

City of Arnold, Missouri

Council Meeting
Council Chambers

May 1, 2008
7:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Opening Prayer
3. Roll Call
4. Acceptance Of Minutes: **April 17, 2008**
5. Acceptance Of Warrants: **Payroll Warrant #1028 - General Warrant #5474**
6. Business From the Floor
7. Ordinances
 - A. **Bill No. 2303:** An Ordinance Amending the Speed Limit for a Part of Church Road.
 - B. **Bill No. 2304:** An Ordinance Levying a Special Assessment for the Construction of the Grace Drive NID.
 - C. **Bill No. 2305:** An Ordinance Accepting Grace Drive for Public Maintenance.
 - D. **Bill No. 2306;** An Ordinance Amending Section 23-23..7 of the Code of Ordinances known as "Schedule of the Traffic Code" Relating to Intersection Stops.
 - E. **Bill No. 2307:** An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Rock Community Fire Protection District in Connection with the Redevelopment Plans for the Arnold Crossroads and Arnold Triangle Redevelopment Areas.
8. Resolutions

None
9. Motions
 - A. A Motion to Hold a Closed Session Immediately Following the City Council Meeting for the Purpose of Discussing Litigation Section 610.021 (1) and Personnel Pursuant to Section 610.021(3), RSMO.
10. New Business
11. Old Business
12. Committee Reports
13. Reports from Mayor and Council
14. Administrative Reports
15. Adjournment

Next Regular Council Meeting: May 15th at 7:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

May 1, 2008

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

2101 JEFFCO BLVD

7:30 PM

Mayor Mark Powell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was a moment of silence in honor of the Perryville, Missouri soldier recently killed in Iraq.

Those present per roll call taken by City Clerk Diane Waller: Powell, Cooley, Amato (will be late, attending the County Charter Meeting), Deckman, Moritz (excused), Poor, Crisler, Ems, Hay, Unrein, Waller, Holden, Lewis, Sweeney, Boone (excused), Shockey, Blue, Freese and Hall.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

Al Ems moved to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2008 meeting if there are no deletions, errors, or corrections. Seconded by Butch Cooley. Roll call vote; Cooley, yes; Amato (excused); Deckman, yes; Moritz (excused); Poor, yes; Crisler, yes; Hay, yes; Ems, yes; 6 yeas, motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE WARRANTS:

City Clerk Diane Waller read payroll warrant #1028. Joyce Deckman moved to pay payroll warrant #1028 pay period ending April 18, 2008 in the amount of \$246,964.24 if the monies are available. Seconded by Al Ems. Roll call vote: Ems, yes; Cooley, yes; Amato (excused); Deckman, yes; Moritz (excused); Poor, yes; Crisler, yes; Hay, yes; 6 yeas, motion carried.

City Clerk Diane Waller read general warrant #5474 Randy Crisler moved to pay general warrant #5474 in the amount of \$477,212.70 if the monies are available.

Seconded by Butch Cooley. Roll call vote: Cooley, yes; Amato (excused); Deckman, yes; Moritz (excused); Poor, yes; Crisler, yes; Hay, yes; Ems, yes; 6 yeas, motion carried.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Rodgers, 861 Morningside, expressed safety concerns with children playing in the street. He questioned the availability of the "Drive 20" signs and the Chief then offered they are available for pickup.

Jeff Blue, Public Works Director, will follow-up with more permanent signage regarding children at play.

Gary Luebbers, 1890 Edgemont, had questions regarding the impending road closing at Missouri State and Church. We will monitor and do what we can to lessen the impact. A suggestion was made to have the traffic light flash late at night once the construction at the intersection is completed.

Compliments were given to the Lowe's development on their landscaping but the VFW is an eyesore. Mary Holden will contact the developer regarding this.

ORDINANCES

Bill No. 2303 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 23-23.13 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES KNOWN AS "SCHEDULE M OF THE TRAFFIC CODE" RELATING TO **SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS** was discussed.

