

City of Arnold, Missouri

**Council Meeting
Council Chambers**

**April 16, 2009
7:30 p.m.**

Agenda

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Opening Prayer
3. Roll Call
4. Acceptance Of Minutes: **April 2,2009**
5. Acceptance Of Warrants: **Payroll Warrant #1053 - General Warrant #5497**
- 5.5** Organization of the Council – Election of Mayor Pro-Tem and other committee/board assignments
6. Business From the Floor
7. Ordinances
8. Resolutions
 - A. Resolution 9-13:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into Task Assignment #8 with Jacobs Engineering for Professional Services.
9. New Business
 - A. Sewer Bill Committee Discussion**
 - B. Website Financial Data Committee Discussion**
 - C. Televising Council Meeting Committee Discussion**
10. Old Business
12. Committee Reports
13. Reports from Mayor and Council
14. Administrative Reports
15. Adjournment

**Next Regular Council Meeting May 7, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.
Next Work Session Meeting May 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.**

REGULAR MEETING

April 16, 2009

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

2101 JEFFCO BLVD

7:37 PM

Mayor Ron Counts called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Counts offered a prayer.

Those present per roll call taken by City Clerk Diane Waller: Lindsley, Connell, Hay, Crisler, Moritz, Poor, Deckman, Ems (excused), Unrein, Waller, Holden, Lewis, Sweeney, Boone, Shockey, Blue, Freese, and Hall.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

Randy Crisler moved to **accept the minutes of the April 2, 2009 meeting** if there are no other deletions, errors, or corrections. Seconded by Matt Hay. Roll call vote: Lindsley, yes; Connell (abstain); Hay, yes; Crisler, yes; Moritz, yes; Poor, yes; Deckman yes; Ems (excused), 6 yeas, 1 abstention, motion **carried**.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE WARRANTS:

City Clerk Diane Waller read **payroll warrant #1053**. Randy Crisler moved to pay **payroll warrant #1053** pay period ending April 3, 2009, in the amount of \$231,883.37 if the monies are available. Seconded by Bob Lindsley. Roll call vote: Lindsley, yes; Connell, yes; Hay, yes; Crisler, yes; Moritz, yes; Poor, yes; Deckman, yes; Ems (excused), 7 yeas, **motion carried**.

City Clerk Diane Waller read **general warrant #5497** Matt Hay moved to pay **general warrant #5497** in the amount of \$255,253.10 if the monies are available. Seconded by Jerel Poor. Roll call vote: Lindsley, yes; Connell, yes; Hay, yes; Crisler, yes; Moritz, yes; Poor, yes; Deckman, yes; Ems (excused); 7 yeas, **motion carried**.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL

Mayor Counts asked for **nominations for Mayor Pro-tem**. Jerel Poor nominated Matt Hay. Jason Connell seconded his nomination.

Bill Moritz nominated Randy Crisler. Joyce Deckman seconded his nomination.

A motion was offered and moved on by Bill Moritz **to close nominations**. Randy Crisler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lindsley, yes; Connell, yes; Hay, yes; Crisler, yes; Moritz, yes; Poor, yes; Deckman, yes; Ems (excused). 7 yeas, **motion carried**.

Ron Counts asked attorney Sweeney his advice on the secret voting and he recommended it. Each councilperson voted privately on paper indicating their choice for Mayor Pro Tem from the two nominated. Chief Shockey accepted the secret ballots and they were opened and counted by City Administrator Matt Unrein and City Clerk Diane Waller. Results of the vote were announced: **Matt Hay 4 votes, Randy Crisler 3 votes.**

Bill Moritz questioned the **age requirement** to serve as Mayor. Attorney Sweeney advised, that by law, they must be 30 years of age. Mr. Hay was then asked his age and he responded he was 27 years old.

Discussion followed as to the validity of the choice since Mr. Hay did not qualify. It was determined another nomination and vote would be needed.

Needing someone from the prevailing side to **re-open nominations**, Jerel Poor offered a motion to re-open nominations and so moved. Seconded by Jason Connell. Roll call vote: Lindsley, yes; Connell, yes; Hay, yes; Crisler, yes; Moritz, yes; Poor, yes; Deckman, yes; Ems (excused), 7 yeas, **motion carried.**

Jerel Poor nominated Bob Lindsley. Seconded by Matt Hay.

Bill Moritz nominated Randy Crisler. Seconded by Joyce Deckman.

