

JENNINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2016**

7:00pm

Mayor Dugger opened the Tax Rate public hearing by introducing Beverly Roche and Mike Williams from Hochschild Bloom and Company LLP. Beverly stated that the purpose was to set the property tax rate for the year 2016. Mike Williams expressed his firm's review of the proposed tax rate and the information from the State Auditor and the assessments from St. Louis County and agrees with the amounts presented and the changes in regards to SB 506. There was no one present that wanted to speak for or against the tax rate.

The mayor opened the Conditional Use permit hearing for the 100' Monopole Tower. No one was present from the company so the mayor asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak for or against the tower. Robert Cotton asked why is Jennings getting all of these cell phone towers put in. Kim Smith mentioned the reason for the tower is so that cell phone carriers can place their units on the towers and provide their service for the customer because there are none in Jennings. Mr. Cotton expressed he felt if the company was not at the hearing then there should be no vote taken. Another resident, Cammy Davis, also asked the question on why the police tower can't be used to provide the same service and the proposed location. The mayor spoke on the fact that the tower company appeared before the Planning Commission and expressed the conditions to install the tower which included working with the owner on the cleanup, removal of debris and the restoration of the fencing and continual monitoring of the area around the tower. The mayor went further in stating that all of the conditions were placed in the permit to ensure that the company and owner of the property would be held accountable. Cammy Davis asked about the tower on Garesche and if it could be used. Jim Maxiner spoke and said that tower is for St. Louis Co. emergency purposes and could not be used for anything else. An additional question was asked by Cammy Davis in regards to safety issues and Kim Smith responded saying that there are federal guidelines that the company must meet. Linda Schmerber stated that she feels it is a good thing for the residents. The mayor mentioned that the only way for the residents to get better cell phone service is to get a tower. Councilwoman Jones asked since the company did not come does it have to be voted on. She also mentioned the issues of carcinogens that come from the towers but said the ACS has said the amount released from these towers is relatively safe. She also suggests that the company present a report to show its safety. Mayor Dugger mentioned that issue was addressed and a concern of the planning commission due to the proximity to the daycare. Councilman Epps asked that with technology are the towers getting any smaller. The mayor suggested that the issue IS tabled until the company comes to answer the questions. Councilman Stichnote mentioned that towers are not just placed anywhere but they study the city to see where the best coverage is locate. The mayor suggested closing the hearing until the interested parties are present to answer the public's questions.

The two thousand three hundred forty eighth meeting was brought to order by Mayor Francine Dugger. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Stichnote, Councilwoman Jones, Councilwoman Dugger, Councilwoman Fortson, Councilwoman Anderson, Councilwoman Cook, Councilman Epps, and Councilwoman Epps.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Councilman Epps and seconded by Councilwoman Jones. All in favor with no one opposed.

Approval of the minutes from August 22, 2016, August 18, 2016, Sept 7, 2016, Sept 15, 2016 and Sept 19, 2016. Councilman Epps made the motion to approve the minutes and Councilwoman Fortson seconded. All in favor and no one opposed.

Mike Williams from Hochschild Bloom and Company LLP presented the audit findings as revealed in the Financial Audit packet given to the Mayor and City Council. Mike first presented the independent auditors report and the auditor opinions report stating that the auditors claim the material was presented fairly in all material respects. Next, Mike presented the management

discussion and analysis section which expressed the assets and liabilities of the city as of March 31, 2016 in comparison to March 31, 2015 and it shows the city's current net position at \$3,672,000. Further the report shows the revenue at \$10,475,000 and expenses at \$9,951,000, leaving net revenues of \$524,000 and that is why there is an increase in the net position of the city. Next, he spoke on the different funds of the city which is the main operating fund of the city and he spoke on the independent auditors report on internal control and on compliance. Two findings are the court and catching up on the court liabilities and the preparation of the financial statements since his company prepares the financial statements they have to disclose it rather than it being prepared by the city and them checking it. The next report is the management letter and these items are not significant deficiencies of the city but items for management's attention. The mayor then mentioned to the council that the department heads have met and were told to address their concerns and resolve the issues by end of October. Councilman Epps asked John Adams how he is going to address his issues and if they should expect them to be the same next year. John Adams responded with a progressive plan to address his issues. He then asked about Lagers and the police retirement fund. Beverly mentioned that Lagers going to take on the police pension fund.

