

City of Arnold, Missouri

**Public Hearing
Council Chamber**

**August 21, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

A. 2014-16, Minor Record Plat for the Property at the Northeast Corner of Ridgecrest and Jeffco Blvd. Ridgecrest Commercial.

B. 2014-15 Rezoning 2069 Missouri State Road R-4 to C-2.

Council Meeting

Immediately Following the Public Hearing

Agenda

1. Pledge of Allegiance:
2. Opening Prayer: Arnold Church of the Nazarene – Rev. James Jenkerson
3. Roll Call:
4. Business from the Floor:
5. Consent Agenda:
 - A. Minutes from August 07, 2014
 - B. Payroll Warrant # 1192 in the Amount of \$265,066.38
 - C. General Warrant # 5625 in the Amount of \$708,171.58
6. Ordinances:
 - A. **Bill No. 2590:** An Ordinance Approving a Record Plat Titled “Ridgecrest Commercial”.
 - B. **Bill No. 2591:** An Ordinance Approving a Rezoning of a Tract of Land in the City of Arnold, Missouri Identified in Attachment A from R-4 to C-2.
 - C. **Bill No. 2592:** An Ordinance Providing for the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget and Amending the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget for Estimated Year-End Results.
7. Resolutions:
 - A. **Resolution No. 14-44:** A Resolution Repealing Resolution 14-32 to Allow the Imposition of a Trash Collection Fee as Provided by Chapter 11, Section 11-27 (A) of the City Code.
8. Motions:
 - A. 2014-18 Conditional Use Permit for Fast Food at Ridgecrest and Jeffco.

B. 2014-19 Conditional Use Permit for Sonshine Adult Daycare at 39 Fox Valley Center.

9. Reports from Mayor, Council, and Committees:
10. Administrative Reports:
11. Adjournment:

Next Regular Council Meeting September 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Next Work Session September 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Counts at 7:00 p.m. City Clerk Tammi Casey made note of those in attendance: Mayor Counts, McArthur, Plunk, Crisler, Freese, Amato, Coleman, Fulbright, Cooley, Richison, Casey, Holden, Lewis, Sweeney, Boone, Blattner, Kroupa, Hall and Shockey.

2014-16, MINOR RECORD PLAT FOR THE PROPERTY AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF RIDGECREST AND JEFFCO BLVD. RIDGECREST COMMERCIAL

Community Development Director Mary Holden spoke briefly. This is a minor record plat and Poplar LLC is requesting approval to take 4 lots and create 3 at the corner of Ridgcrest and Jeffco. The Planning Commission held a public hearing at its August 12, 2014. No one spoke at the meeting and there was minimal discussion. The Planning Commission is forwarding to council a recommendation of approval by a vote of 8-0.

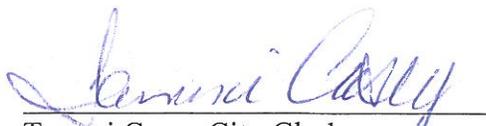
There were no comments from the council or public.

2014-15, REZONING 2069 MISSOURI STATE ROAD R-4 TO C-2

Community Development Director Mary Holden spoke briefly. This is a request to rezone 2069 Missouri State Road from R-4 to C-2. Chris Robinson owns the adjoining property that is currently zoned C-2. Approving this rezoning would allow him to combine these lots making it more accessible for commercial development. The Planning Commission held a public hearing at its July 2nd meeting. Mr. Robinson was the only one to speak and there was minimal discussion. The Planning Commission is forwarding to council a recommendation of approval by a vote of 7-1.

There were no comments from the council or public.

The Public Hearing ended at 7:04 p.m.



Tammi Casey City Clerk

Mayor Ron Counts called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reverend James Jenkerson from Arnold Church of the Nazarene offered the opening prayer.

Those present per roll call taken by City Clerk Tammi Casey: Mayor Counts, McArthur, Plunk, Crisler, Freese, Amato, Coleman, Fulbright, Cooley, Richison, Casey, Holden, Lewis, Sweeney, Boone, Blattner, Kroupa, Hall and Shockey.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Doris Borgelt, 653 Louisa – Stated she recalls previous budget crunches in 2011 and 2012. She believes the City should ask a state auditor to come in just as Fox Schools has done. She also spoke regarding the possible sale of the sewer system.