Randy Crisler offered a motion to amend the speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph and then so moved. Seconded by Joyce Deckman. Roll call vote: Cooley, yes; Amato (excused); Deckman, yes; Moritz (excused); Poor, yes; Crisler, yes; Hay, yes; Ems, yes; 6 yeas, motion carried.

Phil Amato arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Bill No. 2303 was read two times as amended by City Clerk Diane Waller with the new lower speed limit. Roll call vote: Cooley, yes; Amato, yes; Deckman, yes; Moritz (excused); Poor, yes; Crisler, yes; Hay, yes; Ems, yes; 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

Bill No. 2304 AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE **FINAL COST** OF COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS KNOWN AS THE **GRACE DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT** DISTRICT PROJECT; APPORTIONING SUCH FINAL COSTS AMONG THE PROPERTIES IN THE GRACE DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF ARNOLD, MISSOURI, ASSESSING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST THE PROPERTIES IN SAID DISTRICT; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUING OF TAX BILLS THEREFORE was read twice by City Clerk Diane Waller. Roll call vote: Cooley, yes; Amato, yes; Deckman, yes; Moritz (excused); Poor, yes; Crisler, yes; Hay, yes; Ems, yes; 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

Bill No. 2305 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING LANDS KNOWN AS GRACE DRIVE IN GLATT PARK SUBDIVISION AND HAUSDORF PLACE SUBDIVISION FOR PUBLIC USE AS STREETS AND ROADS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ARNOLD, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE A FORMAL ACCEPTANCE THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR THE RECORDING OF SAID ACCEPTANCE. A COPY OF SAID FORMAL ACCEPTANCE IS ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE was read twice by City Clerk Diane Waller. Roll call vote: Cooley, yes; Amato, yes; Deckman, yes; Moritz (excused); Poor, yes; Crisler, yes; Hay, yes; Ems, yes; 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

Bill No. 2306 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 23-23-7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES KNOWN AS “SCHEDULE G OF THE TRAFFIC CODE” RELATING TO INTERSECTION STOPS” was read twice by City Clerk Diane Waller. Roll call vote: Cooley, yes; Amato, yes; Deckman, yes; Moritz (excused); Poor, yes; Crisler, yes; Hay, yes; Ems, yes; 7 yeas, ordinance passed.

Bill No. 2307 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ROCK COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE ARNOLD CROSSROADS AND ARNOLD TRIANGLE REDEVELOPMENT AREAS. Roll call vote: Cooley, yes; Amato, yes; Deckman, yes; Moritz (excused); Poor, no; Crisler, yes; Hay, no; Ems, yes; 5 yeas, 2 nays, ordinance passed.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

MOTIONS

A **motion** to hold a **closed session** immediately following the city council meeting for the purpose of discussing litigation Section 610.021 (1) and Personnel pursuant to section 610.021 (3) RSMO was offered by Al Ems and then he so moved. Seconded by Randy Crisler. Roll call vote: Cooley, yes; Amato, yes; Deckman, yes; Moritz (excused); Poor, yes; Crisler, yes; Hay, yes; Ems, yes; 7 yeas, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Phil Amato, offered, in the form of a **motion**, that the city seek **banking RFP's** as he would like to see some new innovative ideas and just what is available in the banking market today. Randy Crisler seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Finance Director Deb Lewis shared UMB has some of these available and she could sit with UMB and see what's out there without formally going out for RFP's. More discussion and input from Treasurer Paul Freese and Mayor Powell as they both have banking backgrounds.

Mayor suggested Ms. Lewis discusses with UMB and bring ideas forward at a later time.

Mr. Amato and Mr. Crisler **rescinded their motion and second** and replaced it with a **new motion to direct staff to research banking ideas and come back to a future work session with some new ideas**. Roll call vote: Cooley, yes; Amato, yes; Deckman, yes; Moritz (excused); Poor, yes; Crisler, yes; Hay, yes; Ems, yes; 7 yeas, motion carried.

