

**MINUTES**  
**RAYTOWN BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**JANUARY 15, 2019**  
**REGULAR SESSION No. 44**  
RAYTOWN CITY HALL  
10000 EAST 59<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
RAYTOWN, MISSOURI 64133  
**6:00 P.M.**

**OPENING SESSION**

Mayor Michael McDonough called the January 15, 2019 Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and Alderman Bill Van Buskirk provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Roll was called by Teresa Henry, City Clerk, and the attendance was as follows:

Present: Alderman Derek Ward, Alderman Frank Hunt, Alderman Bill Van Buskirk, Alderman Jason Greene, Alderman Jim Aziere, Alderman Bonnaye Mims, Alderman Karen Black

Absent: Alderman Steve Meyers, Aldermen Mark Moore, Alderman Ryan Myers

**Public Comments**

Tony Jacob, Raytown, MO, spoke regarding the Public Works crews' efforts in addressing winter storm issues, honesty and an item on the meeting agenda.

**Communication from the Mayor, part 1**

None

**Communication from the City Administrator**

Damon Hodges, City Administrator, provided an update on the City's current projects and plans. The snow ordinance will remain in place through the upcoming weekend due to another forecasted winter storm. Chief Lynch was asked to speak regarding COMBAT when he returns to the meeting.

**Communication from the Mayor, part 2**

Mayor McDonough reiterated Damon Hodges' thanks to Public Works staff for working to address winter weather issues along with other emergency service providers.

**Committee Reports**

Alderman Ward thanks Public Works crews for their work to address recent winter weather issues and asked about preparations for the next forecasted winter storm.

Alderman Van Buskirk thanked Public Works crews for their work to address recent winter weather issues.

Teresa Henry, City Clerk, announced the closing of the filing period for the April 2, 2019 election.

**STUDY SESSION**

Parks/Storm Water Sales Tax Proposal  
Dave Turner, Parks and Recreation Director

Dave Turner, Parks and Recreation Director presented on the Park Board's Sales Tax proposal and, along with Chris Rathbone, Park Board Chair, remained available for any discussion.

The Sales Tax proposal was discussed.

Alderman Ward read a prepared statement regarding the Tax Proposal (see attachment at end of Minutes).

Discussion continued.

Mayor McDonough called for a five-minute recess.

Mayor McDonough reconvened the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Discussion continued.

### **Proclamations/Presentations**

Chief Lynch presented the new Raytown Police Officers Robert Fox, Reed Nelson, Jeffrey Peterman and Samantha Stoner and Teresa Henry, City Clerk swore them in.

### **Study Session continued**

Discussion continued.

Alderman Aziere made a motion to direct staff to draft language to raise the current Parks Storm Water Sales Tax of  $\frac{1}{8}$  cent to be  $\frac{1}{4}$  cent for the purpose of funding the Raytown Parks Department with a sunset of ten (10) years.

Discussion continued to clarify the motion.

Alderman Aziere clarified his motion for the sales tax increase to be for the purpose of funding both the Storm Water Fund and the Raytown Parks Department.

The motion failed without a second.

Alderman Van Buskirk made a motion to direct staff to draft ballot language stating: Shall the municipality of Raytown impose a sales tax of  $\frac{1}{8}$  cent for the purpose of funding Parks and  $\frac{1}{8}$  cent for the purpose of funding the Storm Water Fund.

Alderman Van Buskirk's motion failed without a second.

Alderman Greene, seconded by Alderman Black, made a motion for staff to draft two (2) questions to be considered for the election ballot:

- 1) Renewal of the  $\frac{1}{8}$  cent Sales tax with 75% for Parks and 25% for Storm Water
- 2) Increase of the Sales Tax from  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  cent for the purpose of funding only the Raytown Parks Department with a sunset of ten (10) years.

Discussion continued.

Alderman Greene's motion, seconded by Alderman Black, failed by a vote of 3-5-2.