The public comments began with Louis Williams at 2628 Avie who spoke about a tree on the easement in front of his house. He stated that he hasn't heard back from anyone since the original contact with the city about the tree. He also stated that the tree is on the easement and not his property so the trimming of the tree is not his responsibility but rather that of the city. The mayor told him that she and Bill met with him and gave him the documentation about the property line and explained that the tree is on his property. She further stated that the city is not responsible and she asked Jim from the Public Works Dept. to address the ordinance about the property owner's responsibility concerning the easement. Councilmen Epps also explained that the ordinance is correct and does state that it is the owner's responsibility to cut the trees back on the easement.

Alice Logan of 6344 Garesche Ave. presented information about A Caring Plus Foundation. The organization has services available to help senior citizens age 60 and older to do minor repairs and other services such as lawn cutting. They are planning other educational training to help them.

David Kuechenmeister of 2021 Hord spoke on someone removing plants from in front of the Historical Society. He also mentioned the new property's purchased by the City on Jennings Station Road and he wanted to know if the city was going to be the tenants. He also asked if testing was done on the Sonoco property to make sure that there was no gas left in the tanks below ground and if the oil would need to be recycled. The mayor mentioned that she doesn't know anything about plants being removed and she instructed Kim Smith the Director of Econ Dev. to address his other concerns. Kim stated that a Brownfield assessment application has been submitted to the State of Missouri to test the two properties at no cost to the city.

Carol Weusthoff of 2126 McLaran spoke on her concern about the look of Jennings and the lawns on and down her street. She offered pictures to the council showing the cutting job by the current contractor of the city and feels that they are doing a terrible job and that the city should not waste the money. The mayor then mentioned the city hired the company to cut the grass and not take grass off the fence or to pull weeds. The mayor expressed that it does look unsightly but that company has been hired to do lawn and are looking into the matter because there are complaints about the workmanship of the company. She also stated that all of this will be considered when they began a contract for a new company to take care of the grass cutting. Further the mayor stated that she looked into ending the contract and the city taking it over but we were not able to work it out but she wants it fixed for the next cutting season. The mayor also reminded everyone that it was no excuse but the city got started late in the cutting season. Further, she expressed that there were retardants considered to cut down on the number of times that we mowed the same lawn and the company was asked to do a blitz to cut the entire city but that also failed.

Linda Schmerber of 7028 Idlewild began by telling everyone that she received the monthly award of five hundred dollars from News Channel 2 and Firstbank for being selected as someone that supports their community. She explained that she has been a member of the Historical Society for 29 years and wrote a history book about the city. She also stated that she was shocked to receive the award. She expressed that it was on television last Friday night at the five and nine o'clock news. Linda also talked about an all class reunion at Norwood Country Club for Fairview Heights School with about three hundred and forty four people in attendance. The school closed in 1969 and Dan Gray was included in the class so it was on Channel 11. She then asked everyone to come to the historical society and see all the things that are there.

Pricilla Jones of 5516 Janet thanked Capt. Cox for partnering with the Jennings School District and having a very nice ribbon cutting ceremony on September 15, 2016 for the Gary Gore Community Center that will support a youth athletic program. She wanted to thank and acknowledge Capt. Cox for his vision in helping to keep the youth out of trouble. Pricilla also invited everyone to the community center and she feels it will be a big deal for the city.

Phyllis Robertson Davis of 2504 Hord mentioned that there was another accident at the corner of College and Hord on Saturday and the dangerous situation that exists. The mayor mentioned that a traffic study has been done and she asked Capt. Cox if he was aware of anything else being done with the speeding. Capt. Cox said not to his knowledge but they can put a speed trailer on that area.

Robert Cotton of 7119 Garesche spoke on his concern about grass on 7037 Garesche he been asking for it to be cut since the beginning of the season. He has talked to Margie and the grass is still not cut. He would like the properties to be cut so the kids will not have to walk into the street on their way to school.

Allen McDonnell of 9314 Scottdale spoke about the mayor's vision of new civic center at a recent ward meeting. He expressed that he spoke against it at the meeting and said it was a waste of money. Further, he stated that he felt the infrastructure should be built up before the possibility of a new civic center is considered because no one is going to come. He also felt that the city should take care of a bond issue and get rid of the vacant and condemned houses and take care of the infrastructure and the board should decline any further talks of a civic center. He then stated that he contacted the Attorney General's office and found out that the mayor can vote twice because there is no city ordinance prohibiting it or the removal of a mayor pro tem. He feels that both should be added to the list and stated that the mayor is being paid for her duties as city councilwomen and her duties as the mayor pro tem.

