

**Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday July 15, 2013**

A regular meeting and public hearing of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Peculiar, Missouri, was held in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 6:30 p.m. on Monday July 15, 2013. Mayor Ernest Jungmeyer called the meeting to order and all who were present joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following aldermen responded to roll call: Michael Gallagher, Veronika Ray, Holly Stark, Bob Fines and Homer Dunsworth. Donald Turner was absent.

City Staff present for the meeting were City Administrator Brad Ratliff, City Attorney Reid Holbrook, City Engineer Carl Brooks, Chief of Police Harry Gurin, City Clerk Nick Jacobs, Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen, Business Office Manager Trudy Prickett.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the Agenda
- B. Approval of the Draft Minutes of June 17, 2013 BOA Meeting
- C. Approval of the Draft Minutes of July 1, 2013 Work Session Meeting

A motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented from Alderman Stark, second from Alderman Dunsworth, the Consent Agenda was approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Alderman Turner being absent.

Employee of the Quarter – Nathan Musteen

City Administrator Brad Ratliff spoke at length regarding the accomplishments of Nathan in the short time he has been with the City. Brad spoke of the experience which Nathan brings from his years with the City of Raymore.

The mayor congratulated Nathan on his accomplishments and gave him a token of appreciation as well as having his name on the "Employee of the Quarter" plaque.

New Business

- A. Bill No. 2013-13 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI AMENDING PECULIAR MUNICIPAL CODE § 710.070 TO INCLUDE SUBSECTIONS D, E, AND F, OUTLINING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY/PROPERTY OWNER IN REFERENCE TO THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.**

**1st Reading*

City Clerk Nick Jacobs stated that this is the same Ordinance which was presented on July 1st as a topic for discussion. He stated that this Ordinance was essentially to delineate the responsibility of the City and the property owner in reference to the water lines that serve the property. He stated that there have been no changes and that staff recommends a first reading of the Bill.

Alderman Gallagher asked if there has been any trouble with reading the meters in Windmill Country Estates. Staff commented that the meters are 8-9 years old and approaching the end of their warranty.

Alderman Stark asked how the meters could have been allowed to be put in the basement. Staff commented that after much research there is no documentation to show that this was allowed.

There was discussion among the Board about the past events leading to this Ordinance.

Alderman Stark moved to have the 1st reading of Bill No. 2013-13 by title only. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dunsworth and was approved with a 5-0 voice vote with Alderman Turner being absent. Alderman Stark moved to accept this 1st reading, seconded by Alderman Dunsworth and was accepted by a 5-0 voice vote with Alderman Turner being absent.

- B. Resolution No. 2013- 33 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH BARTLETT & WEST ENGINEERS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MO**

City Engineer Carl Brooks spoke about the Contract with Bartlett & West Engineering Firm for GIS Services. Carl spoke about the different expectations of the phases that would be provided for the cost of the \$35,000 which the contract outlines.

Aldermen Stark asked when the work would be completed. Staff commented that it should be completed within 60 days of the contract being signed.

Staff commented that Phase two of the project could be \$35,000-\$50,000 and Phase three could be another \$35,000.

Alderman Stark made a motion to accept Resolution 2013-33. The motion was seconded by Alderman Gallagher was accepted by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Alderman Gallagher Aye

Alderman Ray

Aye

Alderman Dunsworth	Aye	Alderman Stark	Aye
Alderman Fines	Aye	Alderman Turner	Absent

C. Resolution No. 2013- 34 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH LAND3 STUDIOS FOR THE DESIGN, BIDDING ASSISTANCE AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND RENOVATION OF CURRENT FACILITIES NECESSARY AT RAISBECK PARK.

Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen addressed the Board stating that this contract will lock Land3 Studios in as the consulting Engineer for Raisebeck Park renovations.

Alderman Stark stated that she is opposed to the design/construction phase and thinks staff should be able handle this portion.

Staff commented that the contract reflected that staff could do what they want and may choose not to use the Engineer if they are not necessary.

The Mayor commented that this would get the City one step closer to having sports playing by Spring 2014.

Alderman Stark made a motion to accept Resolution 2013-34. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dunsworth and was accepted by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Alderman Gallagher	Aye	Alderman Ray	Aye
Alderman Dunsworth	Aye	Alderman Stark	Aye
Alderman Fines	Aye	Alderman Turner	Absent

City Administrator Report

Brad Ratliff spoke about the recent trip to Washington D.C. and the reasoning behind the trip. He stated that in 2004 the Peculiar Police Department assisted the FBI in a money laundering case with Casstel. He stated that because of the trip the City has received \$1,197,890 for their assistance with the case. He stated that there are 38 pages of rules and regulations to use this money and have only 18 months to spend it. He is hoping to have recommendations to the Board by next month. There was discussion pertaining to the various uses of the money for police purposes. Codes department has sent several notices and there is one new home being built on Nora Dodge Drive. Sewer Project is coming along and there is not going to be any blasting as previously thought. The City is currently seeking to run a sidewalk from City Hall to Downtown.

Alderman Gallagher asked if MoDOT could move the lights on the J/C intersection and the Board commented that has been looked at and the Outer Road is too close to the entrance and exit ramps.

There was some discussion pertaining to Cass County wanting to replace the bridge on School Road. Several Aldermen had questions on it and staff commented that we are trying to work with the County to see the project get completed without greater stress on the residents downstream.

Alderman Gallagher asked what the Flagpole out front of City Hall cost.
Staff commented approx.. \$1,300.

Alderman Directives

Alderman Ray commented to Chief Gurin that there are a lot of speeding vehicles on Harr-Grove Road.

Executive Session

At 7:35 p.m. Alderman Stark made a motion to leave regular session and enter into executive session lasting no longer 15 minutes per RSMO 610.021(2). Seconded by Alderman Gallagher and the motion was approved by a 5-0 roll call vote with Alderman Turner being absent.

Adjournment

On a motion from Alderman Stark, second from Alderman Dunsworth, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

Regular session minutes were taken and transcribed by Nick Jacobs, City Clerk.

Nick Jacobs, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen: 8/19/2013