Missy Bonsack, 16 Elliott, St. Charles County – Spoke regarding the budget that is being voted on tonight. She stated the employees stay here because of the benefits the City offers and because of their dedication to the City. She believes the City should not balance the budget on the back of the employees. The Council has caused this problem, not the hard working employees of the City. Benefits are crucial and should not be reduced.

Zachary Rachovan, 3414 Swan Circle North – Spoke regarding the budget that is being voted on tonight. He is an employee of the Arnold Police Department and doesn't understand why the residents do not pay for trash, but the benefits of City employees are being cut, along with City vehicles and employee positions. As a citizen and employee of Arnold, he encourages the Council to make the right decision regarding the budget. Do not take away from the employees who are so dedicated to the City.

David Owens, 3521 Tenbrook – Is the President of the Fraternal Order of Police. He has been contacted by the Arnold Police Officers regarding the process of collective bargaining. He has presented them with the requested information regarding unionizing. He informed the council that 100% of the officers have signed the interest cards and the City should have received notice today. He wanted the council to know that this will not be a conflict; they will not throw up picket signs and go on strike. They are simply concerned about their benefits and their future with the City.

Bill Moritz, 3167 Theodore – Spoke regarding the budget being voted on tonight. He was supportive of free trash, but he always caveated that with the fact that he would only support it as long as it was sustainable. He believes this is no longer sustainable and residents should now be charged. He is withdrawing his support of free trash. He doesn't want City services to suffer and employees to lose their jobs and not receive cost of living increases or lose benefits. He also hopes that when it comes time to approach the public in regards to selling the sewer system that the City is sure to educate the public so that they understand the reasons for having to do so. Make sure they know the pros and cons and know what the City will do with the money.

Jeff Roorda, State Representative District 113 – Wanted to inform the council that the bill he brought forward, naming part of Highway 55 after Police Officer Steve Jarvis, who was killed in the line of duty was passed and signed by the Governor. He also spoke regarding the budget that was being voted on tonight. While he knows these are not easy decisions, think of hidden costs that are involved in having to retrain employees because people may find it necessary to leave due to benefit cuts. Chief Shockey informed Mr. Roorda that the City has the cost of the sign for Steve Jarvis covered in full.

Bob Lindsley, 1182 Jere Lane – He believes free trash is irresponsible and we are the only city in the area to offer it. He encourages the council to take care of their employees and the Police Department and start charging the residents for trash. Residents voted in 1990 to be charged for trash, it was the council that decided to stop this practice.

Brian McArthur left the council chambers at 7:30 p.m. and returned at 7:33 p.m.

Bob Boyer, 2387 Starling Airport – He is concerned about the budget being voted on tonight. He asked the City not to balance the budget on the backs of its employees. He believes there are a number of other items that could be cut from the budget instead of employee benefits and positions.

PRESENTATION FROM THE VETERANS COMMISSION

Members of the Veterans Commission presented Greg Hall with a shirt and informed him that the Commission has voted to make him an honorary member of the Arnold Veterans Commission. They thanked Mr. Hall for all of his hard work and dedication in regards to the Veterans Commission. Mr. Hall then received a standing ovation.

Ralph Sippel, 2014 Deer Run Court – Stated he didn't plan on speaking tonight and thinks all residents expect to pay for trash. However, he does not agree with selling our sewers to Missouri American Water. He stated free is over and low rates are over, but doesn't believe we should sell.

Mike Bonnot, 2354 Lee – Stated he had a long list of concerns that he wanted to discuss tonight, but believes previous speakers have already covered those items. He encourages council to charge residents the full rate of \$15 for trash as this was voted on by Arnold citizens years ago, instead of asking employees to pay for health insurance.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 7, 2014 MEETING**
- B. PAYROLL WARRANT NO. 1192 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$265,066.38**
- C. GENERAL WARRANT NO. 5625 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$708,171.58**

Butch Cooley made a motion and so moved to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by Jason Fulbright. Roll call vote: McArthur, yes; Plunk, yes; Crisler, yes; Freese, yes; Amato, yes; Coleman, yes; Fulbright, yes; Cooley, yes; 8 yeas: **Consent agenda approved.**

ORDINANCES

Phil Amato asked it to be part of the public record that residents have anxiety towards this development and have inquired about it again. He wants to be sure residents understand that there will be a retaining wall built and that the City is closely monitoring the development. Mary Holden assured Mr. Amato that her department is on top of the situation and they have met with the neighbors.

