

**Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday July 20, 2015**

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 July 20, 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: Kelsie McCrea, Jerry Ford, Patrick Roberts, Veronika Ray, Matt Hammack and Donald Turner.

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.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the Draft Minutes of June 15, 2015 BOA Meeting.**
- B. Approval of the Draft Minutes of July 6, 2015 Worksession Meeting.**

Alderman Ford moved to accept the consent agenda as presented and seconded by Alderman Roberts, consent agenda was approved by a 6-0 voice vote.

Mayor Appointments – Marcia Majors to the Park Board

**Resolution 2015-37 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI
APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARCIA MAJOR TO THE PECULIAR PARK BOARD.**

Alderman Hammack made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-37. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ford and was accepted by a 6-0 roll call vote.

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

Public Comment – DPACD Update from Brenda Conway -

President of DPACD Brenda Conway addressed the Board regarding the Downtown Peculiar Arts & Culture District. Ms. Conway spoke about the District and provided information about who they are, the Mantra, their Mission and the approach used to enhance quality of life in arts education. We ask that you enjoy these services that we have created, we need help in order to continue to bring that to the city. Ms. Conway presented an agreement and asked for a commitment from the City over the next 3 years of \$45,000.00. City Administrator Brad Ratliff discussed different funding possibilities. Discussion ensued amongst the Board Members.

Public Hearing – Lot Split Application, Peculiar Highlands Tracts 1A & 1B – Cliff McDonald

City Planner Cliff McDonald addressed the Board pertaining to the Lot Split Application, Peculiar Highlands Tracts 1A & 1B, submitted by Mr. Brian Carlson. Mr. McDonald discussed key issues regarding the consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and Tracts 1A & 1B meet the maximum lot width to depth requirements of the code. However, as presented this lot split would create an "island" property of Tract 1B. Interested parties, Mr. Brian Carlson and Mr. Emmett Smith have agreed to sign a Memorandum of Agreement to outline the development process of their adjacent properties. Mr. McDonald discussed additional key issues as stated on staff report. Area resident, Mr. Emmett Smith expressed dis-pleasure in having to wait until the next meeting to get approval. Area Resident, Ms. Amy Carlson asked for a double reading at the next meeting to get Board of Alderman approval. Mr. McDonald stated, Staff recommends to bring forth an Ordinance on August 17th based upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission to accept the proposed lot split. Discussion ensued amongst the Mayor and Board of Alderman.

Unfinished Business –

- A. Bill No. 2015-18 – AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR TO ADDRESS POSSESSION, RECEIVING OR CONTROLLING STOLEN PROPERTY.
2nd Reading**

Chief of Police Harry Gurin discussed key issues regarding the proposed Ordinance to address possession, receiving or controlling stolen property. The adoption of this ordinance would allow for a municipal charge for possession of stolen property under the \$750.00 threshold. Staff recommends approval. 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 Ford made a motion to have the second reading of Bill No. 2015-18 by title only. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ray and was approved by a 5-1 voice vote. Alderman Ford made a motion to accept the second reading of Bill No. 2015-18 and place on final passage as ordinance number 07202015. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hammack and was accepted by a 5-1 roll call vote.

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

New Business –

A. Resolution 2015-38 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RAYMORE-PECULIAR SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ONE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AT THE DISTRICT COMPLEX ON SCHOOL ROAD.

City Administrator Brad Ratliff discussed key issues regarding the School Resource Officer for the Raymore-Peculiar School District complex. The agreement presented is the same standard contract with no significant changes. A new officer is going to start the position of SRO on August 12th.

Alderman Roberts made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-38. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ford and was accepted by a 6-0 roll call vote.

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

B. Resolution 2015-39 – A RESOLUTION ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT FOR CITY OF PECULIAR CITY-WIDE RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE PICK-UP SERVICES.

City Administrator Brad Ratliff addressed the Board regarding the renewal of the City-Wide Residential Solid Waste and Recyclable Pick-Up Services. When speaking with President of Town & Country Disposal Mr. JR Pesek, he agreed to leave prices at the current rate for this next year and that same option for the following year. Additionally, Mr. Pesek has agreed to provide large disposal bins in the event of a natural disaster. Discussion ensued amongst the Board of Alderman and Staff.

Alderman Ford made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-39. The motion was seconded by Alderman Roberts and was accepted by a 6-0 roll call vote.

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

Topic for Discussion –

A. Fuel Tax Issue – Requested by Alderman Matt Hammack

Mayor Holly Stark stated she has no desire to bring back the fuel tax issue due to the many times it has failed. However, Mayor Stark mentioned she will not stand in the way of bringing the issue back, if that is what the Board of Alderman decide to do. Discussion ensued amongst the Board of Alderman. Alderman Hammack and Alderman Ford stated that the citizens are asking us to vote on this again and they want to help promote the issue. Alderman Ford emphasized that we need to do a better job at wording the fuel tax issue and communicating to the citizenry. Alderman Roberts presented a proposed re-wording of the ballot issue for voters to better understand the desired purpose. Alderman Ray and Alderman Turner stated there is a certain amount of dis-trust and we need to be very straight forward in presenting this ballot measure. City Administrator Brad Ratliff discussed the street fund and what the money can be used for.

Alderman Hammack made a motion to direct Staff to prepare wording for a ballot measure for the next BOA Meeting 1st reading to be presented to the voters at the November 2015 Election. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ford and was accepted by a 6-0 roll call vote.

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

City Administrator Report –

- FarMart 2015
- MARC Voting Membership
- New Police Office
- School SRO Officer

- PD Assist to Cass County
- Incode Project Planning
- Recorded Meetings
- Subnet and DNS
- Parks Department Activities and Projects
- Municipal Court Report
- Tiger Grant VII (2015)
- The 2015 Asphalt Mill and Overlay Project
- Bridle Trail Curb & Gutter
- Public Works Division
- Main Street Sidewalk
- Monument Sign Project
- Smart Lights for Smart Cities
- CIP Water Main Projects
- Economic Marketing Firm
- RFQ for Broadband

Aldermen Concerns –

Alderman Ford suggested that Voter Registration information and commercial real estate property information be included on the City website. Additionally, there are many things on the website that are out of date and need to be changed. Dean's corner needs mowing and driver's on the west side of school road are experiencing vision problems when pulling out into traffic. Alderman Roberts expressed his appreciation to City Administrator Brad Ratliff for what he does to represent the City. Alderman Ray asked about mowing ditches and are homeowners and property owners being notified of these requirements. Also, there is a program offered on paybacks from KCP & L regarding LED lighting. Alderman Turner made mention of how nice Raisbeck Park looks many people seem to be enjoying the City lake. Mayor Stark requested updates from Parks & Recreation Director Grant Purkey on the number of those participating in various recreation programs and suggests working with other cities to cross promote programs that are available.

Aldermen Directives –

- Review possible funds regarding the request from DPACD & Ideas for Funding.
- Public Hearing of Lot Split was conducted and to be approved at the August 17, 2015 Meeting.
- Update Bill 2015-18-Ordinance approving possession, receiving or controlling stolen property.
- Resolution 2015-38-Resolution approving SRO.
- Resolution 2015-39-Resolution approving contract with Town & Country Disposal.
- Alderman requesting wording on "Fuel Tax" for the November 2015 Election.
- Update City website to include information on registering to vote.
- Dean's corner will be mowed.
- Get number of participants in recreation programs.

Adjournment –

On a motion from Alderman Ford, second from Alderman Roberts, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm with a 6-0 voice vote.

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

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