Ayes: Aldermen Greene, Black, Meyers

Nays: Aldermen Mims, Hunt, Ward, Van Buskirk, Aziere

Absent: Aldermen Moore, Myers

The item was continued to a future meeting.

## 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 January 8, 2019 Board of Aldermen meeting minutes.

Alderman Mims, seconded by Alderman Black, made a motion to adopt. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-2.

Ayes: Aldermen Mims, Black, Hunt, Greene, Van Buskirk, Ward, Aziere, Meyers

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Moore, Myers

### REGULAR AGENDA

#### NEW BUSINESS

2. **R-3170-19: A RESOLUTION** AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE CONTINUATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH INFINITY BUILDING SERVICE, LLC FOR PARKS AND RECREATION MOWING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,000.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019. Point of Contact: Dave Turner, Parks and Recreation Director.

The resolution was read by title only by Teresa Henry, City Clerk.

Dave Turner, Parks and Recreation Director, remained available for any discussion.

Alderman Van Buskirk, seconded by Alderman Greene, made a motion to adopt. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-2.

Ayes: Aldermen Van Buskirk, Greene, Aziere, Mims, Meyers, Black, Ward, Hunt

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Myers, Moore

Chief Lynch was called to the lectern to provide information about COMBAT.

3. **R-3171-19: A RESOLUTION** AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS WITH RED MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT CO. FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARTS AND REPAIRS RELATED TO THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF CITY-OWNED EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,040.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019. Point of Contact: Damon Hodges, City Administrator.

The resolution was read by title only by Teresa Henry, City Clerk.

Damon Hodges, City Administrator, remained available for any discussion.

The resolution was discussed.

Alderman Mims, seconded by Alderman Aziere, made a motion to adopt. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-2.

Ayes: Aldermen Mims, Aziere, Black, Meyers, Greene, Hunt, Van Buskirk, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Myers, Moore

Alderman Mims, seconded by Alderman Black, made a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-2.

Ayes: Aldermen Mims, Black, Meyers, Greene, Van Buskirk, Aziere, Hunt, Ward

Nays: None

Absent: Aldermen Myers, Moore

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

### **WORK SESSION**

#### **Immediately Following the Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting**

Sunshine Law  
Jennifer Baird, City Attorney

Jennifer Baird, City Attorney, presented on Missouri Sunshine Law.

The presentation was discussed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Work Session adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Teresa M. Henry, MRCC  
City Clerk

**Alderman Derek Ward's prepared comments regarding the Park Board's Sales Tax proposal:**

Let me begin by expressing my gratitude for Mr. Turner's service. I strongly believe that Raytown is very fortunate to have Mr. Turner leading our Park's department. Mr. Turner, together with our capable Parks Board is doing exactly what they should be doing – advocating for a stronger, better and more vibrant Parks system. So, although I am going to take a contrary position on this issue, it doesn't mean that I think they are wrong to make the request.

That said, the Board of Aldermen is charged with guiding the entire city towards a better future. While a vibrant Parks system IS part of that future, as a board, I believe must first ensure that our City's foundation is strong and that our primary, core functions are operating at the expected level.

Before we get to Parks, we must first address other critical infrastructure needs. First, we need at least \$40 million dollars to fix our roads. Every person who buys a home in Raytown uses our streets. Every police, fire and EMS call depends upon having navigable streets. Many businesses depend upon safe roads for customers and operations. We must fix our roads before we worry about shelter houses.

Storm sewers help ensure that our residents have dry basements. But they also help protect our parks systems. If storm water can't be controlled, we can restore every tennis court only to see it wash away in the next spring rain. We must maintain and improve our storm sewers before we can worry about off-leash parks.

Of all city provided services, none is arguably more important than our Police Department. Although our outstanding officers and police leadership are keeping us safe, they are doing so only with great difficulty due to budget constraints.

In closing, while I appreciate Mr. Turner and the park Board's vision, and I share their desires, I cannot support any effort to allocate limited tax dollars to improving Park facilities until our Police, Streets and Storm Sewers are adequately funded.