

**Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday February 2, 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 February 2, 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, Veronika Ray and Patrick Roberts. Kelsie McCrea was 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 Janet Burlingame, City Engineer Carl Brooks, Business Office Manager Trudy Prickett and City Planner Clifford McDonald.

Troutt Beeman & Co. – 2014 Audit presentation

Resolution 2015-05 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014, WHICH ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014.

Butch Beeman of Troutt Beeman & Co. along with Associate Brandon Carlson addressed the Board regarding the annual City Audit for fiscal year 2013-2014. Mr. Beeman stated how much he appreciated the assistance from City Staff during the process and this was a good year for the City. He discussed the various detailed documents presented in the report.

Alderman Ray asked if the Audit Report would be posted on the city website. The response was "yes".

City Administrator Brad Ratliff stated this is completed annually by an independent auditor that doesn't work for the City, but is contracted with the City.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-05. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ford and was accepted by a 5-0 roll call vote.

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

Twin Oaks HOA Update – Mr. Hubble Hill

Mr. Hubble Hill with the Twin Oaks HOA discussed at length the progress at this time the HOA has achieved.

Mayor Holly Stark asked if the organization is active and if there had been an election to elect the Board of Directors.

Alderman Jerry Ford asked if the city would be off the hook for the grass cuttings and wondered if the HOA has a plan on enforcing the covenants.

Mr. Hill stated that the HOA was active and the Board of Directors have been elected. Also, we would like to keep the covenants more to the city code. Before we begin the billing process, we will send out a notice letting people know when everything will be implemented.

Business

- A. Bill No. 2015-02 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI AMENDING SEVERAL SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 700, REPEALING SECTION 710.040 OF PECULIAR MUNICIPAL CODE AND ESTABLISHING SECTIONS 700.015 AND 700.035 OF PECULIAR MUNICIPAL CODE.**
*2nd Reading

City Administrator Brad Ratliff discussed Chapter 700 that identifies the changes mostly in the utility area and will make things more transparent and will help in making sure that bonds are covered.

Alderman Ford moved to have the second reading of Bill No. 2015-02 by title only, seconded by Alderman Turner and was approved by a 5-0 voice vote. Alderman Ford moved to accept the second reading of the bill and place on final passage as Ordinance number 02022015, seconded by Alderman Turner and approved by the following 5-0 roll call vote.

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

- B. Bill No. 2015-03 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI BY EMBRACING AND INCLUDING UNINCORPORATED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN SECTIONS 9, AND 17 OF TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 32 WEST IN CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI AND HEREINAFTER PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED.**
*2nd Reading

City Planner Cliff McDonald discussed the timeline and presentation of the Ordinance of Annexation for Involuntary Annexation of two (2) tracts of property adjacent to existing City of Peculiar city limits.

Alderman Turner moved to have the second reading of Bill No. 2015-03 by title only, seconded by Alderman Ford and was approved by a 5-0 voice vote.

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

C. Bill No. 2015-06 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI INCREASING THE TERM OF MAYOR.

***1st Reading**

City Administrator Brad Ratliff commented on the process for increasing the term of mayor and this gives the citizens the opportunity to answer the question.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to postpone the first reading of the proposed bill until the next scheduled Board of Aldermen Meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ford and was accepted by a 5-0 voice vote.

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

Topics for Discussion

A. Interlocal Agreement with Belton on NW area of the City for sewer service

City Administrator Brad Ratliff gave an overview of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Belton to provide future sanitary sewer service to Peculiar customers north of YY highway and west of Harper Road. He stated the importance of this agreement when moving forward with the possibility of light industrial in that region. This does not bind the City of Peculiar or the City of Belton to anything. It would be a goodwill effort to lock into place. When applying for grants it is necessary to have these types of agreements in place.

B. Water and Sewer Rate Graph

City Administrator Brad Ratliff gave an overview of the water and sewer rate graph and educating the public on rates that are charged. We want to continue with a campaign effort to inform the public on what they are paying for. All of the information regarding the rates is posted on the website. Mr. Ratliff commented and explained the breakdown of the itemized information on the graph presented. Staff commented on the plan for the future as we go through the up-grading process and begin with rate increases. Mr. Ratliff discussed the bonds and how important it is that we continue on our financial process, because it will save a lot of money.

Aldermen Concerns or Additional Topics for Discussion by Aldermen

Alderman Ford stated we finally got the county to stripe the bridge on School Road.
Alderman Roberts appreciated the efforts of those involved in getting things at Setters cleaned up.
Alderman Ray commented on the street lights and was told that KCP&L would need to take care of this issue.

Aldermen Directives Reported by City Administrator

City Administrator Brad Ratliff stated Staff will send our bond holders the approved Audited Financials 2013-2014 and will post on the city website for public view. The Board heard updates from the Twin Oaks HOA and they are getting ready for the grass growing season. Staff will update the Ordinance section of the Code 700.015 to 700.035. We will bring back the Bill 2015-03 on annexation for the 3rd reading and Bill 2015-06 for the 1st reading.

Adjournment

On a motion from Alderman Ford, second from Alderman Turner, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm with a 5-0 voice vote with Alderman McCrea being absent.

Regular session minutes were taken and transcribed by Janet Burlingame, City Clerk.

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Approved by the Board of Aldermen: 2/17/15