



## **City of Charleston, MO**

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### **Charleston City Council January 9, 2018**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mayor Phil Halter. Also present were Council members Michael Jones, Jack Feezor, Patrick Farmer, and Jackie Whiteside along with City Manager Richard Goode, City Attorney Michael O'Rourke, and City Clerk Stefanie Self.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Pam Haws, a resident of Hunter Street, spoke in opposition to the location of the new fire station building, saying that fire calls would be disruptive since the building will be right across the street from her house. She also objected to Ameren UE's recent placement of a power pole in her back yard but was advised that she needs to pursue that issue with Ameren.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** After review of the minutes from the December 12, 2017 Council meeting, Jackie Whiteside made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Michael Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Monthly Report of City Business / Operations:** City Manager Richard Goode has provided a written report as part of the meeting packet. He added that, for the first time in three or four years, the Department of Public Safety was about to get back to full staffing level except for Officer Austin Henson who is on active military duty. He also explained that the city's sales tax receipts from Department of Revenue were unusually high this month, indicating perhaps that DOR is getting their sales tax distribution problems corrected.

#### **New Business:**

- **Bill No. 3783 / Ordinance No. 2923: Accepting Easement for City Water / Sewer Lines:** Mr. Goode explained that it has recently been discovered that city water and sewer lines are running across the Charleston Plaza property with no easement for the lines. The owner of the property has granted the necessary easement along with the right for the city to repair such lines running under the owner's buildings with no liability to the city for damage to the buildings. Michael Jones made a motion to accept the easement and authorize recording of the easement, Patrick Farmer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Resolution 1077: Revision of Procurement Policy:** Mr. Goode explained the revisions to the Procurement Policy suggested by the auditors relating to insurance coverage. He also explained that, in addition to that change, the new policy also increases the purchase amount requiring City Council approval from \$12,500 to \$15,000. Jackie Whiteside made a motion to approve the revised Procurement Policy, Michael Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Bill No. 3784 / Ordinance No. 2924: Approval New Vehicle Purchase for DPS:** Mr. Goode explained that this new vehicle, although budgeted in this current fiscal year, will probably not arrive for a couple of months and, therefore, may not show up as an expense in the fiscal year at all. The purchase of this vehicle, he said, will also allow the city to get rid of another old Crown Victoria patrol car. Jack Feezor made a motion to approve the purchase, Jackie Whiteside seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Mayor Halter adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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Presiding Officer