Beverly Roche from city hall mentioned that the Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday at 5438 Hodiament at the Street Garage.

Wayne Weusthoff of 2528 Shannon spoke on a rehab property that has been boarded up for two years and someone from the building dept. promised him they would get back to him but he hasn't heard a word from them. He said that the permit had expired and he doesn't understand why the city keeps giving people like that permits. The mayor then spoke and said that with private property the city will not discuss any violations that a private property owner is facing. You can come and request certain information but we are not going to discuss that information with the city. She also stated that the city can't tell a private owner what to do with his property unless there are violations against the city's codes. Mr. Weusthoff then stated that St. Louis Co has a "Problem Properties" unit and he wanted to know why the city doesn't become a part of that program. Capt. Cox mentioned that St. Louis Co has a unit in south St. Louis Co. that handles ordinance violations on St. Louis County owned properties. Capt Cox also stated that they may do city owned properties but a fee is probably associated with the service. Councilman Epps asked Capt Cox to elaborate on the fees to join the program and it was further stated that it is a separate contract just like the police contract with the city.

Cammy Davis of 8954 Whitstone Ct. spoke on if there was an ordinance on having a fire pit in your front yard because there is a resident that has some in their front yard. The mayor suggested that she call in with the complaint so that it goes into the system and the inspector's will then deal with the situation.

The mayor began the councilmember's report by stating that there was a complaint from Ward II about illegal activity on one of the streets and it was sent to the Capt. Cox and she is waiting on a report from St. L. CO about that issue. She went on to state that Ward II is moving well and when there is a complaint they try to get on top of it. She also mentioned her participated in the training for the State Municipal League Conference held here in St. Louis.

Next Councilwoman Fortson began her report by stating that on Aug 24, 2016 she went to River Roads Manor and met with some of our senior residents to see how they were doing and see if they had any questions or concerns. On Aug 31, 2016 she and Nicole Gregory, Director of Recreation, went to Jennings Place to give the residents some upcoming events from the senior program. On Sept 8, 2016 she attended the neighborhood watch meeting at the Gary Gore School. On Sept 10, 2016 her, the mayor, and Councilwoman Anderson went to the networking brunch with Alice Logan from A Caring Plus. On Sept 17, 2016 she scheduled a brush cleanup in Ward II but had to reschedule it because of bad weather to Oct 22, 2016 and she will put flyers out. She also scheduled an informational town hall meeting on "Trauma in our Neighborhood" but due to low turnout it has been rescheduled to Oct 12, 2016, at City Hall at 6:30pm. They will collaborate with some of the surrounding areas but Jennings will be the host city. Further she thanked Councilman Stichnote for visiting the food pantry this Wednesday at Good News Baptist Church to help her combat the issues that keep occurring during the food giveaways.

Next, was Councilwoman Anderson from Ward III who thanked Phyllis Roberson-Davis for coming out and addressing the issue at Hord and College. She mentioned that she had some residents complain to her about Hord and Xerograph so she had a traffic study done by Capt. Cox and the traffic dept and they came up with removing the cars from parking four car lengths but that is not going to stop the problems. She stated that when Councilwoman Fortson does her committee report she will address a possible stop sign issue in that location. Councilwoman Anderson also stated that she and Councilwoman Cook are working on a Facebook page for residents to leave their comments and concerns. She asked the residents to invite themselves on the Facebook page.

Councilwoman Cook announced that their Ward III Beautification committee will start on Thursday Oct 27, 2016 at 5:30pm. There will be letters sent out to Ward III residents in regards to information about the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to address ways to make Ward III look nicer. The meeting is expected to last an hour to an hour and a half so that people can get home to their families.

Next, Councilwoman Epps from Ward IV did not have a report.

Councilman Epps stated that on September 23, 2016, he and Councilwoman Epps got a chance to meet the high school students from the Jennings Educational and Training School (JETS) that volunteered to clean up West Florissant. He stated that they sponsored the cleanup and bought the items that they needed such as gloves, bags and refreshments for the students. He mentioned that it was a joyful event and the students were proud to clean up their own neighborhood. He further stated that he and Councilwoman Epps promised them that they would come out and support them in their future efforts. He commented that both of them were working on a report for Ward IV to show the different types of calls and complaints they are receiving.

