

**Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday August 18, 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 August 18, 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, and Veronika Ray. Kelsie McCrea was present via video conferencing.

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

At 6:32 pm Alderman McCrea suffered a loss in visual connection to the meeting and was immediately marked absent. Connection was reestablished 10 seconds later and Alderman McCrea was marked present via videoconferencing again and for the remainder of the meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of the Agenda**
- B. Approval of the Draft Minutes of July 21, 2014 BOA Meeting.**
- C. Approval of the Draft Minutes of August 4, 2014 Worksession Meeting**

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

**Proclamation – Belton Regional Medical Center 30<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary**

Mayor Stark gave a brief explanation of the proclamation that will be delivered to Belton Regional Medical Center.

**Proclamation – Constitution Week**

Mayor Stark read the proclamation aloud to the audience. She presented the proclamation to the Daughters of the American Revolution who were present.

**Public Comment – Nick McCord Trail Presentation to Board of Aldermen**

Nick McCord addressed the Board outlining his Eagle Scout project to place a walking/biking trail between C Highway and West Broadway. The trail is roughly 870 feet long and will be 10 feet wide. He gave a brief overview of how the project has come about. He gave an estimated timeline for completion as well hoping it will be done in the next few weeks.

Mayor Stark and Alderman Turner commended Mr. McCord on his project.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to approve Nick McCords trail project. 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 (via video conferencing)	Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Fines	Aye	Alderman Turner	Aye

**Mayor’s Appointments – Ted Turner to Board of Adjustment**

**Resolution 2014-44 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR,  
MISSOURI APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF TED TURNER TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Mayor Stark addressed the Board giving a brief overview of Mr. Turner’s background with the City and asked the Board to accept the proposed appointment to the Board of Adjustments.

Mr. Turner thanked the Board and hopes to help the City in the future.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-44. 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 (via video conferencing)	Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Fines	Aye	Alderman Turner	Aye

**New Business**

**A. Bill No. 2014-23 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF COMBINED WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2014, OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF SAID BONDS AND THE COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS AND DOCUMENTS AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.**

*\*1<sup>st</sup> Reading*

Financial Advisor Joey McCLiney addressed the Board. He stated that this was simply going to be a refinancing at first but staff had stated there will be projects in 6 months requiring issuance of bonds. With this, the City can refinance and the savings will give the City \$500,000 of construction cost towards the Kansas City Water project and it will extend the current bond 3 years.

There was some questions amongst the Board members.

Alderman Turner asked if there was a bond sunseting soon.  
Staff commented that it will be in 2018.

No public comment.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to have the first reading of Bill No. 2014-23 by title only. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ford and was approved by a 6-0 voice vote. Alderman Roberts made a motion to accept the first reading of Bill No. 2014-23. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ford and was accepted by a 6-0 voice vote.

Alderman Ford	Aye	Alderman Ray	Aye
Alderman McCrea	Aye (via video conferencing)	Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Fines	Aye	Alderman Turner	Aye

**B. Public Hearing & Resolution 2014-45 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI ESTABLISHING THE 2014 TAX LEVY OF \$0.9133**

City Clerk Nick Jacobs addressed the Board. He stated that this is the levy that must be set each year. The necessary documents were received from Cass County and filled out and returned. They then sent it to the Missouri State Auditor's Office who Reviewed and approved the Levy amount. This would levy per \$100 of assessed valuation \$0.4556 for General Revenue \$0.4577 for Debt Service.

No Board comment.  
No public comment.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-45. 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 (via video conferencing)	Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Fines	Aye	Alderman Turner	Aye

**C. Resolution 2014-46 - A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS BY THE COUNTY CLERK FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD AUGUST 5, 2014**

Nick Jacobs addressed the Board regarding the certification of election results from Cass County. He stated that neither of the 2 proposed questions Peculiar had passed by the necessary 66.67% requirement.

Alderman Turner asked about the recount for the April election.  
City Attorney Reid Holbrook responded that he filed for a recount in April and it was assigned to Judge Wagner. The issue has been in front of Judge Wagner for some time but he has not signed the order causing the recount.

Alderman Turner then asked if accepting these results would invalidate the results from April if the recount overturned the question.

Mr. Holbrook stated that if the recount were to overturn the question from April, then the Judge would deem it passed and would invalidate the election in August.

No public comment.

Alderman Ford made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-46. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and was accepted by a 5-1 roll call vote.

Alderman Ford	Aye	Alderman Ray	Aye
Alderman McCrea	Aye (via video conferencing)	Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Fines	Aye	Alderman Turner	Nay

**D. Resolution 2014-47 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GOULD EVENS FOR**

**THE PURPOSE OF SECURING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO UPDATE THE CITY OF PECULIAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

Mayor Stark stated that this update is almost 25% of the initial cost of the original Master Plan.

