

**Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, July 6, 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 6:31 p.m. on Monday July 6, 2015. Mayor Holly Stark was absent, Acting Mayor Pro-Tem Patrick Roberts 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, Matt Hammack, Veronika Ray, Patrick Roberts with Kelsie McCrea and Jerry Ford absent.

City Staff present for the meeting were City Administrator Brad Ratliff, City Attorney Reid Holbrook, City Planner Cliff McDonald, Chief of Police Harry Gurin, City Engineer Carl Brooks, Business Office Manager Trudy Prickett and City Clerk Janet Burlingame.

**City Clerk Janet Burlingame recited the Board of Alderman Statement.**

**Alderman Kelsie McCrea present at 6:35 p.m.**

**New Business –**

- A. Resolution No. 2015-34 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH GUNTER CONSTRUCTION FOR INSTALLATION OF THE PECULIAR MONUMENT SIGN ALONG N. MAIN STREET IN BRADLEY'S CROSSING LOT 6B FOR THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MO.**

City Engineer Carl Brooks stated we re-designed and re-bid the Peculiar Monument Sign Project. Only one bid in the amount of \$113,095.50 was received from Gunter Construction, with very good recommendations from all 12 references. Mr. Brooks discussed many key issues regarding funding and possible cost savings of the project. In order to fully complete the project, City Staff is requesting to take advantage of the \$92,000.00 MoDot grant funding and amend the FY 2014-15 budget for an additional \$5,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund Street 30-30-8100. Discussion ensued amongst Board Members and City Staff regarding the project.

Alderman Turner made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-34. The motion was seconded by Alderman McCrea and was accepted by a 5-0 roll call vote.

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

- B. Resolution No. 2015-35 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ADLERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI APPROVING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SUPERIOR BOWEN ASPHALT COMPANY, LLC FOR THE 2015 STREET OVERLAY PROGRAM PROJECT.**

City Engineer Carl Brooks discussed the Superior Bowen Contract for the 2015 Street Patching, Milling and Overlay Program Project. The streets to be included in the road improvements are Glengera Drive from Shishir Road north to Elm Street, Shishir Road from N. Hurley Street to Glengera Drive, N. Main Street from Summerskill Road to the entrance of Bradley's Crossing; and Sively Street form South Street to Buckaroo Street. Mr. Brooks highlighted the different funding sources within the current City budget earmarked to pay for the proposed projects, in an amount not to exceed \$214,900.00. Discussion ensued amongst Board Members and City Staff regarding the care and maintenance of road improvements.

Alderman Turner made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-35. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hammack and was accepted by a 5-0 roll call vote.

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

- C. Resolution No. 2015-36 – A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI TO INITIATE EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE OWNERS OF CERTAIN LANDS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A” AND “B” ATTACHED HERETO.**

City Attorney Reid Holbrook stated there has been no positive response to the City's efforts in acquiring the two parcels described in Exhibit “A” and “B” regarding the utility easement on the north boundary of City Hall. Mr. Holbrook gave a brief overview of why the process is necessary to initiate eminent domain proceedings and the steps that must be taken against the current owner (Briggs Family Trust). Discussion ensued amongst Board Members.

Alderman Turner made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-36. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hammack and was accepted by a 5-0 roll call vote.

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

**D. Bill No. 2015-18 – AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR TO ADDRESS POSSESSION, RECEIVING OR CONTROLLING STOLEN PROPERTY.  
1<sup>ST</sup> Reading & 2<sup>ND</sup> Reading**

Chief of Police Harry Gurin stated the Police Department has always relied on the Cass County Prosecutor’s Office for prosecution of the possession of stolen property being in excess of \$750.00. The adoption of this ordinance would allow for a municipal charge for possession of stolen property under the \$750.00 threshold. Acting Mayor Pro-Tem Roberts questioned the incarceration from 30 to 90 day with regards to amending the budget. Mr. Gurin assured the Board the Alderman that this would not be necessary and would only be used as a last resort. Alderman Turner voiced numerous concerns regarding Section A, B, C & D outlined in the proposed ordinance. Discussion ensued amongst Board of Alderman, City Staff and City Attorney.

Alderman McCrea made a motion to close the debate. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hammack and was accepted by a 3-2 roll call vote.

Alderman McCrea	Aye	Alderman Ray	Aye
Alderman Ford	Absent	Alderman Hammack	Aye
Alderman Roberts	Nay	Alderman Turner	Nay

Alderman Ray made a motion to have the first reading of Bill No. 2015-18 by title only. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hammack and was approved by a 4-1 roll call vote. Alderman Roberts made a motion to accept the first reading of Bill No. 2015-18. The motion was seconded by Alderman McCrea and was accepted by a 4-1 roll call vote.

Alderman Ford	Absent	Alderman Ray	Aye
Alderman McCrea	Aye	Alderman Roberts	Aye
Alderman Hammack	Aye	Alderman Turner	Nay

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Bill No. 2015-18 will be held at the next Board of Alderman Meeting on July 20, 2015.

**Topics for Discussion -**

**A. Comprehensive Plan Update**

City Planner Cliff McDonald presented to the Board of Alderman the latest update to the City’s Comprehensive Plan and the proposed 211<sup>th</sup> Street Overlay District, to become more familiar with its content. Acting Mayor Pro-Tem Roberts asked if a better copy of the map could be provided. Mr. McDonald stated he would look into getting a better map to provide to the Board of Alderman. Discussion ensued amongst Board Members and City Staff.

**Aldermen Concerns -**

Alderman Don Turner asked if anyone has seen executive session minutes come back for approval. City Administrator Brad Ratliff stated according to City Attorney Reid Holbrook, those records are sealed and are only opened if we get a request to do so. Alderman Turner wanted to express how impressed he is by the outpouring of support in the community for DPACD, the Military and an Alderman that is facing health issues. He witnessed Chief Gurin and his Officers giving support in many ways and helping a family that had a tragic loss. This is what makes this City such a great community and we need to keep it up.

**Aldermen Directives -**

- Mayor sign contract with Gunter Construction for the installation of the Peculiar Monument Sign
- Mayor sign contract with Superior Bowen for the 2015 Street Overlay Project
- City Attorney move forward with the Eminent Domain proceedings
- Bring back Bill No 2015-18 for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading
- Staff provided draft for the Comprehensive Plan

**City Administrator Brad Ratliff updated the Board of Alderman on things going on in the City.**

**Adjournment**

On a motion from Alderman Turner, seconded from Alderman Roberts, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm with a 5-0 voice vote.

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

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