

**Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday January 5, 2015**

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 January 5, 2015. 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: Donald Turner, Bob Fines, Jerry Ford, and Patrick Roberts. Veronika Ray and Kelsie McCrea were marked excused absent.

City Staff present for the meeting were City Administrator Brad Ratliff, City Attorney Reid Holbrook, Chief of Police Harry Gurin, City Clerk Nick Jacobs, and City Planner Clifford McDonald.

Business

A. Bill No. 2014-34 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MODOT) COST SHARE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO 2 FOR THE I-49 AND 211TH STREET INTERCHANGE (CASS COUNTY), MISSOURI
**2nd Reading*

City Engineer Carl Brooks addressed the Board. He stated that this is the second reading of the bill for cost share agreement with MoDOT. He stated that this new supplemental will show the decrease in the City's portion of the project thanks to the \$1.1 million dollar grant.

Alderman Ford asked if the City deferred this any longer will the cost keep going up.

Staff commented that there is always a possibility that it could go up and you really won't know final cost until the contractors submit their bids.

City Administrator Brad Ratliff stated he feels estimates may be high because of a project which was bid earlier last year that bids came back far exceeding estimates.

Alderman Roberts stated cost overruns will fall completely on the City.

There was further discussion amongst the Board.

No public comment.

Alderman Roberts moved to have the second reading of Bill No. 2014-34 by title only, seconded by Alderman Ford and was approved by a 4-0 voice vote. Alderman Roberts moved to accept the second reading of the bill and place on final passage as Ordinance number 01052015, seconded by Alderman Ford and approved by the following 4-0 roll call vote.

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

B. Resolution 2015-01 - 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.

City Planner Cliff McDonald addressed the Board. He stated that this resolution will declare the City's intent to annex 2 tracts of land. He states this is the first step toward beginning the annexation process.

No Board comment.

No public comment.

Alderman Ford made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-01. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and was accepted by a 4-0 roll call vote.

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

C. Resolution 2015-02 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI CALLING FOR AN ELECTION ON THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED AREAS.

Mr. McDonald addressed the Board again. He states that this resolution calls for the election and for it to be placed on the ballot for the April 7, 2015 election.

No Board comments.

No public comment.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-02. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ford and was accepted by a 4-

0 roll call vote.

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

D. Resolution 2015-03 - A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS BY THE COUNTY CLERK FOR THE RECOUNT OF THE FUEL TAX QUESTION THAT WAS ON THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD APRIL 8, 2014

City Clerk Nick Jacobs addressed the Board. He explained the recount process to the Board stating that he was entitled to be at the recount on behalf of the City. The total results for the recount were as follows.

Yes	492
No	253

He stated that in the recount there was one ballot which changed from a yes to no vote based upon the election judges' determination.

Alderman Turner asked about the individuals who stated they were in the City but who were not allowed to vote on the fuel tax because they were listed as living outside city limits.

Staff commented that the issue was that they did not come forward until days after the election instead of trying to correct it during election day.

No public comment.

Alderman Ford made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-03. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and was accepted by a 4-0 roll call vote.

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

Topics for Discussion

A. Park Board President discussion on festivals

Park Board President Homer Dunsworth addressed the Board. He gave a broad overview of what he would like to see happen in the City. He hit on many topics including reviving the Bushwhacker Days Festival as well as doing a carnival. He expressed to the Board that he wants to get a senior citizen program started as well. The issue he states he's running into, is that these events will occur outside of the parks and the Parks Sales Tax funds cannot be used outside the parks.

After much discussion the Board was willing to look at trying to fund some of the events after Mr. Dunsworth puts together a budget and brings it back to the Board.

B. Ordinance for Annexation

Cliff McDonald addressed the Board. He stated that this is the Ordinance that will approve the annexation contingent upon approval by the voters and a declaratory judgment from Cass County Circuit Court. This Ordinance will require 3 readings and will be brought for its first reading at the January 20th meeting.

C. Changes to Chapter 700 of Municipal Code regarding Utility Procedures

Brad Ratliff addressed the Board. He gave a brief overview of why this is being brought to the Board. Utility Clerk Amiee Boyd and Waterworks Manager David Shrout were both in attendance to help explain these requested changes to the Board.

David began outlining the various changes which included changes some verbiage in some sections, establishing a base availability fee for inactive accounts to cover bond obligations, decreasing the late fee from 15% to 10%, changing the policy on payment extensions, and changing the administrative fee into a non-refundable deposit.

There was much discussion back and forth between the Board and staff regarding each topic.

The consensus of the Board agreed with the changes and to bring them back for first reading at the next meeting.

Aldermen Concerns or Additional Topics for Discussion by Aldermen

No Aldermen Concerns.

Aldermen Directives Reported by City Administrator

MoDOT supplemental agreement will be signed and sent to MoDOT.

Both Resolutions 2015-01 and 02 will be executed to move forward with the annexation.

Accepted certification of election results.

Board is ok with festival ideas but requests a budget to be brought to them for review.

Changes to Chapter 700 seem acceptable.

Mayor Stark commented that the City is deeply saddened for the loss of former Mayor G.C. Shores.

She also mentioned that Alderman Ray's father passed away the previous weekend which is why she was absent.

And finally Alderman McCrea was absent because her husband was involved in motor vehicle accident shortly before the meeting was due to begin.

Executive Session 610.021(2)

At 8:08pm, Alderman Turner made a motion to take a short break until 8:15pm and then enter into executive session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(2) for a period not to exceed 20 minutes.

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

Regular session reconvened at 8:32pm.

Alderman Turner made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) for a period not to exceed 20 minutes.

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

Regular session reconvened at 8:50pm.

Adjournment

On a motion from Alderman Ford, second from Alderman Roberts, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm with a 4-0 voice vote.

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

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Approved by the Board of Aldermen: 1/20/2015