

**REGULAR SESSION – JULY 5, 2011**

The Cape Girardeau City Council convened in regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., with Mayor Harry Rediger presiding and Council Members Mark Lanzotti, Meg Proffer, Loretta Schneider, Kathy Swan, Debra Tracy and John Voss present.

Reverend Barry Pfanstiel, of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, presented the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Prior to the regular session, the City Council convened in closed session for purposes of discussing property acquisition, confidential communications with legal counsel, and personnel pursuant to Section RSMo. 610.021(1), (2) and (3) upon Mrs. Tracy's motion, Mrs. Swan's second, and the following vote: Ayes, Lanzotti, Proffer, Rediger, Schneider, Swan, Tracy and Voss. Nays, none.

Mrs. Tracy made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Schneider, to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was approved upon the following vote: Ayes, Lanzotti, Proffer, Rediger, Schneider, Swan, Tracy and Voss. Nays, none.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Rediger presented a plaque to Mr. Dennis Hale, recognizing his retirement after more than 34 years of service to the City at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

Mayor Rediger congratulated Mr. David Hitt, who was honored Monday as the 2011 recipient of the Spirit of America Award. The Mayor also announced a meeting on July 12, at 6:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church to review improvements to the Broadway Corridor and to seek comments from citizens.

Mrs. Swan said that the Historic Preservation Commission had voted in their June meeting on the pre-application process to register Fort D on the National Register of Historic Places.

Mrs. Tracy congratulated Mr. Alex Crawford, Lifeguard at the Cape Splash Family Aquatic Center. Mr. Crawford was named the Parks and Recreation Department's Employee of the Month. Mrs. Tracy said the improvements at Central Pool are wonderful. The pool has lap swimming from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. daily. Mrs. Tracy said she is proud of the work done by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mrs. Schneider said she had attended the rededication of the downtown clock. After 25 years, the clock is still an important symbol of the downtown area.

City Manager Scott Meyer introduced Ms. Julia Thompson, the new Parks and Recreation Director. Ms. Thompson will begin work on July 11.

Mr. Meyer announced the new City website is up and running, though City staff is working through a few glitches. The new website has a new look with new features, including Cape Connect. Mr. Meyer also said that the City Council meeting video production has been taken in-house, effective today, as a cost-saving measure. City programming will still be televised on Channel 993 and on the City's website.

Mr. Meyer also announced that City staff members continue to work on the landlord inspection program. They are looking at a significant change to the proposed program to find a balance between regulations and how to be beneficial for all.

Mr. Meyer announced a meeting to discuss parking issues in the West End Boulevard Historic District on Tuesday, July 19, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Mrs. Swan asked if the prior Council meeting agendas had been posted to the City website. City Clerk Mrs. Gayle Conrad answered that City staff is still working on posting the agendas.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

This being the date set for a public hearing to consider the voluntary annexation petition submitted by Terry and Marla Mills and Matthew and Michele Rubel for property at 155 and 181 Cougar Run, in the City of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, the hearing was opened. Mrs. Mills and Mr. Rubel appeared in support of the petition and to answer any questions. There being no further appearances, the hearing was closed.

This being the date set for a public hearing regarding the request of Terry and Marla Mills and Matthew and Michele Rubel to zone the properties at 155 and 181 Cougar Run to the R-1 (Single Family Suburban Residential) zoning district, the hearing was opened. There being no appearances, the hearing was closed.

### **APPEARANCES**

Mrs. Marla Mills, Executive Director of Old Town Cape, appeared in support of the contract between the City and Old Town Cape for the Downtown Strategic Plan Implementation created through the DREAM Initiative. Mr. Voss said that at the last Council meeting he had raised questions regarding this contract as it relates to the DREAM Initiative. He said that he had met with Mrs. Mills and Mr. Dennis Meyer, President of the Old Town Cape Board, and they had discussed the progress of the DREAM Initiative. Mr. Voss said they had developed a list of projects that are outcomes or deliverables for this coming year. Old Town Cape is using their money and resources wisely, and they are doing an excellent job.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. Voss, seconded by Mrs. Swan, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

City Council June 20, 2011, regular and closed sessions minutes.

BILL NO. 11-102, AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES, DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, AND TRANSFERS FOR THE FISCAL ENDING JUNE 30, 2011, IN THE CITY OF CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI. Second and third readings.

BILL NO. 11-103, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECORD PLAT OF J.D. ESTATES SUBDIVISION. Second and third readings.

BILL NO. 11-106, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS WITH VARIOUS PROPERTY OWNERS PERTAINING TO THE CAPE CENTRE DEVELOPMENT, IN THE CITY OF CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI. Second and third readings.

BILL NO. 11-109, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH OLD TOWN CAPE, INC., FOR THE DOWNTOWN STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION CREATED THROUGH THE DREAM INITIATIVE, IN THE CITY OF CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI. Reading and passage.

The motion was approved upon the following vote: Ayes, Lanzotti, Proffer, Rediger, Schneider, Swan, Tracy and Voss. Nays, none. BILL NO. 11-102 is ORDINANCE NO. 4245; BILL NO. 11-103 is ORDINANCE NO. 4246; BILL NO. 11-106 is ORDINANCE NO. 4247; and BILL NO. 11-109 is RESOLUTION NO. 2630.

**NEW ORDINANCES**

BILL NO. 11-108 was given first reading as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The first reading of BILL NO. 11-108 was approved upon Mrs. Schneider's motion, Mrs. Swan's second, and the following vote: Ayes, Lanzotti, Proffer, Rediger, Schneider, Swan, Tracy and Voss. Nays, none.

There being no further business, the City Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m. upon Mr. Lanzotti's motion, Mr. Voss' second, and the following vote: Ayes, Lanzotti, Proffer, Rediger, Schneider, Swan, Tracy and Voss. Nays, none.

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Harry E. Rediger, Mayor

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Gayle L. Conrad, City Clerk

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