Next, Councilman Stichnote from Ward I thanked St. L Co. for solving the homicide on college three weeks ago. He also thanked the St. L. Co. Detective Bureau for solving the case within six hours. He then commented on the Good News Baptist church food pantry and his visit there with Councilwoman Fortson and told the residents that they are allowed to go up there and get the food. He mentioned that he felt proud that they do that here in Jennings.

Councilwoman Jones commented on the Ward I meeting and how allowed them the chance to address perception, communication and created other engagement opportunities. She mentioned the meeting was good because time is limited to speak at the council meetings and she thanked Officer Trevor Voss for his participation. She also mentioned that they talked about the relationship between ST. L. Co. and the City and the issues that came up after the police contract, grass issues, and some nuisance issues. Councilwoman Jones then stated that Mr. McDonnell mentioned a new civic center earlier tonight and the meeting gave him the opportunity to talk about his opinion concerning the roads and infrastructure. She expressed that the money for the civic center would not come from the money for the infrastructure. Further, she also stated that while we need a creative means to get money to build a new civic center we have a great school system and the need to draw or entice family's to come to the city so that we have a great tax base. She believes that infrastructure is a huge problem but we need to look at both sides. She then stated that she attended the opening of Gary Gore as a councilperson and as a School Board Member. She commented that it is a great partnership at Gary Gore from St. L. Co and the "PAL" League, the Neighborhood Watch, the first Robotics Center with the Lego Building League competition that is also opened to the residents, Children's hospital, and Lincoln University Men Own Business 4-H program component. Councilwoman Jones went on to mention the employee appreciation day and the council who contributed to make it an awesome event and thanked Councilwoman Fortson for spearheading the event. She closed her report notifying the public that Jennings is part of a promise zone and the Federal Gov has awarded St. L. Co a 1.4 million dollar grant called "Recast" which is a resiliency grant made for community's who experienced high trauma and close to Ferguson and the 63136 zip code. The plan is to engage the community on implementing the grant so she wanted to inform the residents so that we can have residents who are a part of the process. She also participated in the Municipal League Conference.

A motion was made by Councilman Stichnote to except the monthly Departmental reports with all council in favor and none opposed.

Next, the mayor began with the Ways and Means committee recommendation to purchase the utility locator for the Public Works department. A motion was made by Councilwoman Jones to move to pay for the Utility Locator. Seconded by Councilman Stichnote and all were in favor with none opposed.

Next, Councilwoman Fortson began by stating that the Public Works committee met on September 14, 2016 and discussed the traffic study on Hord and Xerograph, the use of the retardant for the grass on vacant lots, contractor of a resident disposing grass in the sewer, and the hiring of TRC for the grass cutting costs and the possibility of the city starting the bids for the grass contract in December since we got behind this grass cutting season. Councilwoman Fortson made the recommendation that the police department recommends limiting the traffic at the intersection of Hord and Xerograph. The mayor stated that the minutes of the committee do not reflect the recommendation for the stop sign. Councilwoman Fortson said the minutes should have stated the stop sign as well. Mayor Dugger said that the record should reflect that the recommendation to the council in the Public Works meeting minutes was for the parking to be limited. The St. L. Co. traffic study recommended limited parking and the Director of Public Works doesn't believe the stop sign would alleviate the visibility. The mayor also stated that the committee ordered the traffic study without council approval and should first come with the recommendation in the meeting minutes then the council can discuss any additions. Councilman Epps ask the question on allowing the chairmen to make the needed recommendation with an amendment. The mayor stated the committee has that option but the record should show the recommendation from the minutes then the council discuss any amendments. Councilwoman Stichnote asked the question on the area being Ward I and if any council could make a recommendation on any ward. Mayor replied that because she is chairmen of the committee she is making the recommendation. Councilman Stichnote then made the motion to put the stop sign at Hord and Xeograph and it was seconded by Councilwoman Jones with all in favor and none

opposed. Councilwoman Fortson said that the minutes will have to be revised to reflect the recommendation.

No report Building committee report.

Next, Councilwoman Jones said the Parks committee met on September 15, 2016 at 5:30pm. They discussed the Utility Locator and the park lighting, the bid opening for Lions Park and the contract being awarded to JW Fueller at \$309,000 dollars. Bill and Jim will monitor the work and paperwork for the grant and make sure that all deadlines are met. Councilwoman Jones made the recommendation to the council to accept the bid from JW Fueller. Councilwoman Cook made the motion to accept the bid proposal from JW Fueller and it was seconded by Councilwoman Fortson. All were in favor with none opposed. Councilwoman Jones also stated that Kim Smith met with an attorney regarding the purchase of the property adjacent to the civic center and financing for future construction. They also discussed the firehouse and Councilman Stichnote suggested that the firehouse be torn down and the property used as a parking lot. Councilwoman Jones ended in stating that Public Works is getting bids to fix the emergency repair at the pavilion in Seivers Park. The mayor asked if the pavilion can be dealt with prior to it becoming an emergency and Councilwoman Jones said they will deal with it as soon as the bids come in within two weeks.