BILL NO. 2590 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A RECORD PLAT TITLED “RIDGECREST COMMERCIAL” was read twice by City Clerk Tammi Casey.

Roll call vote: McArthur, yes; Plunk, yes; Crisler, yes; Freese, yes; Amato, yes; Coleman, yes; Fulbright, yes; Cooley, yes; 8 yeas: **Ordinance passed.**

BILL NO. 2591 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND IN THE CITY OF ARNOLD, MISSOURI IDENTIFIED IN ATTACHMENT A FROM R-4 TO C-2 was read twice by City Clerk Tammi Casey.

Roll call vote: McArthur, yes; Plunk, yes; Crisler, yes; Freese, yes; Amato, yes; Coleman, yes; Fulbright, yes; Cooley, yes; 8 yeas: **Ordinance passed.**

BILL NO. 2592 – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET FOR ESTIMATED YEAR-END RESULTS was read twice by City Clerk Tammi Casey.

Bryan Richison informed that there have been some changes added to the proposed budget since the Work Session. Specifically, on the revenue side the budget now includes a \$10.00 per month charge to residents for trash and on the expenditure side the budget now includes adding back in the step increases for employees and a 2% cost of living increase. There has also been a small amount added for upgrading the glass at the windows of the City Clerk, Municipal Court and Police Department lobby.

Mary Elizabeth Coleman asked that because it seems clear that the Police Department has decided to exercise their right to collective bargaining would it be a good practice to take an adjournment and adjust out of the budget what is needed to be removed on the Police Department side so that they get a chance to be heard. Tonight is the first she has heard about the collective bargaining. Mr. Richison informed Mrs. Coleman that he and the City attorney have discussed this. When they come forward as an official collective bargaining unit, which has not happened yet as that is a long process and not quick to form, the City will of course sit down with them at that time and discuss. There is no reason not to vote on the budget at this time. If the City decides at a later date to change the budget due to future negotiations with the Police Department, the council always has the opportunity at any time to amend the budget throughout the fiscal year.

Roll call vote: McArthur, yes; Plunk, yes; Crisler, no; Freese, no; Amato, no; Coleman, yes; Fulbright, no; Cooley, yes; 4 yeas, 4 nays: Mayor Counts broke the tie with a vote of yea. **Ordinance passed.**

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 14-44 – A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION 14-32 TO ALLOW THE IMPOSITION OF A TRASH COLLECTION FEE AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 11, SECTION 11-27 (A) OF THE CITY CODE

Jason Fulbright made a motion and so moved to approve Resolution No. 14-44. Seconded by Butch Cooley. Roll call vote: McArthur, yes; Plunk, yes; Crisler, no; Freese, no; Amato, no; Coleman, yes; Fulbright, yes; Cooley, yes; 5 yeas, 3 nays: **Resolution passed.**

MOTIONS

2014-18, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR FAST FOOD AT RIDGECREST AND JEFFCO

If the council takes no action on this conditional use permit it will stand approved, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

No action was taken by council. Permit approved.

2014-19 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR SONSHINE ADULT DAYCARE AT 39 FOX VALLEY CENTER

If the council takes no action on this conditional use permit it will stand approved, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

No action was taken by council. Permit approved.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

Mayor Ron Counts – The Mayor thanked employees and staff for coming to the meeting. He commended Bryan Richison and Deborah Lewis for their hard work in regards to the budget. Mayor Counts thanked Dan Kroupa for the donation of umbrellas to the Farmers Market. He encourages everyone to attend the Farmers Market this Saturday as they are having a watermelon seed spitting contest.

Ward 4 – Butch Cooley – Thanked all the employees who came to the meeting. He likes to see people stand up for their rights.

Ward 2 – Mary Elizabeth Coleman – Thanked Bryan Richison for his hard work in regards to the budget, she knows it is a thankless and complex job. She also thanked the employees for coming to the meeting. She appreciates their hard work.

Ward 3 – Phil Amato – Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Ward 1 – Jason Fulbright – Thanked everyone who came to the meeting. He appreciates their input. Mr. Fulbright also mentioned that the City has been contacted by an independent film company regarding a movie that was filmed in the area called “Belleville”. It is being released at Wehrenberg Theatre and he has buy one get one free tickets for anyone who is interested.

