She thanked Ms. Carol for her efforts with the community gardens. She addressed the unease regarding the COVID-19 epidemic and asked for prayers for the ill residents.

Councilman Epps said that he had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Owens reported that the Jennings High School Seniors are scheduled to graduate around this time. She asked the community to celebrate them. She said they are going through a very difficult time.

3. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Austin began her report by thanking all the City employees for their hard work. Although most are working from home, the City has a schedule for those who must be in the office. She informed the city council that two employees have tested positive for COVID-19; one is quarantined at home and the other is in the hospital in intensive care but seems to be recovering. Mayor Austin reported that she receives a weekly report of the COVID -19 cases from the Riverview Fire Chief for the 63136-zip code. There are currently 256 positive cases. In the week before there were 188 positive cases. She said there are 197 positive cases in the Riverview Fire District. She said there have been casualties due to the virus in the City of Jennings, and she has sent condolences to those families. Mayor Austin said she is working with senior residences, including Jennings Place II which had suffered two deaths that were close friends of the Mayor. She arranged for transportation for 22 seniors that wanted to be tested. She reported that there is a number that they can call for transportation for testing. She has contacted the building directors to make them aware of the situation and to follow up.

Mayor Austin thanked Affinia Healthcare and the Urban League for seeing the need for testing in the North County area. There is only one testing center in the area that tests once a week. Affinia Healthcare has set up a testing site in Jennings. The St. Louis County hotline for testing is 314-615-2660. Homeless individuals are being tested as well. If they would like to be tested, they should call the hotline. She is working with St. Louis County to get help to clean affected areas.

Mayor Austin reported that Ward 4 is improving. She thanked the Buford family for the sign that they sponsored (on Jennings Station Road at Highway 70) and the electricity for the sign will be coming out the TIF fund. There was a letter emailed to the council that informed them of the improvements in Wards 2 and Ward 4. It included examples of housing in Alexandria Place (Ward 2), and they are working with families on free bi-weekly lawncare in Ward 4. There were 29 senior residents who applied for the Federal Home Loan to be used for repairs on their homes and assisting in the mental health program for senior residents of Ward 4. They anticipate funding in 2022 for affordable housing projects.

Mayor Austin thanked Willie Brandon, Recreation Director, for the department's assistance in reaching out to senior residents to check on their health and to remind them to work on their Census 2020 reports. She reminded the public that the 2020 Census has been extended until October 31, 2020. She receives a weekly report from Myra Randle, Economic Development Specialist. The City is currently behind on its count, which reports that only 42.8% of residents have responded.

She asked for the councilmembers help in spreading the word regarding the Census 2020 report response.

The Mayor reported that Sievers Park is close to completion, and an event can be made to celebrate its opening. County Executives have asked to keep parks closed, she decided to keep Koeneman Park open to the public, and with the help of Jim in the Public Works Department and security, closely monitoring social distancing. She notified the public of the upcoming public hearing on Monday, May 11th at 6:00 pm, to discuss \$186,000 Community Development Block Grant fund and reallocation of funds from the 2018 CDBG fund, which will be held via Zoom and the link will be found on the City of Jennings website.

Councilwoman Dugger added that she wanted to remind the public that the annual fishing derby has been postponed. She also asked the Mayor about how the residents will receive notifications on the change in trash services. The Mayor said there will be a letter going out and she asked Jim when Waste Management trash cans will be retrieved. He said that they are tentatively scheduled to be removed the Memorial Day weekend. Deletra Hudson, City Clerk, said there will be information on the website and published in the newsletter. Councilwoman Dugger asked what would happen to those who do not sign up for trash service. Jim said it will be up to the Building Department to cite residents for not having service and could be potentially dumping.

