

**Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday June 16, 2014**

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 June 16, 2014. Mayor Holly Stark called the meeting to order and all who were present joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following aldermen responded to roll call: Jerry Ford, Patrick Roberts, Bob Fines, Donald Turner, Kelsie McCrea and Veronika Ray.

City Staff present for the meeting were City Administrator Brad Ratliff, City Attorney Reid Holbrook, Chief of Police Harry Gurin, Parks & Recreation Director Nathan Musteen, and City Engineer Carl Brooks.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of the Agenda**
- B. Approval of the Draft Minutes of May 19, 2014 BOA Meeting.**
- C. Approval of the Draft Minutes of June 2, 2014 Work Session Meeting.**

Aldermen Turner asked that Bill number 2014-17 vote be corrected to a 5-1 vote as opposed to the listed 6-0 vote on the May 19, 2014 minutes.

On a motion made by Alderman Roberts and seconded by Alderman Ford the amended consent agenda was approved as amended by a unanimous voice vote.

**Mayor's Appointments – Dan Margita to Park Board**

**Resolution 2014-35 – A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAN MARGITA TO THE PECULIAR PARK BOARD**

Mayor Stark introduced Mr. Margita and stated that he would be filling the vacant spot left by current Park Board member Andrew Boston who had to resign from his position due to work scheduling conflicts.

There were no Board comments  
No public comment.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-35. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ford and was accepted by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Alderman Ford	Aye	Alderman Ray	Aye
Alderman McCrea	Aye	Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Fines	Aye	Alderman Turner	Aye

**New Business**

- A. Bill No. 2014-19 - AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING CHAPTER 125 OF THE PECULIAR MUNICIPAL CODE AND REPLACING WITH A NEW REVISED CHAPTER 125 THAT UPDATES THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ROLE OF THE PARK BOARD; AND ESTABLISH CHAPTER 226 OF THE PECULIAR MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION VOLUNTEERS.**  
*\*1<sup>st</sup> Reading*

Parks & Recreation Director Nathan Musteen addressed the Board pertaining to the proposed Bill. He stated that this was a goal assigned to him to go through the current ordinances governing the Parks. This Bill would change some outdated information as well as restructure some of the sections of code so they coincide better. He stated that this Bill was approved through the Park Board.

Alderman Turner asked if the Bill would repeal all of section 125. Staff commented that it would repeal section 125 and replace with a newly revamped section 125. Staff additionally commented that some of the sections in 125 would be moved to section 225 which would be brought to the Board as a Bill at the next meeting.

Aldermen Turner expressed concern that repealing these sections without having the other Bill to reestablish them could put the City at risk. Aldermen Turner said he would feel more comfortable having both Bills at the same time for first and second readings so there is no gap in coverage.

No public comment.

Aldermen Turner made a motion to table Bill No. 2014-19 until the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 7, 2014. Seconded by Alderman Roberts and was approved by a unanimous 6-0 Roll Call vote.

Alderman Ford	Aye	Alderman Ray	Aye
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Alderman McCrea Aye  
Alderman Fines Aye

Alderman Roberts Aye  
Alderman Turner Aye

## **Topic for Discussion**

### **A. Trash Days**

Business Office Manager Trudy Prickett addressed the Board regarding the City's Bulk Trash Days event held annually. She stated that at the direction of the City Administrator she put together the cost of having the event for the last 4 years. She stated that over the last 4 years the City has been losing money on the event and wanted to address the situation before budget. She stated that she had 3 options. 1 was to continue service but charge a small service fee for seniors instead of it being free. 2 would be moving trash days to Town & Country's Facility which would be free to all residents and then they would charge the City for the tonnage of waste collected. 3 would be to discontinue trash days entirely.

Mayor Stark stated she is not in favor of discontinuing trash days. After further discussion amongst the Board it was decided to host future trash days at the Town & Country facility on 291 Highway.

### **B. Bank Card fees**

Trudy Prickett addressed the Board again regarding the fees the City pays for accepting credit/debit cards. She gave a brief overview on the number of fees which are charged to the City per month. She stated that she contacted other Cities and there were only two which passed along fees to the customer. The fee was assessed by the credit card processing company. At the current time the City's system cannot do this procedure.

Mayor Stark stated that it is a convenience to the people and would like to keep it.

There was further discussion amongst the Board regarding assessing a flat fee or assessing a percentage.

It was determined to have staff figure out a fee based on the number of transactions to cover the \$24,000 cost each year.

## **City Administrators Report**

This Friday is 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Coffee at UMB Bank. The Tractor Pull is Saturday at 7:00 pm. Amnesty Day is also Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Special meeting is next Monday at 6:30 pm with Gary Markenson. Briery Hall has put up their ADA compliant ramp and will be hosting classes soon. Housing permits are moving along nicely. Heard a developer is purchasing many lots around town. Remodeling at the Police Department is nearly finished. The modular home at the Police Storage Facility was sold on GovDeals. School Road project has been paved across the bridge, but the City Engineer is not happy with the finish of it. We are hopeful to find out in November if we received the TIGER Grant. MoDOT is pushing a sales tax for roads on the August Ballot. Water Loss is at 3% this month which is still great. MoDOT is beginning work on the new traffic signals at J/C Interchange. MoDOT is looking at just giving the money to the City for the Main Street Sidewalk project. A Grant was received for \$50,000 for a sewer study in the Northwest section of the City. The ground water storage tank project is moving along but there was some concern over some of the ceiling beams. Raisebeck Park was seeded before the rain and everyone is waiting to see if it gets washed away.

Mayor Stark commented that she has been meeting with the Mayor of Belton and the Mayor of Raymore for the past few months to discuss economic development and other topics.

## **Alderman Concerns**

Aldermen McCrea asked that when a plan comes through for the Bank Card Fees to also have a plan for communication to the public.

Mayor Stark commented that at the last meeting it was the consensus of the Board to have a public open forum. After some discussion it was determined to have the public open forum on Tuesday July, 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Staff will place the notice on the back of the bills, in the newsletter and on Facebook.

Alderman Ford asked about any interest from the Park Board on the pocket park proposal.

Alderman McCrea stated the Park Board is not interested at this time.

Alderman Ford asked about any credits on sewer for filling pools.

Mayor Stark replied that there is a one time credit for new pools only or if they contact City Hall before filling and allow staff to get a reading of the meter and then contact after it is filled to get a second reading. This way staff can have an idea of the number of gallons that went through the meter.

Alderman Ford asked about people habitually blocking the sidewalk.

Mayor Stark replied that there is an Ordinance for blocking sidewalks.

## **Alderman Directives**

Notify Dan Margita and welcome him to Park Board.

Postpone Bill 2014-19 until the next meeting when the other Bills will be ready.

Move Trash Days to Town & Country facility.

Come up with a process that covers cost on Bank Card fees.  
Set up Open House meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

On a motion from Alderman Ford, second from Alderman Turner, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm 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: 07/21/2014