



CITY OF GRAIN VALLEY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES
Regular Session

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ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

- The Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri, met in Regular Session on July 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at Grain Valley City Hall
- The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Dale Arnold

ITEM II: ROLL CALL

- City Clerk Chenéy Parrish called roll
- *Present: Arnold, Headley, Johnston, Palecek, Stanley, West*
- *Absent: Todd*

-QUORUM PRESENT-

ITEM III: INVOCATION

- Invocation was given by Pastor Darryl Jones with Crossroads Church

ITEM IV: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Chuck Johnston

ITEM V: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- City Administrator Ryan Hunt noted no changes to the agenda

ITEM VI: PROCLAMATIONS

- None

ITEM VII: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- Mayor Pro-Tem Arnold opened the floor for citizen participation
 - None

ITEM VIII: CONSENT AGENDA

- June 27, 2016 – Board of Aldermen Minutes
- July 11, 2016 – Accounts Payable
- July 2016 – Court Report
- *Alderman West made a Motion to Approve Consent Agenda*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Headley*
- *Discussion: Alderman Johnston questioned three separate payments to Bank of Lexington. City Administrator Ryan Hunt explained that money comes from three separate funds to pay the Bank of Lexington.*

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Dale Arnold
Alderman Bob Headley
Alderman Chuck Johnston
Alderman Valerie Palecek
Alderman Tranita Stanley
Alderman Yolanda West

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Mayor Mike Todd

STAFF OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Administrator Ryan Hunt
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- *Motion to Approve Consent Agenda was voted on with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Headley, Johnston, Palecek, Stanley, West*
 - *Nay: None*
 - *Abstain: None (Alderman Arnold did not abstain, however he did not voice a vote)*
- MOTION APPROVED: 5-0-**

ITEM IX: PREVIOUS BUSINESS

- Liquor License Application – Steve’s LLC
 - Steve Whiteside of Steve’s, LLC was present for questions of the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Whiteside has purchased Bodee’s from Alicia Niccum and has applied for a liquor license. He will take over the business July 15, 2016. All required documentation has been provided to process his application, and Chief of Police Dave Starbuck recommended approval.
 - *Alderman Johnston made a Motion to Approve the Liquor License Application for Steve’s LLC*
 - *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman West*
 - *Motion to Approve the Liquor License Application for Steve’s, LLC was voted on with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Headley, Johnston, Palecek, Stanley, West*
 - *Nay: None*
 - *Abstain: None (Alderman Arnold did not abstain, however he did not voice a vote)*
- **-MOTION APPROVED: 5-0-**

ITEM X: NEW BUSINESS

- None

ITEM XI: PRESENTATION

- None

ITEM XII: ORDINANCES

Bill No. B16-13: An Ordinance Approving the Updated 2016 Compensation Plan of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri

- City Attorney Matt Geary read **Bill No. B16-13** for its second reading by title only
- *Alderman West moved to accept the second reading of Bill No. B16-13 making it ordinance #2389*
- *The motion was Seconded by Alderman Johnston*

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- Discussion: City Administrator Ryan Hunt shared his concerns over the Board’s decision to set compensation for the position at pay grade 5. He explained the process used for the MARC salary study and explained that this same process has been consistently used for other City positions. The Communications Manager position could be justified as level 6, 7, or 8 according to the study. City Administrator Hunt suggested two options – 1) change the position title to Public Information Officer at a lower salary, or 2) move to grade 6 and keep the position as a Communications Manager. He also noted that for the past 3 years the City has paid \$50 per hour for a part time position.

Alderman Johnston expressed his concern that the study doesn’t justify the higher salary. He felt that Warrensburg and Harrisonville were fair comparisons to Grain Valley. He also didn’t believe there is enough demand for this to be a full time position. Alderman Stanley agreed with Alderman Johnston.

Alderman Headley reminded the Board that communication is an issue that always comes up. Citizens want to get information and without a local newspaper it can be difficult to get correct and consistent information to the public. He also questioned the level of expertise the City would find if the pay is too low.

During the vote there was a discussion with City Attorney Geary concerning Alderman Arnold’s right to vote on the ordinance since he is serving this meeting as Mayor Pro-Tem. City Attorney Geary advised that he does not give up his vote as an Alderman, and in the event of a tie, he will cast a vote as the Mayor Pro-Tem.

