

**Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday November 17, 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 November 17, 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: Patrick Roberts, Bob Fines, Donald Turner, Veronika Ray, Jerry Ford and Kelsie McCrea.

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, Business Office Manager Trudy Prickett and City Engineer Carl Brooks.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the Draft Minutes of October 20, 2014 BOA Meeting.**
- B. Approval of the Draft Minutes of November 3, 2014 Worksession Meeting**

On a motion by Alderman Roberts and seconded by Alderman Ford consent agenda was approved by a 6-0 roll call vote.

New Business

- A. Bill No. 2014-30 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI AMENDING SECTION 130.260 OF PECULIAR MUNICIPAL CODE.
*1ST Reading**

Police Chief Harry Gurin addressed the Board. He stated the proposed bill would allow for an additional \$2 to be assessed to court costs to be sent to Hope Haven Domestic Violence Shelter as well as a new \$2 that could be assessed to take care of biometric fingerprint equipment and inmate housing charges.

Alderman Turner asked if any other cities in the area were assessing these fees. Staff commented that both Raymore and Belton have the \$2 inmate fee and that they were both looking at implementing the additional \$2 for hope haven.

No public comment.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to have the first reading of Bill No. 2014-30 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. 2014-30. 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	Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Fines	Aye	Alderman Turner	Aye

- B. Resolution 2014-60 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI REDUCING BUILDING PERMIT FEES BY \$500.00 FOR BUSINESSES WITHIN PECULIAR'S CITY LIMITS WHICH HAVE BEEN OPEN FOR FIVE (5) YEARS OR LONGER.**

City Clerk Nick Jacobs addressed the Board. He stated that the proposed resolution would decrease the fee for a building permit for a business that has been in business inside the city for a period of 5 years or longer. He stated that no hard costs of any department would be lost with the reduction. And it would take approximately 5 years to recoup the discount. The reduction would equate to a rough \$36,000 investment into the business.

Alderman Turner asked if the term 5 years meant how long the business existed or how long the business had been owned by the same owner or is it based on the tax ID number. He used the example of Good times Liquor and Bait stating they have had several owners in the past 5 years.

Staff commented that since Goodtimes rents its space it could not be applicable to this reduction since a renter cannot apply for a building permit only the owner can.

Staff commented that the intent of the reduction is not to exclude any businesses but to reward businesses who have stayed in our community.

The Mayor commented that the determination would be an active business license for the company for a period of 5 years or more.

Alderman Ford made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-60. The motion was seconded by Alderman Turner 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

C. Bill No. 2014-31 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI AMENDING SECTION 105.020 IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH REV. STAT. MO §§ 115.342, SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 3.

**1st Reading*

City Attorney Reid Holbrook addressed the Board. He stated that the Missouri Congress has changed the way a candidate can file for office. He stated the City Clerk is no longer required to determine if a candidate is in arrears for any taxes and now a potential candidate will have to file an affidavit with the Missouri Department of Revenue stating they owe no taxes of any kind. A copy of said affidavit must accompany a candidate's declaration of candidacy that is to remain on file with the City Clerk. He stated that the City is trying conform City Code to State Statute prior to candidate filing on December 16th.

Alderman Fines asked why this did not come before the Board sooner.

Staff commented that Missouri Municipal League sent out a notice to all City Clerks on November 8th stating he change and this is the first chance to get it in front of the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Ray asked where to go to get the affidavit.

Staff commented that it is on the Missouri Department of Revenue's website.

Alderman Ford asked what day was the last to file.

Staff commented January 20th.

There was further discussion amongst the Board.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to have the first reading of Bill No. 2014-31 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. 2014-31. 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	Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Fines	Aye	Alderman Turner	Aye

D. Resolution 2014-61 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI STATING THE BOARD'S APPROAVL OF A SLUDGE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HARRISONVILLE THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2019.

City Engineer Carl Brooks addressed the Board. He stated that this agreement will allow the City of Peculiar to take "sludge" to the City of Harrisonville and drastically reduce the mileage and wear and tear on the City's sludge hauling truck. Staff has received approval from the City Attorney as well as from our insurance provider.

Mayor Stark asked if the indemnification clause was ironed out.

City Attorney Reid Holbrook stated that some of the language is not ideal it is sufficient for the intent of the contract.

Alderman Ford made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-61. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts 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

City Administrators Report

Joint meeting is Wednesday night at the School District. 3 housing permits were pulled this month 2 in Setters Pointe 1 in Carriage Meadows. The \$4.30 convenience fee is only for transactions done by credit card and it is assessed to the customer by the payment processor and the City does not see a dime from it. The Water Rate increase that went into effect is to go towards the connection to Kansas City as our direct water supplier.

There was further discussion amongst the Board regarding water rates and the need for the connection to Kansas City.

Animal license renewals will be coming up at the Police Department. The City is in negotiations with Incode software to get a new City wide system for Utility Billing as well as Code Enforcement and General Ledger etc. The police garage project is nearing completion with the additional asphalt being laid hopefully in the upcoming week, weather permitting. Letters are being sent to those affected by the new water main location along J Highway. Repairs are being conducted at Mayor's Park.

Alderman Concerns

Alderman Ford asked about the completion of the bridge on School Road.

Staff commented that it was a county project and the City will forward the concern to the county.

Alderman Roberts thanked the students who were present in the audience.

Alderman Turner asked when 211th Street would begin construction.
Mayor Stark stated the information is in the City Administrator's report.

Alderman Turner asked if the City posted on the website the cleanup effort that was at Raisebeck Park.
Staff commented that it was put on by the South Grand River Water Shed Alliance and notification would be through them.

Aldermen Directives

Bring back Bill 2014-30 for second reading.
Implement Resolution for permit fee reduction for businesses.
Bring back Bill 2014-31 for second reading.
Move forward with Harrisonville on discussion of Sludge Agreement.
Remind County of the displeasure of the status of School Road.

Adjournment

On a motion from Alderman Ford, second from Alderman Roberts, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm with a 6-0 voice vote.

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

Nick Jacobs, City Clerk

Approved by the Board of Aldermen:12/15/2014