

**Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday March 3, 2014**

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 March 3, 2014. 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: Holly Stark, Michael Gallagher, Veronika Ray, Donald Turner, Bob Fines, 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, Business Office Manager Trudy Prickett, and Parks & Recreation Director Nathan Musteen.

Business

A. Bill No. 2014-03 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI AMENDING SECTION 110 OF PECULIAR MUNICIPAL CODE TITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS" WITH THE ADDITION OF SECTION 110.025 TITLED "VIDEO CONFERENCE VOTING POLICY"
2nd Reading

City Clerk Nick Jacobs addressed the Board pertaining to the proposed Bill. He stated that it is the same as the one presented at the last meeting. It outlines the guidelines for attending a meeting via video conferencing.

No comments from the Board.
No public comment.

Alderman Stark moved to have the second reading of Bill No. 2014-03 by title only, 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 03032014, 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. 2014-05 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ELEVEN (11) SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 400 OF THE PECULIAR MUNICIPAL CODE; AND ESTABLISHING THREE (3) NEW SECTIONS TO PROVIDE AN APPROVED LAND USE TABLE FOR MULTIPLE ZONING DISTRICTS AND TO FURTHER DEFINE APPROVED LAND USES AND SPECIFIC EXCLUSIONS.
2nd Reading

City Planner Cliff McDonald addressed the Board. He stated that this is the same bill that was presented at the last meeting and establishes an approved land use table, to more easily show what is approved in what zoning district.

Alderman Turner said he wanted to correct his statement from last week regarding the vote in the Planning Commission stating it was a 5-1-1 vote 5 for, 1 absent, and 1 against.

The Mayor thanked the Planning Commission for their work.

Alderman Stark moved to have the second reading of Bill No. 2014-05 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 03032014A, seconded by Alderman Turner 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

C. Resolution No. 2014-09 – A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HOGAN'S, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THE GROUND WATER STORAGE TANK IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PECULIAR WATER FACILITY LOCATED AT 371 W. SOUTH STREET IN PECULAIR, MISSOURI

City Engineer Carl Brooks addressed the Board. He stated that this project was advertised, was bid, was funded, but was not brought to the Board for approval of the Resolution and contract. This is a much needed overdue project. There were 4 bids received. Hogan's bid was for \$244,081.50. Even though the bid is from last year Hogan said they would keep the price the same despite inflation.

Alderman Gallagher asked when the original bids were sent out.
Staff commented that the bids were from March 2013.
Carl stated that Hogan was the best selected bidder originally and still believes so.

There was further discussion amongst the Board.

Alderman Stark moved to adopt Resolution No. 2014-09, seconded by Alderman Gallagher and was 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

Topics for Discussion

A. Resolution 2014-10 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED AREAS TO THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI.

Cliff McDonald addressed the Board relating to an annexation of properties into the City. He stated that 3 of the 4 tracts of land were identified in the annexation plan adopted last year. 1 property is near the 211th street interchange, 1 property is adjacent to a current subdivision YY Highway, 1 property has a sewer line running through it, and 1 property currently is receiving sewer service from the City. All properties meet the 15% contiguous boundary requirement by state statute. Tract 1 is a portion of land south of the Dean property on School Road which was annexed last year. Tract 2 is a KCP&L substation on YY Highway. Tract 3 is commonly referred to as Harper Farm on 227th street and Harper Road. Tract 4 is an industrial site on the South end of the City limits. This annexation schedule will be get the proposition to the voters in August.

Alderman Turner asked about Sioux Chief's willingness to voluntarily annex. Brad commented that the last meeting did not go well. The City has signed documents from Sioux Chief about the willingness to annex. He feels that the City has exhausted all options. He states that the City wants to work with them and allow them access to our financial tools and benefits the City can offer. Brad also stated that this was one of the Mayor's Goals for this year.

Alderman Turner asked if all of the properties had City utilities running to them currently. Staff commented that City utilities are at the property lines or running through them.

Alderman Stark commented that both Tract 3 & 4 could be contentious. She feels that the Board should have an understanding of the legal battle that could ensue.

No public comment.

B. Resolution 2014-11 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE ANNEXATION OF CERTIN UNINCORPORATED AREAS.

Cliff McDonald addressed the Board stating that the first Resolution is to show the Boards desire to pursue the annexation and this Resolution will begin the process. The annexation will be in August 2014.

No comments from the Board.
No Public Comment.

C. Discussion of RFP's for Public Works & Parks & Recreation

Carl Brooks addressed the Board regarding the results of the various RFP's for mowing and edge trimming, park maintenance, snow removal, and vehicle maintenance. There were 6 bids received for mowing and edge trimming with Excalibur Contracting being the apparent staff recommendation. The mowing and park maintenance RFP's will be brought to the Park Board at the next Park Board meeting. Excalibur Contracting is the apparent staff recommendation on all 4 bids.

Brad commented that the snow removal RFP was only a back up to Public Works.

Alderman Stark commented that the only bid received for vehicle maintenance was from a contractor who is a lawn mowing contractor.

The Mayor commented that it may be the requirements of the RFP that kept bidders from bidding.

Alderman Stark commented that she is not comfortable with the one bid received for vehicle maintenance.

There was further discussion amongst the Board and staff.

Brad said that if the Board wants to go a different route on the vehicle maintenance RFP than give the direction to go.

D. Sullivan Publication Code Watch updates – Bill amending section 110.010 & Bill amending section 110.060

City Attorney Reid Holbrook addressed the Board. He gave a brief overview of how Code Watch works. He said the first bill was dealing with the age required for an individual to run for Alderman. Our current code says 21 years old and the new statute lowers the age to 18. The second bill has to do with video conferencing and how an ordinance may be adopted. It is similar to the bill discussed earlier but this one references the ways votes are taken when adopting an ordinance.

Aldermen Concerns or Additional Topics for Discussion by Aldermen

Brad commented that Municipal Judge Bryan Round will be leaving the City to become a Circuit Judge in Jackson County. He commented that he would like to move current prosecutor Steve Sakoulas to Judge and hire a new prosecutor.

Alderman Ray asked if the speed limit in school zones were all the time or were during school hours. Staff commented that it is during school hours.

She stated that she witnessed a Public Works employee come around the corner by her house and was going way faster than the speed limit and needs to be told to slow down.

Brad commented that if the Board sees a City employee going to fast or doing something else against the rules to let him know so they can be disciplined.

Aldermen Directives Reported by City Administrator

Put in effect video conferencing policy

Put in effect land use matrix

Have the Mayor sign the contract with Hogan's Inc. for groundwater storage tank.

Bring to next meeting resolutions dealing with the annexation.

Move forward on RFP's for 3 contracts except vehicle maintenance which staff is to explore other options.

Bring back 2 bills brought forward by the City Attorney for first readings.

Tell Public Works to slow down.

Adjournment

On a motion from Alderman Stark, second from Alderman Gallagher, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm with a 6-0 voice vote.

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

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Approved by the Board of Aldermen: 3/17/14