

City Council Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2017
7:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, November 13, 2017 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Mayor Richard Bodi presided with the following present: Ald. Riley, Wade, Chism, Young, Cravens and White.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Minutes from the October 9th meeting were presented. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ald. Young seconded and all Aldermen voted “yes” the minutes were approved.

The minutes from the October 25th meeting were presented. Ald. Wade made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ald. Chism seconded and all Aldermen voted “yes”. The minutes were approved.

Bill #17-1279 “Call for Election” was presented. The bill’s title was read aloud and a roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, Ald. – White – yes. Ordinance 1279 was adopted.

Discussion regarding changes to the Municipal Court was the next item on the agenda. Adm. McGill directed the Council’s attention to the hand out regarding the steps that would need to be taken if the Council decided to move the Municipal Court to the County. He stated that he and Chief Higgerson had met with Judge Underwood and County Court Clerk Marsha Holiman 3 weeks ago. Since the Supreme Court’s new laws regarding the Municipal Court Clerk and their duties, it would definitely save the City money to make the move. He stated that it was his understanding that the City would receive the fines imposed and the County Court would receive court costs. Since Chief Higgerson was in attendance, Ald. Chism asked his opinion on the change being discussed. The Chief said that the courts now have them so ham strung by the laws that it would be a definite financial burden to the City to retain the Municipal Court. At issue is that Court Clerk Martha Henderson will be unable to work for both the police department and the court as well, requiring the hiring of another certified Court Clerk. Adm. McGill said that if we made this change and found that it posed a disadvantage to the City, it could be reversed. Ald. Wade asked if this would pose

an additional burden on the County Court. Adm. McGill said that Marsha Holiman said that she did not believe this would pose a problem for the staff they have now and that both she and Judge Underwood feel that they have an obligation to do this. Ald. Riley asked if we would need to still retain Judge Hunter. Adm. McGill said that we would not. Further discussion on this was tabled to a later date by the Mayor. Adm. McGill said that they will bring it up at the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 27th.

Mayor Bodi then asked for a motion to adjourn to a closed session. Ald. Chism made a motion to adjourn to a closed session relevant to “B. Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration there for (RSMo 610.021.2) and E. Sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract (RSMo 610.021.12)”. Ald. Riley seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, and Ald. White – yes. The meeting adjourned.

Ald. White made a motion to move back to open session. Ald. Chism seconded. All Aldermen voted “yes” and the closed session adjourned.

There being no further business, Ald. White made a motion to adjourn and Ald. Cravens seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.