

**Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday August 19, 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 August 19, 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, Holly Stark, Bob Fines and Donald Turner. Homer Dunsworth and Veronika Ray were 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 July 15, 2013 BOA Meeting
- C. Approval of the Draft Minutes of August 5, 2013 Work Session Meeting

A motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented from Alderman Stark, second from Alderman Gallagher, the Consent Agenda was approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Alderman Dunsworth & Alderman Ray being absent.

**Proclamation – Federal Bureau of Investigation Supervisor Special Agent Kurt Siuzdak Day**

The Mayor announced the Special Agent Siuzdak played a vital role in the City attaining the Federal Funds which it has been waiting on for several years.

**Unfinished Business**

- A. **Bill No. 2013-14 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI AMENDING PECULIAR MUNICIPAL CODE § 700.010 AND PERMITTING ADDITIONAL IRRIGATION METER CONNECTIONS TO THE CITY'S WATER WORKS SYSTEM.**  
*\*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading*

City Engineer Carl Brooks addressed the board regarding allowing a larger meter connection for irrigation purposes than what code currently allows. Staff recommends approval.

Alderman Stark made a motion to have the second reading of the Bill by title only. The motion was seconded by Alderman Turner was accepted by a 4-0 voice vote with Alderman Dunsworth & Alderman Ray being absent. Alderman Stark made a motion to accept the second reading of Bill 2013-14 and place on final passage as Ordinance number 08192013. Seconded by Alderman Turner and accepted by the following 4-0 roll call vote with Alderman Dunsworth & Alderman Ray being absent.

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

**New Business**

- A. **Bill No. 2013-15 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI RE-DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO APPLY A TRANSPORTATION TAX AND A PARKS TAX ON ALL SALES OF METERED WATER SERVICE, ELECTRICITY, ELECTRICAL CURRENT, AND NATURAL, ARTIFICIAL, OR PROPANE GAS, WOOD, COAL, OR HOME HEATING OIL FOR DOMESTIC USE; AND ESTABLISHING SECTION 720.020 B AND SECTION 720.015 TITLED "LOCAL PARKS TAX".**

City Clerk Nick Jacobs addressed the board pertaining to the tax's that were passed several years ago and that this Bill would not enact any new taxes it would just allow the current taxes to be assessed onto domestic utilities. He stated that staff had recommended two readings of the Bill because it takes the Department of Revenue approximately 5 months to assess the tax and redistribute.

Alderman Gallagher asked how come this is just now being brought to the board's attention.

Staff commented that in going through the Ordinances and comparing what is on the books to what the Department of Revenue is collecting, there were some discrepancies.

Alderman Stark asked if we had been collecting this on our utility.

Staff commented that yes it has been getting collected.

Alderman Stark moved to table Bill 2013-15 until the next meeting where all Wards would be represented. Seconded by Alderman Gallagher and was tabled by the following 4-0 voice vote with Alderman Dunsworth & Alderman Ray being absent.

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

**B. Bill No. 2013-16 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS**  
*\*1<sup>st</sup> Reading*

City Clerk Nick Jacobs addressed the board pertaining to readopting the conflict of interest ordinance. He stated that the City was contacted by the Missouri Ethics Commission to readopt this Ordinance every 2 years. If the board chooses not to readopt this ordinance, then they would have to file a full financial disclosure with the Missouri Ethics Commission. Staff recommended approval.

Alderman Stark made a motion to introduce Bill No. 2013-16 and read one time by title only. The motion was seconded by Alderman Turner and was approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Alderman Dunsworth & Alderman Ray being absent. Alderman Stark made a motion to accept the first reading of Bill No. 2013-16. The motion was seconded by Alderman Turner and was approved by a 4-0 voice vote with Alderman Dunsworth & Alderman Ray being absent.

**C. Resolution No. 2013-36 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI ESTABLISHING THE 2013 TAX LEVY OF \$ 0.8626**

City Administrator Brad Ratliff addressed the board pertaining to the tax levy. He stated that there would be a \$.16 increase to the Debt Service Fund. This is due to the bonds for the 211<sup>th</sup> street interchange. There is no increase to the Operating Levy.

Alderman Stark made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-36. The motion was seconded by Alderman Turner and was accepted by a 4-0 roll call vote.

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

**City Administrator Report**

Brad Ratliff addressed the Board with an update of events since the last meeting. He reminded the Board that the next meeting will be Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup> because of Labor Day. He gave an update of the status of the Equitable Sharing Funds and how swiftly Chief Gurin is moving. Parks are moving as planned and hope to have soccer playing in the spring. The Planning Commission has finished their draft of approved uses in the land matrix. Hope to have it in front of the Board after budget season. Still working on the annexation which was approved in April and waiting on the court's decision. Sewer project is coming along as scheduled. The 2013 Asphalt Mill and Overlay program is set to begin the first week of September. Water loss is currently under the industry standard but staff will keep working to get it lower.

**Alderman Directives**

Alderman Stark commented that she received a complaint from an anonymous citizen pertaining to the grass east of the Public Works shop. Staff commented that they will look at it and act accordingly.

Alderman Gallagher stated that several of the residents at the Elm Street detention pond cleaned it out over the weekend. Staff commented that there was some misinformation but staff is trying to come up with a solution that will help all parties involved.

**Topic for Discussion**

**A. Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget Workshop**

City Administrator Brad Ratliff addressed the Board pertaining to the 2013-2014 Budget. He went page by page through each fund and line item. There were several questions that were answered pertaining to individual line items. One thing Brad commented is that each department head will held accountable for their budget and will face the consequences if they go over. The water fund was discussed in depth as there would be decisions coming soon pertaining to rates and cost of buying water. There were several questions that staff answered. The Mayor pointed out that the Board would have to make a decision if they want to connect to Kansas City or stay with Public Water Supply District 2.

**Adjournment**

On a motion from Alderman Stark, second from Alderman Turner, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm with a 4-0 voice vote with Aldermen Ray and Dunsworth being absent.

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

---

Nick Jacobs, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen: 9/16/13