Ward 2 – Brian McArthur – Thanked all the employees for sticking with the council and staff during the budget process. He believes this is a pure budget with no hidden agendas and thanked Bryan Richison and Deborah Lewis for their hard work.

Veterans Commission reported that the 2nd annual veterans day parade is taking shape and the school has approved the same route as last year. By Veterans Day people should start seeing flags on poles in the City. They have raised close to \$1500 for the flag initiative.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

City Administrator Bryan Richison – Thanked the employees who came to the meeting along with those who attended the budget meetings. He appreciated the employees who spoke and the fact that they remained so professional. He also appreciated all those involved in helping him in regards to the budget along with those who voted to approve the budget. He truly believes that this puts the City on the right foot going forward. He realizes not all problems have been solved, but this is a great beginning. In regards to the sale of the sewer system feel free to ask him questions. There will be a lot more information coming forth. Everyone will be fully informed before the November election.

Susie Boone – Stated that the Parks and Recreation Department are challenging all elected officials to the “Ice Bucket Challenge” to raise money for ALS. August 29th will be the date for the 4th Annual Patriot Golf Tournament. The next Parks meeting will be held on September 2nd at 6:30. Ms. Boone encourages everyone to attend the 9/11 ceremony to be held at the Recreation Center Memorial Garden. Arnold Imperial Optimists submitted a grant and \$1000 has been donated to the Arnold Parks and Recreation Department to give underprivileged children in the area a chance to participate in City sponsored events, which they normally would not have the opportunity to participate in. They are starting with two pilot schools which will be Rockport and Sherwood. Ms. Boone also thanked Greg Hall for all that he has done for the City and wished him the best of luck.

Mary Holden – Informed that Denise Voyles, the Secretary at the Health Department is retiring. Her last day will be August 29th. Ms. Holden also thanked Greg Hall and wished him good luck.

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Bob Sweeney – Thanked Greg Hall for his work with the City.

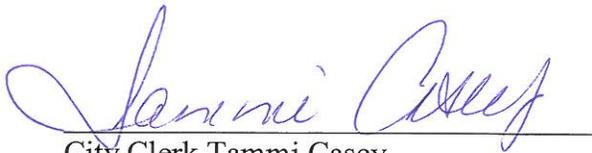
Deborah Lewis – Wish Greg Hall good luck in the future.

Mayor Counts thanked Greg Hall for all his hard work. He believes Greg has done a great job helping a lot of people.

Greg Hall – Thanked everyone for their kind sentiments and thanked the Veterans Commission for the honorary membership. Greg stated he believes Arnold is a great City and has enjoyed working here. He wishes everyone the best.

A motion to adjourn meeting was made by Jason Fulbright. Seconded by Mary Elizabeth Coleman.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.


City Clerk Tammi Casey

CITY OF ARNOLD, MISSOURI

ROLL CALL

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BILL NO - RESOLUTION - MOTION

		ROLL CALL	CONSENT AGENDA	BILL NO. 2590	BILL NO. 2591	BILL NO. 2592	RESOLUTION NO. 14-44
COUNCIL MEMBERS:							
MAYOR	RON COUNTS	PRESENT				YES	
COUNCIL:	BRIAN MCARTHUR	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	GARY PLUNK	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	NANCY CRISLER	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
COUNCIL:	PAUL FREESE	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
COUNCIL:	PHIL AMATO	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
COUNCIL:	MARY ELIZABETH COLEMAN	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
COUNCIL:	JASON FULBRIGHT	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
COUNCIL:	BUTCH COOLEY	PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	BRYAN RICHISON	PRESENT	PARKS DIR:		SUSIE BOONE	PRESENT	
CITY CLERK	TAMMI CASEY	PRESENT	PUBLIC WORKS:		ED BLATTNER	PRESENT	
COM DEV	MARY HOLDEN	PRESENT	TREASURER:		DAN KROUPA	PRESENT	
FINANCE DIR:	DEBORAH LEWIS	PRESENT	DIR. OF ADMIN.		GREG HALL	PRESENT	
CITY COUNSELOR	BOB SWEENEY	PRESENT	POLICE DEPT.		CHIEF SHOCKEY	PRESENT	