

**Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday December 2, 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 Monday December 2, 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, Holly Stark and Homer Dunsworth

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, City Planner Clifford McDonald, and Business Office Manager Trudy Prickett.

Public Hearing – Zoning Map Amendment

City Planner Cliff McDonald addressed the Board regarding the Public Hearing for the Zoning Map Amendment. He stated that it is a visual representation of all of the changes that Board of Aldermen have approved since 2009. Those changes included the elimination of Planned Unit Developments (PUD), the most recent annexation, the annexation of South Peculiar Drive south past Sioux Chief.

There were some questions pertaining to the City Limits which staff answered appropriately.

Business

- A. Bill No. 2013-21 - AN ORDINANCE TO ENABLE THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI TO JOIN THE MISSOURI CLEAN ENERGY DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS §67.2800 TO §67.2835, INCLUSIVE, RSMO., THE “PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY ACT,” AND STATING THE TERMS UNDER WHICH THE CITY WILL CONDUCT ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CITY AS A MEMBER OF SUCH DISTRICT.**
**2nd Reading*

City Administrator Brad Ratliff addressed the Board regarding the proposed Bill. He stated that this is a tool for businesses to get funding for energy efficiencies. City Clerk Nick Jacobs commented that the Board would have to select a person to be part of the advisory committee. It was determined that the office of the Mayor be selected as representation for the City.

No public comment.

Alderman Stark moved to have the second reading of Bill No. 2013-21 by title only amending section 4 to include the office of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Turner and was approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Alderman Stark moved to accept the second reading of the bill and place on final passage as Ordinance number 12022013, seconded by Alderman Gallagher and approved by the following 6-0 roll call vote.

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

- B. Bill No. 2013-22 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI CALLING FOR A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON APRIL 8, 2014 AND ESTABLISHING FILING DATES FOR SAID ELECTION**
**2nd Reading*

City Clerk Nick Jacobs addressed the Board pertaining to the proposed Bill. He stated that this is necessary to hold the election on April 8, 2014.

No public comment.

Alderman Stark moved to have the second reading of Bill No. 2013-22 by title only, seconded by Alderman Gallagher and was approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Alderman Stark moved to accept the second reading of the bill and place on final passage as Ordinance number 12022013A, seconded by Alderman Gallagher and approved by the following 6-0 roll call vote.

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

State of the City Presentation

City Administrator Brad Ratliff addressed the Board. He stated that this year’s theme for the State of the City was “Strengthening our Future”. The first item discussed was taxes as Brad pointed out how the City is one of the lowest levies in Cass County. He stated that the Board of Aldermen had to make some tough decisions this year but it is ultimately to help the future of the City. He went through each of the departments and broke down the various stats. He outlined the accomplishments of each department as well as the goals for the next fiscal year for each department.

Topics for Discussion

A. Investment & Debt Policies

CPA Ben Hart addressed the Board pertaining to the proposed policies. He said it is good practice to put into words the practices the City takes part in. He commented on the last two Bond rating calls that they had asked what written policies the City had on file. Primarily these policies were taken from what the state already requires. Mr. Hart commented that the City manages its debt very well.

There was some further questions pertaining to how this impacts how the City currently operates.

B. Fuel Tax Ballot Question

The Mayor commented that he felt that running this in April he does not think it will pass. Alderman Turner commented that he does not feel it should be on the ballot.

Alderman Gallagher asked if the wording could be changed. It was commented that this is taken straight from State Statute.

Brad commented that there is a citizen who wants to head up a campaign for it.

The Mayor commented that 90% of this tax being collected would be from out of town travelers and from the over the road truckers. The average cost per citizen per year would be about \$6.00.

There was further discussion and it was determined to bring this to the next meeting for a first reading of the Ordinance to put it on the April ballot.

C. Storm Water Ballot Question

City Engineer Carl Brooks addressed the Board pertaining to putting on the April ballot a question asking the citizens to issue over six million dollars in bonds for storm water improvements. He stated that in 2006 the Mayor and Board asked for an engineering firm to put together a storm water master plan. There were several projects outlined in the 2006 study in four of the five major watersheds.

Alderman Fines commented that with all of the other increases that have been done with the property tax increase for the interchange and the water rate increase that this is too much right now. The Mayor agreed with Alderman Fines.

Alderman Turner asked about what happened to the formation of the Rodeo Grounds NID? The Mayor stated that the citizens did not want to pursue it.

Brad suggested that the Board look at a type of funding to build upon over time just like the growth fees the City currently has in place.

There was further discussion.

Alderman Turner stated that he is not interested in pursuing it.

D. City Logo

Brad asked Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen to research some companies to redo the City logo. He sent out to eight different companies a proposal to redo the logo. He gave them 3 primary concepts to go off of, the three legged water tower, the railroad, and the Post Office. There were several variations that were presented to the Board in many different styles.

There was much discussion between staff and the Board.

Ultimately it was decided for Nathan to send the notes he had collected back to the firm and have them redraw some of the logos.

E. Safe Rooms

City Planner Cliff McDonald addressed the Board pertaining to the City's Safe Room requirements. He stated that last year the Planning Commission sent a recommendation to the Board to change the current City code. It made it through the first reading of the Ordinance and failed on the second reading.

There was much discussion pertaining to the necessity of keeping the code the same as well as why it needs to be changed.

After much discussion it was determined to begin the process back with Planning Commission to change the code to reflect that either the developer/builder or the home owner may waive the necessity for a saferoom in an R1 zoning.

Alderman Concerns or Additional Topics for Discussion by Aldermen

Alderman Stark asked about what Public Works has done to City Lake Road.
Staff commented that they took asphalt millings and mixed them in with the current surface and mixed it with a substance known as reclaimer.

Alderman Turner asked about the revision to the code for liquor permit requirements.
City Attorney Reid Holbrook stated that the City will have to rewrite its code and it will be available for the next meeting.

Alderman Ray asked about the business at the corner of South Street and Main Street. She saw them getting prepared to do some paving.
Staff commented that he will be paving the parking area and putting grass back at the rest of the areas.

Brad answered Alderman Gallagher's request from last meeting stating that with the paper trail that staff could find MFA had not lost its grandfather clause on paving its parking lot.

Aldermen Directives Reported by City Administrator

Sign Bill 2013-21 and 2013-22
Bring investment and debt policies to next meeting
Bring City Logo for January Worksession
Bring Fuel tax ordinance to next meeting
Work on storm water fund and funding mechanism
Bring liquor permit ordinance to next meeting
Speak with county about rolling City Lake road
Send saferoom ordinance back to the planning commission

Adjournment

On a motion from Alderman Stark, second from Alderman Gallagher, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm with a 5-0 voice vote within Alderman Turner leaving shortly before adjournment.

After the adjournment there was a short presentation to the Board of Aldermen and staff.

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

Nick Jacobs, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen: 12/16/13