

Mayor Ron Counts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance, as noted by City Clerk Tammi Casey: Counts, Freese, Hohmeier, Crisler, Coleman, Fulbright, Amato (arrived at 7:26), Moss, Cooley, Richison, Casey, Holden, Lewis, Boone, Blattner, Kroupa (arrived 7:04), Hall and Shockey.

#### **BUDGET REVIEW FOR MID YEAR**

Bryan Richison gave an overview of the 2014 mid-year budget revisions. These change items are being reviewed in a special work session tonight so as to be voted on at tomorrow night's regular council meeting per Bill NO. 2579.

The decrease of \$25,000 in revenue for the parks and recreation department's program has been deleted as Susie Boone stated she now believes the Recreation Department will meet the original number included in the budget.

Mr. Richison asked council if there were any objections to including the addition of \$5,000 to the budget, payable to the Chamber of Commerce, as previously discussed at a work session, bringing our yearly payment to them to a total of \$10,000. The original \$5,000 currently budgeted was used to make the payment that was missed last year. There being no objections heard, this item will be included in the mid-year budget revisions.

The next item of discussion was the addition of \$66,000 to remodel the Health Department. Mr. Richison asked if there were any objections to this addition to the budget, as was discussed in a previous work session. Discussion followed by council. Mayor Counts believes it is imperative to get this work done at the Health Department. The building is in major need of repair. This addition will be included in the mid-year budget revisions. If anyone, after further consideration changes their opinion on this item, or for that matter any other item reviewed tonight being included in the mid-year budget revision, it can be brought forward at the regular council meeting tomorrow night.

Fulbright-Cooley Beautification Program currently has nothing budgeted. The council has approved one application and according to Jason Fulbright, more subdivisions have expressed interest. It is suggested, at mid-year budget review to add \$10,000 to the current budget for this program. After minimal discussion, this item will be included in the mid-year budget revisions.

Public Works Department would like to add two more summer workers to help with sidewalk repair and other projects. This would add \$11,368 to the budget. It would allow current employees to continue their work on street repairs and other previously scheduled projects. There being no objections this item will be included in the mid-year budget revisions.

The sound wall study, which was brought to council during a previous work session by Mary Elizabeth Coleman, currently has an estimate of between \$9,000 and \$17,000 from CBB for them to complete the study, as MoDot has refused to do anything towards this issue themselves. Phil Amato asked the record to reflect that Mary Elizabeth Coleman has brought this item forward to council seeking approval for this study, as she and her constituents truly believe there is a sound problem in their subdivisions stemming

from Interstate 55. They have conducted their own testing, through cell phone apps, and it shows evidence of noise decibel issues. Discussion followed by the council. Mr. Richison, stating that there seems to be too many objections to including this issue at this time, will not include it on the mid-year budget revisions. Again, he stated, council can bring this item up again at tomorrow night's regular council meeting if they so choose.

Old Lemay Ferry and Richardson intersection has had the engineering done for a realignment. Right of way acquisition costs are estimated at \$45,000 and construction is estimated at \$350,000. Mary Elizabeth Coleman reminded Mr. Richison of his previous intent to complete a second study on this issue and wants to be sure that this is completed. Mr. Richison stated he still intends to complete the second study. After further discussion from council, Mr. Richison stated this item would go on next year's budget.

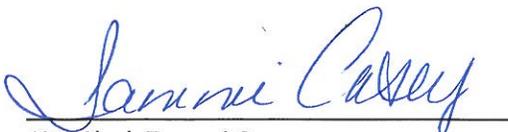
Mr. Richison would like to add \$25,000 for communications consulting to the mid-year budget review. This money would be used to start a contract with a company that would help us revamp our website, making it more flexible and resident friendly. It would allow us to send e-mail blasts to residents, be more pro-active in relaying information to the public, draft press releases, and be more synchronized and cohesive with social media such as Facebook and Twitter. After some discussion from council, this item will be included on the mid-year budget revisions. It was mentioned that council had previously earmarked \$8,000 to KMOV for the city's inclusion in their "Great Day St. Louis" television show, which would showcase the city. Phil Amato stated that he suggested the idea of the Tourism Committee funding this project during their meeting earlier tonight. It should be on their agenda for next month's meeting.

Mr. Richison also asked for direction from council regarding the idea of including money in the mid-year budget review for a future program that would encourage economic growth. While there is no program currently in place, money could be added to the mid-year budget revisions should a plan or programs arise. That way, the money would already be there, ready for action. After lengthy discussion and numerous ideas regarding possible programs that could be implemented, Mayor Counts polled the council to conclude if \$100,000 should be included in the mid-year budget review to develop economic growth. Poll resulted in 4 yeas and 4 nays. Mayor broke the tie with a vote of yeas. This item will be included on the mid-year budget revisions.

Mary Elizabeth Coleman made a motion to adjourn and so moved. Seconded by Jason Fulbright.

Voice vote: all yeas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



City Clerk Tammi Casey

**CITY OF ARNOLD, MISSOURI**

**ROLL CALL**

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**BILL NO - RESOLUTION - MOTION**

		PRESENT					
<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS:</b>							
<b>MAYOR</b>	RON COUNTS	PRESENT					
<b>COUNCIL:</b>	PAUL FREESE	PRESENT					
<b>COUNCIL:</b>	MICHELLE HOHMEIER	PRESENT					
<b>COUNCIL:</b>	NANCY CRISLER	PRESENT					
<b>COUNCIL:</b>	MARY ELIZABETH COLEMAN	PRESENT					
<b>COUNCIL:</b>	JASON FULBRIGHT	PRESENT					
<b>COUNCIL:</b>	PHIL AMATO	ARRIVED 7:26					
<b>COUNCIL:</b>	KEN MOSS	PRESENT					
<b>COUNCIL:</b>	BUTCH COOLEY	PRESENT					
<b>CITY ADMINISTRATOR</b>	BRYAN RICHISON	PRESENT	<b>PARKS DIR:</b>	SUSIE BOONE			PRESENT
<b>CITY CLERK</b>	TAMMI CASEY	PRESENT	<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>	ED BLATTNER			PRESENT
<b>COM DEV</b>	MARY HOLDEN	PRESENT	<b>TREASURER:</b>	DAN KROUPA			ARRIVED 7:04
<b>FINANCE DIR:</b>	DEBORAH LEWIS	PRESENT	<b>DIR. OF ADMIN.</b>	GREG HALL			PRESENT
<b>CITY COUNSELOR</b>	BOB SWEENEY		<b>POLICE DEPT.</b>	CHIEF SHOCKEY			PRESENT