Councilwoman Jones asked the Mayor to repeat the Census percentage and if that amount was lower or higher than in previous years. The Mayor repeated the information, but she said she did not know how they compared to the previous census. Councilman Johnson asked if these numbers are coming from online, mail or phone. The Mayor said that the report includes all three. Councilwoman Jones asked about honoring Correctional Officer Brad Maassen, The Mayor said condolences were sent to his family and will be published in the newsletter. Lieutenant Geasley said he presented the plaque the Mayor had made to his family at the funeral service and people have continued to help his family during this time.

Mayor Austin asked Captain Law of the St. Louis County Police Department, Jennings precinct, to give a report. Captain Law said shot-spotters are working and there certainly is more activity, which the department has been able to narrow down to between the hours of 8:00 pm – 1:00 am. He confirmed there is an increase in speeding. The precinct has a policy of no pursuit if the violator does not stop. For liability reasons, they do not pursue because that has the potential to put more of the community at risk. They want to preserve lives of residents. Captain Law said from January – March, 798 citations were written. Respectively, those months in 2019, 634 citations were written, which shows a 25% increase in 2020. Burglaries have risen, especially in March, with 14 burglaries that have occurred. He has reached out for some outside resources and detectives have used investigative techniques. There has been one arrest thus far. In April, there were nine burglaries, which shows a 35% decrease from March. There are a lot of reports about speeding vehicles and they are writing more tickets in response, yet violators have not been showing up to Court. Captain Law said that he needs help from the community and has an open-door policy, and he encouraged Councilman Johnson to speak with him.

The Mayor said she had a conversation with Sgt. Perez regarding some equipment that could help with documenting traffic violators. Captain Law confirmed there are license plate readers that can be used. They are expensive and run about \$15,000 per mobile unit. Very few mobile units have them in the county. He said he can investigate requesting the license plate readers. Councilman Johnson asked about the number of citations, and if they were related to speeding. Captain Law said he would investigate it and come back with the information. The Mayor asked councilmembers to note the streets that are affected. Captain Law said that due to the current pandemic, there is a limit to what the force can do, due to the needs of the community. However, that does not mean they are not still patrolling and are properly staffed.

D. MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

On the motion made by Councilman Terry Wilson, seconded by Phyllis Anderson, the Council approved the monthly department reports.

E. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. Ways and Means & Public Safety Committee

Councilman Wilson said they met on April 21st at 4:30 pm. All members were present, and were joined by Mayor Austin, Deletra Hudson, Jim Maixner and Brenda Williams. Five items discussed: the purchase of a skid loader for Public Works, the purchase of two trucks for Public Works, the purchase of a vehicle for the Mayor, the replacement of the keyless access system for the Police Department, and the Laserfiche record retention system for the City Clerk's office. He read his report and informed the Council of the actions to be taken as a result of the committee's recommendations. The items were listed on the meeting agenda. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

2. Public Works & Building Committee - Councilman Epps reported there was no meeting.

3. Parks & Recreation Committee

Councilman Stichnote reported there was no meeting. He went on to say that there will have to be a meeting in the future with the upcoming grand re-opening of Sievers Park. He suggested getting in contact with the daughter of the late Mr. Sievers, the park's namesake, to honor him at the event.

4. Policy and Ordinance Committee

Councilwoman Jones reported there were two meetings. The first meeting was on April 14th at 4:30 pm via Zoom. All members were present, and were joined by Mayor Austin, Deletra Hudson, and Willie Brandon Jr. She thanked the City Clerk's office for their efforts to update the policies. Some had not been updated since 1949.

They discussed an existing ordinance where the City Clerk's office is responsible for handling taxicab driver business licenses. The City Clerk, Deletra Hudson, amending the ordinance to transfer that responsibility to the Finance Department. Secondly, another existing ordinance was also presented by the City Clerk that states the City Clerk's office handles the issuance of pet licenses. It was proposed that that ordinance be amended to transfer that responsibility to the Finance Department. The third existing ordinance presented by the City Clerk's office proposed transferring the issuance of excavation permits to the Building Department, the ordinance currently states these are the responsibilities of the City Clerk and none of these duties are handled by the City Clerk's Office.. The committee voted to approve the recommendations and forward them to the City Council for approval.