Phil Amato then directed questions and comments to staff relating to city expenses, regarding services provided, staffing etc. He stated city has been able to do all this with monies generated with sales taxes but taxes have been declining. He emphasized how the new developments will contribute and help with the financial requirements to continue to meet city's budgetary requirements.

He offered a **motion to segregate by ledger for accounting purposes the sales tax money derived from the new Triangle/Crossroads developments. Also wants council consent required in order to move these monies and at budget time, a special motion will be needed to transfer these finances**.

Mayor added if this dies for a lack of a second he would like to see these monies tracked.

Discussion followed asking Attorney for legal advice. Crisler added he would like to see this go to a work session. Opinions voiced. Poor questioned how it would be determined what money was lost from one business due to another similar one opening elsewhere and felt this was political. Mr. Hay agreed, there was nothing to be gained by this.

Mr. Amato justified his request and wants to see what these new developments are contributing to the city financially.

Joyce Deckman commented on the closing of some restaurants recently were not the result of the new developments but rather other reasons and seconded the motion offered by Mr. Amato.

Roll call vote: Cooley, yes; Amato, yes; Deckman, yes; Moritz (excused); Poor, no; Crisler, yes; Hay, no; Ems, yes; 5 yeas, 2, nays, motion carried.

Jerel Poor stated he had met with Mary Holden and Bill Moritz regarding **traffic calming in Theodore Ridge**. He would like this discussed at a future work session. Mary Holden added they have met with Fire Department, Police Department and Trustees and have some ideas.

Randy Crisler added **traffic calming measures are needed on Emil** and feels the city should be responsible and address since city opened gates thus creating more traffic.

Randy Crisler reported on the recent meeting with residents adjoining the **Jackson Home development** and their reps. He asked staff to bring something back in 2 weeks on this issue.

Matt Hay questioned the **progress of the website** being updated and Matt Unrein reported it is being worked on. Suggested city look at Lee's Summit website as he felt it was superb.

Matt Hay asked about televising the council meetings and would like to see this discussed at a work session. He then offered a **motion to discuss televising the council meetings at a work session** and so moved. Seconded by Jerel Poor. Roll call vote: Cooley, no; Amato, no; Deckman, no; Moritz (excused); Poor, yes; Crisler, yes; Hay, yes; Ems, no, 4 nays, 3 yeas, **motion failed**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There had been no liquor committee meeting.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Ward 4 – Butch Cooley – No report

Ward 1 – Mat Hay – No report

Ward 4 – Al Ems – No report

Ward 1 – Randy Crisler – No report

Ward 2 – Jerel Poor - No report

Ward 3 – Joyce Deckman – No report

Ward 2 – Bill Moritz – Excused

Ward 3 - Phil Amato –No report

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Powell announced he would be bringing forward a recommendation for an appointment to Planning and Zoning to replace the vacancy created for Ward 1 representative because Matt Hay had to resign once he was sworn in as Councilman for that ward.

Also shared today was National Day of Prayer and there had been good attendance at the noon ceremony recognizing this at the Flag Pole today. Thanked those that participated.

Attorney Bob Sweeney – No Report

Matt Unrien – As next Thursday is a holiday for city hall (Truman’s birthday) there will be no work session and city hall is closed for the day.

Diane Waller – No Report

Paul Freese – No Report

Greg Hall – Reported on the FEMA meeting that he and Debrah Lewis had attended.

Mary Holden – Reported on the 2010 census update with the deadline fast approaching this week. Elaborated on the May 18th Dog Park festivities.

Jeff Blue – Reported on MoDot’s selection of NB West to do work at Jeffco and Richardson.

Debrah Lewis – Added comment about FEMA reimbursement

Susie Boone – excused

Chief Shockey – No Report

Mayor added Dierbergs grand opening and ribbon cutting is scheduled for May 13th.

Motion to adjourn was offered by Al Ems. Seconded by Randy Crisler Voice vote: motion carried.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

City Clerk