

MINUTES
RAYTOWN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OCTOBER 4, 2016
REGULAR SESSION No. 36
RAYTOWN CITY HALL
10000 EAST 59TH STREET
RAYTOWN, MISSOURI 64133

OPENING SESSION
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Michael McDonough called the July 19, 2016 Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Bill Van Buskirk provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

The roll was called and the attendance was as follows:

Present: Alderman Karen Black, Alderman Josh Greene, Alderman Janet Emerson, Alderman Mark Moore, Alderman Steve Meyers, Alderman Bill Van Buskirk, Alderman Eric Teeman

Absent: Alderman Jim Aziere, Alderman Jason Greene

Proclamations and Presentations

- ★ A Presentation to REAP from the Police Benefit Fund
- ★ Proclamation recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Public Comments

Jeanette Gentry came to discuss the residency requirement for the City Administrator; she feels that not requiring residency will cause resentment from the residents of Raytown and set the administrator up to fail.

Communication from the Mayor

The Mayor stated that the weather was great for the Golf Tournament and helped to ensure its success. He also attended the Chamber of Commerce Senior Citizen event, The Rice-Tremonti Ice Cream Social on September 25, Cub Scout Troop 269 on September 26, Fire Station #1 on September 30 to say goodbye to Firefighter Tom Halligan who is leaving Raytown to become a Fire Captain at the Pleasant Hill Fire Department and the Picnic for Healing, Hope and Unity sponsored by the Interfaith Alliance on October 2. The Mayor also stated that on Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m. on the East Lawn of City Hall, there will be a dedication for the memorial tree planted for the late Alderman Steve Mock.

Communication from the City Administrator

Mark Loughry stated the Sales Tax Collections audit has been completed. Since there is overlap of zip codes between Raytown and the City of Kansas City, sales tax collections sometimes get credited to the wrong city, so this is audited on a 3-year cycle. This netted us an additional \$26,000. Our telecommunications collections will also be audited and this process will also begin soon. There will be a ribbon cutting tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. for the Streetscape and on November 3 there will be a hearing for the burned apartment building. The sinkhole on Northern and 63rd has been a bigger project than anticipated due to the location of the sewer line. Because it is running underneath a home, it needs to be abandoned and rerouted. Instead of \$77,000 the cost is likely to run over \$100,000. Since it is an emergency repair, public works has been instructed to proceed.

Committee Reports

Janet Emerson reported Main Street worked to clean up from the City Hall to the Railroad. On September 23, the Chamber is having their Mega Chamber party. Alderman Steve Meyers announced that next Thursday is the renewal of the annual bragging rights game between the Jays and the Cardinals, and it will be held at Raytown South.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Aldermen and will be enacted by one motion without separate discussion or debate. The Mayor or a member of the Board of Aldermen may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda. If there is no objection by the remaining members of the board, such item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately. If there is an objection, the item may only be removed by a motion and vote of the board.

Approval of the Regular September 20, 2016 Board of Aldermen meeting minutes.

Approval of the Special September 27, 2016 Board of Aldermen meeting minutes.

Alderman Bill Van Buskirk, seconded by Alderman Josh Greene, made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-2.

Ayes: Aldermen Bill Van Buskirk, Josh Greene, Eric Teeman, Steve Meyers, Mark Moore, Janet Emerson, Karen Black

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Jason Greene, Jim Aziere

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget.

Discussion included a budget is approved by resolution and only requires one reading. The compensation review board recommended an increase for the Aldermen, the Judge, and the Chief of Police, and we should provide for raises for all city employees. In the case of the Aldermen, the general consensus may be that they don't need an increase. Raises for elected officials should be equitable with raises for other City employees. The offices of the Judge and Chief of Police have taken on additional duties. It is important to pay well to retain quality employees. Mark Loughry will investigate the total amount of payroll and percentages of budget that goes to payroll. We have an aging infrastructure in this city that creates budget problems we cannot predict. Currently, the costs are rising more quickly than the amount of money being generated.

Alderman Janet Emerson, seconded by Alderman Mark Moore moved to put the budget on the agenda for the October 18 meeting. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0-2.

Ayes: Aldermen Janet Emerson, Mark Moore, Josh Greene, Bill Van Buskirk, Eric Teeman, Karen Black, Steve Meyers

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Jason Greene, Jim Aziere

3. Residency Requirement for City Administrator.

Discussion included if a candidate moves from out of state, they should move into the city, but if the city decides on a candidate who is already living in the Metro area but outside the City of Raytown, they should not be required to move to accept this job. Regular review of job performance is more important to quality issues than residency requirements. Other communities are also allowing their Boards can waive the requirement. The requirement can limit who would be likely to accept a job here.

Alderman Steve Meyers, seconded by Alderman Josh Greene moved to direct staff to bring to consideration to the Board an Ordinance that would amend the City Code to reflect the following language regarding the residency of the City Administrator: The person appointed to the office of City Administrator shall become a resident of and reside within the City limits of The City of Raytown within 6 months of appointment. The residency requirement may be waived by a simple majority vote of the Board of Aldermen.

Ayes: Aldermen Steve Meyers, Josh Greene, Janet Emerson, Mark Moore, Karen Black, Bill Van Buskirk, Eric Teeman

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Jason Greene, Jim Aziere

CLOSED SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen may conduct a closed session, pursuant to the following statutory provisions:

- 610.021(1) Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys;
- 610.021(3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information relating to the performance or merit of an individual employee is discussed or recorded; and/or
- 610.021(13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment.

Alderman Janet Emerson, seconded by Alderman Eric Teeman, made a motion to move to closed session. The motion was approved by a majority of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Teresa Henry, City Clerk