The committee also discussed the approval of the vendor agreement for the Recreation Department, which made provisions in the case of cancellation made by the City to the vendor. The change allows the cancelled event to be rescheduled within one year of the cancellation.

There was also a recommendation by Jim Maixner, Director of Public Works to amendment to an existing ordinance regarding the obstruction of gutters mirrors the property maintenance codes to reflect each other.

Councilwoman Jones said the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.

She reported that there was another meeting held on April 21st at 6:10 pm. All members were present and joined by Mayor Austin, Deletra Hudson, Jim Maixner, and Brenda Williams. The committee discussed an ordinance moving responsibilities from the City Clerk's office to the Finance Department to issue cat and dog licenses. There was no action on the amendment to this ordinance, as the fee amount need to be researched by the Finance Department and presented at once for a complete amendment of the ordinance.

Another ordinance was discussed which involved moving the responsibilities of collecting vicious dog insurance from the City Clerk's office to the Finance Department. The final ordinance that was discussed during the meeting, involved repealing the ordinance stating the collection and maintaining of the tax books. This was amended since the City of Jennings no longer handles tax payments in tax books and are handled electronically. The recommended amendments were approved by the committee to be recommended to the City Council for approval. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 pm.

She also thanked the committee for all their hard work. Mayor Austin added she thanked the committees for participating via Zoom and thanked the Policy and Ordinance Committee.

5. Municipal League

Councilman Wilson said he had nothing to report. Due to COVID-19, the Municipal League Banquet was cancelled. The League will update the City on City Official elections processes.

6. Planning Commission - Councilman Johnson reported there was no meeting.

7. Youth Commission - Reports provided.

8. Senior Commission - Reports provided.

F. LEGAL BUSINESS (Proposed Ordinances)

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, ENACTING SECTION 37-11 OF CHAPTER 37 OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING AND AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY GARDENS WITHIN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, STATE OF MISSOURI.

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2603. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2603 became Ordinance #2542 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Rodney Epps, and Aja Owens; none opposing.

2. AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 23-11 OF CHAPTER 23 OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS MUNICIPAL CODE AUTHORIZING INDIVIDUALS TO INSPECT, ENTER, SECURE, CLEAN AND MAINTAIN ABANDONED REAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, WITHOUT FEAR OF LEGAL RETRIBUTION.

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2604. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

There was a discussion regarding the details of the ordinance and if the information of the ordinance may be made public. Sam said that this would be considered public notice, and there is no real notification process. Councilwoman Dugger asked the Mayor if the ordinance may be published in the newsletter. Mayor Austin said that can be added to the newsletter and asked councilmembers if they would assist in spreading the information to residents.

Bill #2604 became Ordinance #2543 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Rodney Epps, and Aja Owens; none opposing.

3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, REPEALING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 35 ARTICLE II SECTION 35-21 OF THE JENNINGS MUNICIPAL CODE.

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones for Bill #2605. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2605 became Ordinance #2544 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Rodney Epps, and Aja Owens; none opposing.

4. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, REPEALING AND AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 32 ARTICLE III SECTION 32-44 OF THE JENNINGS MUNICIPAL CODE.

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson for Bill #2606. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2606 became Ordinance #2545 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Rodney Epps, and Aja Owens; none opposing.

5. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, REPEALING AND AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 32 ARTICLE II SECTION 32-30 OF THE JENNINGS MUNICIPAL CODE.

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2607. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2607 became Ordinance #2546 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Rodney Epps, and Aja Owens; none opposing.

6. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, REPEALING SECTION 2-138 OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 5 OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS MUNICIPAL CODE.

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson for Bill #2608. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2608 became Ordinance #2547 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Rodney Epps, and Aja Owens; none opposing.

7. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 6 ARTICLE II, DIVISION 4, SECTION 6-56 OF THE CITY OF JENNINGS MUNICIPAL CODE.

