

City Council Special Meeting
Monday, December 9, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Mayor Bodi called the meeting to order. Ald. Chism, Cravens, Young, and Wade were in attendance.

The Minutes of the November 25, 2019 meeting were presented. Ald. Chism made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ald. Wade seconded. All the Aldermen voted “yes” and the minutes were approved.

Visitors: Timmie Lynn Hunter, Director of the Port Authority appeared before the Council to inform the City that several of the tenants of the Industrial Park were interested in expanding and will need a new rail spur to do so. Atty. Bock stated that it was his understanding as discovered during the final negotiations with AECl to finalize the buyout of New Madrid Unit One that the Park Board actually controlled the rail spur. He would need to research the final documents to make sure. Mayor Bodi told Ms. Hunter that they would research further and get back to her. Ms. Hunter stated that the Port Authority was most anxious to make sure the tenants had every opportunity to expand their businesses. Ms. Hunter thanked them for their time and consideration

Mr. Wesley Hodges was returning to speak with the City about purchasing 2-3 acres of the City’s farmland in order to establish his business. Adm. McGill stated that they were working with Lambert Engineering in order to see what would be the best land that the City would have available for Mr. Hodges purposes. He said that he would be talking to Mr. Lambert next week and should have some better ideas around the 1st of February.

The next item on the agenda was bill 19-1308. An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents needed to join Mirma Health to provide Health Insurance for the City employees. The Mayor read the title of the Ordinance twice over aloud. Ald. Chism made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Ald. Cravens seconded. A vote was taken as follows: Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Wade – yes. The ordinance was adopted.

City Administrator’s Report: The Christmas Parade was scheduled for Saturday, December 14th at 3:00 p.m.

The City Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30 at Rebecca Sharp’s.

Fema had made a visit here last week to help with the City’s submissions for reimbursement for the flood expenses. Adm. McGill stated that he had asked Charlotte Allred to come in and work on only the Fema submission and she had agreed to do so. He

said that FEMA would probably be back sometime next week with reimbursement expected in early 2020 for whatever expenses the City would be approved for.

Ald. Wade asked if the new Mirra Health Insurance was going to give the employee's better insurance than the previous year's. Adm. McGill said that it was costing the city a good bit more but the provider will be Health Link, one of the insurance groups with very good reputation for service in this area.

There being no further business, Ald. Chism made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Cravens seconded. A vote was taken with all voting to adjourn. The meeting adjourned.