City Planner Cliff McDonald addressed the Board stating the intent of the Comprehensive Plan is to be reviewed every few years for its accuracy and make sure it is in line with the direction the City would like to go. He stated that Gould Evans was recommended for the project by staff based upon their experience in the Kansas City area and their turn-around time of the project.

Alderman Fines asked about the cost of original plan.

City Administrator Brad Ratliff stated it was \$150,000. This update is \$50,000.

Alderman Roberts asked if there was enough time to allocate to this project with all of the other projects that are currently going on.

Bard commented that yes there is enough time as it is staff directive to have all of these plans and projects in place before the ground breaking of the interchange project.

There was further discussion amongst the Board.

Alderman McCrea asked that other than an upgraded document, what the City gets out of this.

Staff commented that there has been some changes with the addition of the Certified Industrial Site as well as there are some functions of the down town group that would like to be reviewed. Staff also commented that the single most important document coming out of the Comprehensive Plan is the Future Land Use Map. This is the legal basis for approving or disapproving future zoning requests.

Greg Smith the representative for Gould Evans addressed the Board. He went over some of the details of what is proposed for the update. Giving some updates as to why an update is needed.

Alderman Turner made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-47. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ford and was accepted by a 4-2 roll call vote.

Alderman Ford	Aye	Alderman Ray	Aye
Alderman McCrea	Nay (via video conferencing)	Alderman Roberts	Nay
Alderman Fines	Aye	Alderman Turner	Aye

**E. Resolution 2014-48 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH CAROLLO ENGINEERS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A PROPOSED PRELIMINARY WASTEWATER SYSTEM ENGINEERING REPORT/FACILITY PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MO**

City Engineer Carl Brooks addressed the board regarding the proposed project. He explained that this will set in place a plan to have sewer service available for any new properties in the northwest area of the City. The City has been in talks with the City of Belton to utilize their Wastewater treatment facility for sewer in the northwest area of the City. This contract will be paid for by a grant attained by the City.

No public comment.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-48. 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 (via video conferencing)	Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Fines	Aye	Alderman Turner	Aye

**Topic for Discussion**

**A. Budget 2014/15 & 5 year funded CIP**

Terry Emerick addressed the Board regarding the disposal of Household Hazardous Waste. He commended the Board regarding having the reimbursement line item in this budget for disposal of household hazardous waste program. He thinks this is a great way to test how many people will use it and allow residents the assistance needed to dispose of their waste.

City Administrator Brad Ratliff addressed the Board regarding the proposed CIP Projects. He gave a broad overview of some of the projects. CPA Ben Hart addressed the Board stating that this plan will give the citizens as well as the Board a look at what is to come in the future further than one fiscal year. This is a great planning tool and will give great direction to staff and to the residents. He discussed at length the budgeting process.

Brad Ratliff gave a brief overview of some of the other items that will be included in the budget.

No Board comments.

No public comments.

Mayor Stark gave an overview of the importance of the budget and the transparency the City is trying to have with the citizens.

### **City Administrators Report**

There was a unanimous recommendation from the Mid America Regional Council committee that the City of Peculiar would receive 1.1 million dollars towards the 211<sup>th</sup> Street project. This will still need to go for further approval at a later meeting in September. Staff attended a phone conference with Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx regarding the City's TIGER Grant submission. Staff feels they have put their best into the Grant and hope to receive it. The open house for the Police headquarters was held this afternoon. Parks & Rec. has seen an increase in soccer participants. School Road is closed from 195<sup>th</sup> to Hubach Hill Road by the County for the School Road Project. The sidewalk project from City Hall to the J/C Interchange is hopeful to get underway in the spring. The ground water storage tank is apparently bigger than ever thought. After measuring the tank, it was discovered that the tank is significantly larger than the stamped size on the tank.

### **Alderman Concerns**

Alderman Ray asked about getting a smaller trash can. She says she would like a smaller trash can but still pay the larger can rate.

Staff answered they would contact Town & Country and find out.

### **Alderman Directives**

Send the proclamation to Belton Regional Medical Center.

Board approved the plans for Mr. McCord.

Bring back 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for the refinancing.

Send approved Levy to Cass County.

Have Mayor sign the contract for Gould Evans and for Carolla Engineers.

Bring Budget for the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

### **Adjournment**

On a motion from Alderman Ford, second from Alderman Turner, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm with a 6-0 voice vote.

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

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Nick Jacobs, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen: 9/15/2014