

**Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 3, 2013**

A regular work session 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 Tuesday September 3, 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, Donald Turner, Bob Fines, and Homer Dunsworth. Holly Stark was absent.

City Staff present for the meeting were City Administrator Brad Ratliff, Legal Aid Meghan Lewis, City Engineer Carl Brooks, Chief of Police Harry Gurin, City Clerk Nick Jacobs, City Planner Clifford McDonald, and Business Office Manager Trudy Prickett.

City Administrator Brad Ratliff introduced the new receptionist for the City. Her name is Cyndora Gauthreaux.

Business

A. 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

**2nd Reading*

City Clerk Nick Jacobs addressed the Board pertaining to the conflict of interests. He stated that this is the same Ordinance that was presented and passed in 2011. Staff recommended approval.

Alderman Turner moved to have the 2nd reading of Bill No. 2013-16 by title only, seconded by Alderman Dunsworth and was approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Alderman Stark being absent. Alderman Turner moved to accept the 2nd reading of Bill No. 2013-16 and place it on final passage as Ordinance No. 09032013, seconded by Alderman Dunsworth was accepted by the following 5-0 Roll call vote.

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

B. 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".

**1st Reading*

Alderman Gallagher asked what the original purpose of the taxes were. The Mayor commented that it was originally passed for transportation and parks purposes.

Alderman Turner moved to have the 1st reading of Bill No. 2013-15 by title only, seconded by Alderman Fines and was approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Alderman Stark being absent. Alderman Turner moved to accept the 1st reading of Bill No. 2013-15, seconded by Alderman Fines was approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Alderman Stark being absent.

C. Bill No. 2013-17 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI EXTENDING ENFORCEMENT OF APPLICABLE ORDINANCES TO PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHIN CITY LIMITS, INCLUDING (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) THE RAYMORE-PECULIAR SCHOOL DISTRICT.

**1st Reading*

Police Chief Harry Gurin addressed the Board pertaining to the necessity of the presented Bill which would allow the Peculiar Police department to enforce current City Codes on Public Property. There was further discussion amongst the Board.

Alderman Turner moved to have the 1st reading of Bill No. 2013-17 by title only, seconded by Alderman Dunsworth and was approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Alderman Stark being absent. Alderman Turner moved to accept the 1st reading of Bill No. 2013-17, seconded by Alderman Dunsworth was approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Alderman Stark being absent.

D. Bill No. 2013-18 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ASSIGNMENT OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI AND SOUTHERN UNION COMPANY, D/B/A MISSOURI GAS ENERGY, TO LACLEDE GAS COMPANY

**1st Reading*

City Administrator Brad Ratliff addressed the Board regarding Missouri Gas Energy being bought out by Laclede Gas Company. Staff commented that this is something that Laclede has asked the Board to pass to assign them Missouri Gas Energy's Franchise Agreement.

Alderman Turner moved to have the 1st reading of Bill No. 2013-18 by title only, seconded by Alderman Fines and was approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Alderman Stark being absent. Alderman Turner moved to accept the 1st reading of Bill No.

2013-18, seconded by Alderman Fines was approved by a 5-0 voice vote with Alderman Stark being absent.

E. Resolution 2013-37 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RAYMORE-PECULIAR SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ONE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AT THE DISTRICT COMPLEX ON SCHOOL ROAD

Police Chief Harry Gurin addressed the Board pertaining to the School Resource Officer Contract. He stated that this is an identical contract to what was approved last year.

Alderman Gallagher asked if the officers rotated or if there was only one assigned to the school. Staff commented that Ray-Pec picked the officer through an interview process.

Alderman Turner moved to adopt Resolution 2013-37, seconded by Alderman Fines and was approved by the following 5-0 Roll call vote:

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

Topics for Discussion

Possible sale of used Police Vehicle to the City of Strasburg

The Mayor addressed the Board regarding the possible sale of a used police vehicle to the City of Strasburg. Their only car's transmission is going out and has requested assistance. There was further discussion and the consensus was to approve the sale to the City of Strasburg.

Alderman Concerns or Additional Topics for Discussion by Aldermen

Alderman Fines asked if there was something we could do pertaining to the trees being cutback at the South low water bridge on Hurley. Staff commented that Public Works will take a look at it and see if it can be taken care of.

Alderman Ray commented that the new Ray-Pec grounds keeping crew has some issues. That they are leaving tree limbs on the ground and not string trimming the whole property.

Aldermen Directives Reported by City Administrator

- Sign Bill 2013-16
- Bring Bills 2013-15, 2013-17, 2013-18 back for 2nd readings.
- Sign School SRO Contract.
- Have Public Works take a look at the trees on School Road and Hurley.
- Talk with Ray-Pec about their grounds-keeping staff.

The Mayor asked for a 7 minute break before beginning the Budget Workshop.

Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget Workshop

Brad Ratliff addressed the Board pertaining to the 2013-2014 Budget. There were not many changes since the previous meeting. Brad went through each fund outlining the line items which have changed since the August 19th meeting. There was discussion amongst staff and the Board pertaining to individual line items. Staff also went through each of the proposed Capital Improvement Projects which are funded through the budget. There was much discussion pertaining to the Water Fund. Staff presented that there would need to be \$1.50 water rate increase whether we stay with Water District 2 or go to Kansas City. There would also be \$1,000,000 in bonds issued to accomplish the necessary Capital Improvements. Staff requested direction from the Board as to whether to stay with Water District 2 or go to Kansas City. After lengthy discussion it was decided that it is in the best interest to move forward with connecting to Kansas City. The final item was the request from the Downtown Peculiar Arts and Culture District for a two year commitment of approximately \$33,000 per year. Staff commented that the City does not currently have it in the budget and if the Board would like to fund it they would need to give staff direction as to what funds staff can cut to fund this. There was further discussion, but the consensus was that the City could not afford to fund it at this time but after the winter it will be revisited..

Adjournment

On a motion from Alderman Turner, second from Alderman Gallagher, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm with a 5-0 voice vote with Alderman Stark being absent.

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

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