Next, Councilwoman Fortson, chairmen of the Municipal League committee, mentioned that she also went to the conference held here in St. Louis on Sept 11 – 13, 2016 and it was very informational in regards to the sunshine law, and other topics such as social media. They particularly enjoyed a session called “Ask the Experts” and attended the banquet. She also stated that she attended the Fall Municipal League meeting held at the Bridgeton Recreational center and the highlight was the progress on the riverfront project. Councilwoman Fortson also mentioned that mayor Dugger also attended that meeting.

No report from the Planning Committee.

In Legal Business the following proposed ordinances where approved.

Tax Rate Ordinance:

Bill# 2466, Ordinance# 2414 first reading – Councilman Epps, and seconded by Councilwoman Jones. Second reading – Councilman Epps, Seconded by Councilwoman Jones Roll call: Councilman Stichnote – yes, Councilwoman Jones – yes, Councilwoman Fortson – yes, Councilwoman Dugger – yes, Councilwoman Anderson - yes, Councilwoman – Cook – yes, Councilman Epps – yes, Councilwoman Epps – yes

Conditional Use Permit Ordinance:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Fortson to table the conditional use permit and all were in favor, none opposed.

Meetings Amendment Ordinance:

Bill# 2467, Ordinance# 2415 **First reading** – Councilwoman Fortson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones. Councilman Epps had a question and said he is opposed to having a second monthly meeting. **Second reading** – Councilwoman Fortson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones. Roll call: Councilman Stichnote – no, Councilwoman Jones – yes, Councilwoman Fortson – yes, Councilwoman Dugger – yes, Councilwoman Anderson - yes, Councilwoman – Cook – no, Councilman Epps – no, Councilwoman Epps – no, Mayor – yes

Order of Business Ordinance (Amending Ordinance #998, Rule 4):

Bill# 2468, Ordinance# 2416 **First reading** – Councilwoman Cook, and seconded by Councilwoman Jones. A question was raised by Councilwoman Jones and she offered a motion to amendment the ordinance to move the “Public Comment” section to after “Reports of Committees” it was seconded by Councilwoman Anderson. Roll call to amend the ordinance - Councilman Stichnote – yes, Councilwoman Jones – yes, Councilwoman Fortson – yes, Councilwoman Dugger – Yes, Councilwoman Anderson - yes, Councilwoman Cook –

yes, Councilman Epps – yes, Councilwoman Epps – no, **Second reading** - Councilwoman Fortson, seconded by Councilwoman Jones. Roll call: Councilman Stichnote – yes, Councilwoman Jones – yes, Councilwoman Fortson – yes, Councilwoman Dugger – yes, Councilwoman Anderson - yes, Councilwoman Cook – yes, Councilman Epps – yes, Councilwoman Epps – no

Parks (Amending Ord#998, Rule 7) Ordinance:

Bill# 2469, Ordinance# 2417 **First reading** – Councilwoman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Fortson. **Second reading** – Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilwoman Fortson. Roll call: Councilman Stichnote – yes, Councilwoman Jones – yes, Councilwoman Fortson – yes, Councilwoman Dugger – yes, Councilwoman Anderson - yes, Councilwoman Cook – yes, Councilman Epps – yes, Councilwoman Epps – no
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Police Advisory Ordinance (Amending Ord#1358 Sect. 1):

Bill# 2470, Ordinance# 2418 **First reading** – Councilwoman Fortson, seconded by Councilwoman Anderson. A question was raised by the mayor on why it would state a specific company rather than saying a company when this is a law. The City Attorney offered the following language as an option: “a police service agreement by and between the City of Jennings and the Police Department...” Councilwoman Jones moved to change the language to “a police service agreement by and between the City of Jennings and the Police Department...” seconded by Councilwoman Fortson. Roll call: Councilman Stichnote – yes, Councilwoman Jones – yes, Councilwoman Fortson – yes, Councilwoman Dugger – Yes, Councilwoman Anderson - yes, Councilwoman Cook – yes, Councilman Epps – yes, Councilwoman Epps – no. **Second reading** – Councilwoman Cook, seconded by Councilwoman Fortson. Roll call: Councilman Stichnote – yes, Councilwoman Jones – yes, Councilwoman Fortson – yes, Councilwoman Dugger – yes, Councilwoman Anderson - yes, Councilwoman Cook – yes, Councilman Epps – yes, Councilwoman Epps – no