- *Alderman Headley made a Motion to Set the Salary of the Communications Manager to pay grade 6.*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman Palecek*
- *Motion to Set the Salary of the Communications Manager to pay grade 6 was voted on with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Headley, Palecek, Arnold*
 - *Nay: Johnston, Stanley, West*
 - *Abstain: None*

• **-MOTION APPROVED: 4-3-**

- *Bill No. B16-13 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Headley, Palecek, Arnold*
 - *Nay: Johnston, Stanley, West*
 - *Abstain: None*

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-BILL NO. B16-13 BECAME ORDINANCE #2389: 4-3

ITEM XIII: RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. R16-35: A Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Grain Valley, Missouri Authorizing the Use of Jackson County’s 2016 Pavement Maintenance Phase 1 Asphalt Overlay Contract for the City’s 2016 Street Maintenance

- City Attorney Matt Geary read **Resolution No. R16-35** by title only
- *Alderman Palecek moved to accept Resolution No. R16-35 as read*
- *The Motion was Seconded by Alderman West*
- *Resolution No. R16-35 was voted upon with the following voice vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Headley, Johnston, Palecek, Stanley, West*
 - *Nay: None*
 - *Abstain: None*

-RESOLUTION NO. R16-35 APPROVED: 6-0

ITEM XIV: CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- None

ITEM XV: CITY ADMINISTRATOR & STAFF REPORTS

- City Administrator Ryan Hunt
 - *City Administrator Hunt shared that he was happy to be back from vacation. In light of the recent tragedies and unrest around the country, he wanted to thank Pastor Darryl Jones and the other local pastors for their roles in the prayer vigil last week.*
- Community Development (*Community Development Director Ken Murphy*)
 - *None*
- Finance (*Finance Director Cathy Bowden*)
 - *None*
- City Clerk (*City Clerk Chenéy Parrish*)
 - *City Clerk Chenéy Parrish shared information about the MML West Gate Division meeting on July 21st and asked for commitments by July 14th.*
- Parks & Recreation Department (*Parks & Recreation Director Shannon Davies*)
 - *None*
- Police (*Chief of Police David Starbuck*)
 - *Police Chief David Starbuck explained that his department worked in cooperation with the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Kansas City Southern Railroad in the*

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Officer on a Train initiative. Last year several citations were issued for illegal crossings, however this year they had no violations.

ITEM XVI: BOARD OF ALDERMEN REPORTS & COMMENTS

- Alderman Bob Headley
 - *Alderman Headley challenged (on behalf of Mayor Todd) the Board of Aldermen to participate in the fundraising bowling event to support Pathways of Honor on August 14th.*
- Alderman Chuck Johnston
 - *Alderman Johnston commented that he received an invitation from the EDC for a dinner on July 20th.*
- Alderman Valerie Palecek
 - *Alderman Palecek shared that the prayer vigil was very nice. Pastor Wayne Geiger inquired about continued prayer for our police officers, by name. Chief of Police Starbuck will give him names.*
- Alderman Tranita Stanley
 - None
- Alderman Yolanda West
 - *Alderman West also felt the prayer vigil was very appropriate and well attended.*

ITEM XVII: MAYOR REPORT

- Mayor Pro-Tem Dale Arnold
 - *Mayor Pro-Tem Arnold stated that he is proud of the police personnel and grateful that we don't have the negative atmosphere in Grain Valley that other cities are experiencing.*

ITEM XVIII: EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Mayor Pro-Tem Arnold stated a need to hold an Executive Session for Leasing, Purchase or Sale of Real Estate, Pursuant to Section 610.021(2), RSMo. 1998, as Amended
- *Alderman West moved to close the Regular Meeting for items related to Section 610.021(2), RSMo 1998, As Amended.*
- *The motion was seconded by Alderman Headley*
 - No Discussion
- *The motion was voted on with the following roll call vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Headley, Johnston, Palecek, Stanley, West*
 - *Nay: None*
 - *Abstain: None*

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-MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-

-THE REGULAR MEETING CLOSED AT 7:36 PM

- *Alderman Headley moved to open the Regular Meeting*
- *The motion was seconded by Alderman Johnston*
 - No Discussion
- *The motion was voted on with the following roll call vote:*
 - *Aye: Arnold, Headley, Johnston, Palecek, Stanley, West*
 - *Nay: None*
 - *Abstain: None*

-MOTION CARRIED: 6-0-

-THE REGULAR MEETING OPENED AT 7:56 PM

Prior to adjourning, Alderman Palecek asked for an update on the new Price Chopper construction. Community Development Director Ken Murphy shared that rezoning and plot modifications are in process. KCPL will be moving underground power lines. The project is anticipated to take 8 months to complete once started, with the store opening by Fall 2017.

Item VI: ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

 Chenéy Parrish
City Clerk

 Date

Minutes approved by:

 Dale Arnold
Mayor Pro-Tem

 Date

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