

City Council Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2018
7:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, February 26, 2018 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Mayor Richard Bodi presided with the following present: Ald. Riley, Wade, Chism, Young, and White.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Minutes from the January 26, 2018 meeting were presented. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ald. Wade seconded and all Aldermen voted "yes". The minutes were approved.

2. Visitors to the meeting were Crystal Todd and Rodney Comstock of Sikeston, Mo. They appeared before the Council to speak about their company, Propatient Medicinal Marijuana. Ms. Todd informed the Council that the Missouri Legislature was considering two bills, HB1440 and HB1554 that would legalize the dispensing of medicinal marijuana overseen by the Mo Department of Social Services and Division of Aging. They were actually needing to speak to the New Madrid County Commissioners as their concerns and questions were dealing with County zoning regulations. Atty. Bock stated that unless they had intentions of locating a dispensary within the City limits, they would need to contact the County Commissioners. They were informed that the Commissioners meet Monday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 am at the County Clerk's office in the Courthouse.
3. Bill 18-1288 was presented to the Council and read twice aloud. The Ordinance would authorize the Mayor to apply for Federal Financial Assistance through the Missouri Highways & Transportation Commission for approved Transit Projects. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve and Ald. Young seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes; Ald. Wade – yes; Ald. Chism – yes; Ald. Young – yes; and Ald. White – yes. Ordinance 1288 was adopted.
4. Bill 18-1289 was presented to the Council. The Ordinance would amend Section 54-408 of the Municipal Code to establish a 4 way stop at the intersection of Riley and Russell Streets. The Mayor read the title of the bill twice over aloud. A roll

call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, and Ald. White – yes. The ordinance was adopted.

5. City Administrator’s Report:

- a. AMI Update: Honeywell and the installers, Allegiant, were here all of last week. The installers are still in town working to correct all of the issues we are having. Lots of progress has already been made.
- b. Floodplain maps: Adm. McGill stated that he will meet with the county later this week to make sure that the City has all of its upgrades recorded and that there aren’t any issues with what is recorded.
- c. Opportunity Zone application: The City is working with the County to apply for a new program under the new federal tax laws that will allow for another source of funding opportunities for grant funding. The County filed the application March 2nd for the entire county, encompassing six census tracts. Each tract must be prioritized. The tract that includes the City of New Madrid will be priority 1 with the tract encompassing St. Jude Industrial Park as priority 2. The funding that could be made available is similar to New Markets Tax Credits. Adm. McGill spoke to Don Rone requesting that Rep. Rone meet with Governor Greitens to ask the governor to approve the application.

Ald. Chism 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).” Ald. White seconded and a roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes; Ald. Wade – yes; Ald. Chism – yes; Ald. Young – yes; Ald. White – yes. The meeting was adjourned to closed session.

Ald. White made a motion to return to open session. Ald. Chism seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes; Ald. Wade – yes; Ald. Chism – yes; Ald. Young – yes; Ald. White – yes. The meeting returned to open session.

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