A motion was offered by Randy Crisler to **close nominations** and he so moved. Seconded by Bob Lindsley. Roll call vote: Lindsley, yes; Connell, yes; Hay, yes; Crisler, yes; Moritz, yes; Poor, yes; Deckman, yes; Ems (excused). 7 yeas, **motion carried.**

Again, council members voted by secret ballot. Chief Shockey accepted the ballots and they were again opened and counted by City Administrator Matt Unrein and City Clerk Diane Waller. **4 votes for Bob Lindsley, 3 votes for Randy Crisler.**

Mr. Lindsley was congratulated for being voted in as the **new Mayor Pro-tem.**

Mayor Counts distributed a document indicating his selections for Council commission and board assignment for review. See attached.

A motion was offered by Bob Lindsley to **accept the Mayor's recommendations for council appointments** and so moved. Seconded by Jerel Poor. Roll call vote: Lindsley, yes; Connell, yes; Hay, yes; Crisler, yes; Moritz, yes; Poor, yes; Deckman, yes; Ems (excused); 7 yeas, **motion carried.**

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Phil Amato, 2505 Hickory Square Parkway, congratulated the newly elected and added he prays that all are successful.

Gary Luebbers, 1890 Edgemont, read a prepared statement directed to the newly elected, encouraging them to represent the taxpayers that have elected them.

Mayor Counts added it is time to move forward and work for those we represent.

ORDINANCES.

No ordinances

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 09-13 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO **TASK ASSIGNMENT #8 WITH JACOBS ENGINEERING FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES** was offered by Bill Moritz and he so moved. Seconded by Randy Crisler. Roll call vote: Lindsley, yes; Connell, yes; Hay, yes; Crisler, yes; Moritz, yes; Poor, yes; Deckman, yes; Ems (excused). 7 yeas, **resolution passed.**

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Counts requested a **committee to study the sewer billing issues** and would like Bob Lindsley to head this up. Mayor feels we need to do something to help our residents.

Mayor Counts requested a **committee to make the city more transparent by providing city financial data on the website** He is asking Matt Hay to head this so city can place financial data on the website for review by the public.

Mayor Counts also requested a **committee to look into the televising of council meetings.** He asked Matt Hay to head this committee.

Options for all of these will need to be brought back to council.

Attorney Sweeney acknowledged that council action for committee formation could be needed so that all issues can be addressed properly and legally.

OLD BUSINESS

Randy Crisler suggested the city consider having meetings to gather people's thoughts on the red lite camera issue. Also would like to see discussion at a worksession.

He also brought up the need for **speed tables on Emil Drive** and that Mr. Blue has approximate costs and would like to see this discussed at a future work session.

Jerel Poor expressed his concern with discussing the red light camera issue as there is pending litigation ongoing and asked Attorney's opinion.

Attorney Sweeney advised caution.

Jason Connell questioned how the council could discuss this since there had been action by the council to prohibit discussing red light cameras until June.

It was explained that one council couldn't bind action of a future council.

Bill Moritz suggested city look at **renaming Arnold Tenbrook**, as he has brought this up before. He would like to see this go to a work session as there is much confusion for truckers with this road. He also commented on the Ozark Bridge situation and that he is aware of another street in his ward that could benefit from speed tables and would like to see this also on future work session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Counts – No Report

City Administrator Matt Unrein – Welcomed the newly elected

Chief Shockey – Also welcomed the newcomers and added he needs signatures tonight to apply for a grant for a voice stress analyzer and video cameras for the police cars.

Parks Director Susie Boone – Welcomed the newly elected. She shared the success of the Adult Easter Egg Hunt and thanked Mr. Crisler and Mr. Moritz for their assistance. Also announced there are some upcoming park events, Trivia night, Yappy Hour, and the tailgate sale.

Mr. Moritz interjected he would like to see whatever needs to be done to evaluate the Ferd B Lang park pool closing and questioned what it would cost to do this as he would like to see it remain open, if possible.

Mr. Moritz offered a motion and he so moved **to seek a study, with a not to exceed cost of \$5000**, so that city may explore options regarding this. Seconded by Jerel Poor. Roll call vote: Lindsley, yes; Connell, yes; Hay, yes; Crisler, yes; Moritz, yes; Poor, yes; Deckman, yes; Ems (excused). 7 yeas, **motion carried**.

Mary Holden – No report

Jeff Blue – Reported he has submitted 2 proposals to the state for stimulus money and announced part of Richardson Road will be closing soon for 7 to 10 days for repairs. Mr. Crisler questioned the cost and responsibility of these repairs and Mr. Blue assured him he would be keeping close track on money spent and would recoup what we can.

Attorney Sweeney – Offered congratulations to the newly elected

Deborah Lewis – No report

Greg Hall - Announced he had tried to get extra funding for the Ozark Bridge Project.

Treasurer Paul Freese – No Report

No individual ward reports were asked from the council members tonight.

A motion to close was offered by Randy Crisler. Seconded by Jerel Poor. Voice vote: all yeas. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

City Clerk