There was a motion for the first reading made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for Bill #2609. Sam did the first reading of the ordinance. On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson for the second reading, Sam did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill #2609 became Ordinance #2548 by the following roll call vote of the councilmembers, voting in favor: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Rodney Epps, and Aja Owens; none opposing.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of the amended vendor agreement for the Recreation Center.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Jones, seconded by Councilman Wilson, for the approval of the amended vendor agreement for the Recreation Center. All in favor, none opposed.

2. Approval of the monthly rental agreement for the Recreation Center.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, for the approval of the monthly rental agreement for the Recreation Center. All in favor, none opposed.

3. Transfer of a Conditional Use Permit for 8319 W. Florissant.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, for the approval of the transfer of a Conditional Use Permit for 8319 W. Florissant. All in favor, none opposed.

Councilman Johnson asked for clarification for the location of the building in question.

4. Approval of the purchase of a skid loader for the Public Works Department.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, for the approval of the purchase of a skid loader for the Public Works Department. All in favor, none opposed.

5. Approval of the purchase of two trucks for the Public Works Department.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, for the approval of the purchase of the two trucks for the Public Works Department. All in favor, none opposed.

6. Approval of the purchase of a vehicle for the Mayor.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, for the approval of the purchase of a vehicle for the Mayor. All in favor, none opposed.

6. Approval of the monthly bills for payment.

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the monthly departmental bills were approved. All in favor, none opposed.

I. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Austin thanked department heads working from home and those employees that are still coming into the office from time to time. She reminded everyone that if they call City Hall, they will get in touch with Lolita, who is still working reception and she will relay that message to specific departments. She also thanked councilmembers for their diligence in working together and participating in the Zoom meetings, moving To A New City business forward. She reminded everyone to check the emails that Deletra Hudson, City Clerk, has been sending out updates on COVID-19 and updates are also available online. She also promised to get the correct trash service dates published to the three Jennings message boards.

Ivretta Williams, Economic Development Contractor, noted that the address for the above-mentioned transfer of Conditional Use Permit was incorrect. The correct address is 8319 Jennings Station Road which is a storage building. On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the council rescinded the previous motion to approve the transfer of the Conditional Use Permit for 8319 W. Florissant.

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Wilson, the council approved the transfer of the Conditional Use Permit for 8319 Jennings Station Road. All in favor, none opposed.

Jim Maixner, Director of Public Works, thanked the City Council for all that they do and all they are doing to keep Public Works moving.

J. CLOSED SESSION, LEGAL AND PERSONNEL (RSMO 610:021-1.3)

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the Council voted by the following roll call vote for a closed session for Legal and Personnel (RSMO 610:021-1,3). Councilmembers voting in favor of the session were the following: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Rodney Epps, and Aja Owens; none opposing.

Closed Session – Legal, Personnel (RSMO 610:021-1, 3)

After a brief recess, the following City Council members were all present and met in closed session: Stichnote, Jones, Wilson, Dugger, Anderson, Johnson, Owens; R. Epps was absent. Also present were the Mayor Yolanda Austin; Sam Alton, City Attorney; and Deletra Hudson, City Clerk.

PERSONNEL

The following actions were taken:

Hire Corrections Officers

On the motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the Council voted by the following roll call vote to approve the recommendations by Lt. Geasley, Corrections Department, to hire Clarence Owens and Donna Pendleton pending all pre-employment screening test.

Hire Code Enforcement Officers

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the Council voted by the following roll call vote to keep the position open until the City receives better applicants. Councilmembers voting in favor of the session were the following: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Rodney Epps, and Aja Owens; none absent nor opposing.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On the motion made by Councilwoman Anderson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones, the City Council voted in favor by the roll call votes of the following council members to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.: Allan Stichnote, Miranda Jones, Terry Wilson, Francine Dugger, Phyllis Anderson, Gary Johnson, Rodney Epps and Aja Owens; none absent nor opposing.

Approved:


Yolanda Austin, Mayor

Attest:


Deletra Hudson, City Clerk

