

City Council Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2017
7:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, November 27, 2017 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Mayor Richard Bodi presided with the following present: Ald. Wade, Chism, Young, Cravens and White.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Minutes from the November 13th meeting were presented. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ald. Cravens seconded and all Aldermen voted “yes”. The minutes were approved.

Bill #17-1280 “Bill Establishing the Salary of the City Marshall” was presented. Mayor Bodi asked that this be tabled until the next meeting. Ald. Chism made a motion to table the bill. Ald. White seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, and Ald. White – yes. The bill was tabled.

Bill #17-1281 “Bill Transferring the Municipal Court to the Associate Circuit Court”. The Mayor read the title of the bill aloud twice. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, and Ald. White – yes. The ordinance was adopted.

The next agenda item was an application for a liquor license by Garry Gibbs of St. Louis, Mo. Mayor Bodi stated that the location of Mr. Gibbs proposed establishment was 718 Russell Street. Since Municipal Ordinance 1269 passed and adopted on January 23, 2017 prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages within 300 feet of any school, church or other building regularly used as a place of religious worship. Therefore the location of this business selling alcoholic beverages would be prohibited. The application is denied.

The next agenda item was an application for a business license by Garry Gibbs of St. Louis, MO to operate “The Next Level Lounge & Restaurant” at 718 Russell Street. Again, Mayor Bodi pointed out that this type of business would not be allowed in this location due to Ordinance 1269. Mayor Bodi denied the application for cause.

City Administrator's Report: Adm. Richard McGill informed the Council that the City's annual Christmas Party would take place at Ms. Rebecca Sharp's on Thursday, December 14 at 6:30. He hoped that they would all be able to attend and to bring a guest.

Mr. McGill then told the Council that the progress on the new Water Plant was going very well.

He then said that Finance Officer, Kristy Taylor has been deep in working on the budget, but can already tell that things will be very tight in 2018. Both he and Kristy had met with department heads that day and went over their requests for the new year. He said that they would have something for the Council very soon. Mayor Bodi stated that the Council would have to make some hard decisions on the budget.

Ald. Chism stated that he had been approached by several residents who said that their new water meters are leaking badly. Adm. McGill said that he had not been aware that that had been an issue. He did say that Honeywell would be returning to address several issues so that would be addressed as well. The Mayor said that the city crews had fixed several of the leaks themselves. The Mayor stated that we ought to be able to back bill for those things the subcontractor has left undone or done incorrectly. Adm. McGill said that he would be on a phone call the next morning addressing these issues and other problems as well.

Mayor Bodi asked for a motion to move to closed session. Ald. White made a motion to adjourn to closed session relative 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. Chism seconded the motion, all Aldermen voted "yes" and the meeting adjourned to closed session.

Ald. White made a motion to return to open session. Ald. Chism seconded and all Aldermen voted "yes".

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