Policy and Ordinance Committee Ordinance:

Bill# 2471, Ordinance# 2419 **First reading** – Councilwoman Jones, and seconded by Councilwoman Fortson. A comment: Councilwoman Jones wanted to explain to the residents that the purpose of this ordinance is to review and update the policies of the city. **Second reading** - Councilwoman Fortson and seconded by Councilwoman Anderson. Roll call: Councilman Stichnote – yes, Councilwoman Jones – yes, Councilwoman Fortson – yes, Councilwoman Dugger – yes, Councilwoman Anderson - yes, Councilwoman Cook – yes, Councilman Epps – yes, Councilwoman Epps – no

City Treasurer (Accountant) Ordinance:

Bill# 2472, Ordinance# 2420 **First reading** – Councilwoman Anderson, and seconded by Councilwoman Fortson. A comment: Councilwoman Jones asked the mayor to explain the ordinance. The mayor stated that the Finance Director/Treasurer will also be the General Accountant for the city. **Second reading** - Councilwoman Jones and seconded by Councilwoman Fortson. Roll call: Councilman Stichnote – yes, Councilwoman Jones – yes, Councilwoman Fortson – yes, Councilwoman Dugger – yes, Councilwoman Anderson - yes, Councilwoman Cook – yes, Councilman Epps – yes, Councilwoman Epps – no

City Treasurer (Budget) Ordinance:

Bill# 2473, Ordinance# 2421 **First reading** – Councilwoman Jones, and seconded by Councilwoman Fortson. A comment: Councilwoman Jones asked the mayor to explain the ordinance. The mayor stated that the Finance Director/Treasurer shall oversee the Annual Budget for presentation to Ways and Means and the City Council. **Second reading** - Councilwoman Fortson and seconded by Councilwoman Anderson. Roll call: Councilman Stichnote – yes, Councilwoman Jones – yes, Councilwoman Fortson – yes, Councilwoman Dugger – yes, Councilwoman Anderson - yes, Councilwoman Cook – yes, Councilman Epps – yes, Councilwoman Epps – no

No Unfinished Business.

New Business began with the offer from St. L. Co. Election Board to handle the candidate filing. Councilwoman Jones made a motion to postpone making a decision on it due to lack of information about the process, seconded by Councilman Stichnote.

A motion was made by the Ways and Means committee recommending the approval of paying the bills, seconded by Councilwoman Jones. All in favor and none opposed.

Mayor reported that the school is requesting to use the Public Works trucks for the school parade on October 15, 2016. She is asking council to decide if they want to allow them to use the trucks because of previous issues surrounding using city property for those types of events. Public Works will drive the vehicles. Councilwoman Fortson made the motion and seconded by Councilwoman Jones. All in favor none opposed. The mayor asked the council if they wanted to accept the invitation from the school board for the council to ride in the parade. All of them agreed for those who wanted to represent as council could do so. The mayor thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting.

A motion for closed session (RSMO 610:021– 2 & 3) by Councilwoman Epps and seconded by Councilwoman Anderson at 10:10pm. Roll call: Roll call: Councilman Stichnote – yes, Councilwoman Jones – yes, Councilwoman Fortson – yes, Councilwoman Dugger – yes, Councilwoman Anderson - yes, Councilwoman Cook – yes, Councilman Epps – yes, Councilwoman Epps – yes

The council met in a closed session for (RSMO 610:021– 2 & 3) for personal and real estate concerns. Kim Smith addressed the council with purchasing the thirty four properties. On a motion by Councilman Epps, seconded by Councilwoman Epps the motion to purchase the thirty four properties was made and all were in favor and none opposed. Councilwoman Epps made a motion to table the hiring recommendations by the Corrections department and seconded by Councilwoman Jones. All in favor none opposed. Councilwoman Epps made a motion to change the title of the current Receptionist to Administrative Assistance at the Civic Center without a pay change and it was seconded by Councilwoman Anderson. All in favor and none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion from Councilwoman Epps seconded by Councilwoman Jones.

Mayor Francine Dugger

ATTEST:

Finance Director/ Deputy City Clerk