

City Council "Special" Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2018  
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, September 17, 2018 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Mayor Richard Bodi presided with the following present: Ald. Riley, Wade, Chism, Young, Cravens and White.

CALL TO ORDER:

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Visitors: Dennis Pruitt of Missouri Partnership and Steve Etcher of MarksNelson had participated in a conference call last week with the 2 attorney's as well as Dennis and Steve. Dennis Pruitt stated that lots of work had been done while Raj was here last Wednesday with comments going back to Gilmore Bell and Atty. Rost in St. Louis. Raj actually signed the Memorandum Friday night. He stated that the sticking points had been the needed changes as to how we were going to offer the \$10,000,000. It had to be in the right legal language for Raj to accept.
2. Dennis said Raj wanted him to inform the Council that he understood what the frustrations the continual date changes had been to them. He said that Raj has had his frustrations as well. In spite of all the obstacles, a great deal has been accomplished: All the documents are in and the CDBG is not in jeopardy. Everyone has agreed upon a rate and the PSC attorney is ready to sign Ameren's agreement. Raj's suppliers have negotiated a good deal and he has chosen the construction engineering firms. He has met with a bank that is serious about moving forward. Raj stated in a call today that he knows we need a date before Christmas and he is hopeful. Dennis said that the next meeting date of the MDFBoard would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in November but with that being 2 days before Thanksgiving, it is possible that it would be postponed until December.
3. The Mayor thanked Dennis and Steve and then read the resolution approving the Memorandum of Understanding twice over. Ald. White made a motion to approve and Ald. Chism seconded. 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 Memorandum was approved.
4. Adm. McGill thanked everyone for their patience and said that he hoped for more progress soon.

5. Ald. White asked if this was now a public document. Atty. Bock said that it was.
6. Mayor Bodi reminded everyone that there would be a budget session on Tuesday night.
7. There being no further business, Ald. Chism made a motion to adjourn and Ald. White seconded. All voted “yes” and the meeting adjourned.