

COUNCIL & STAFF PRESENT:

Jeff Newton	Mayor
Martha Rowe	Councilmember
Jill McCord	Councilmember
Tom Mayer	Councilmember
Aaron Rodgerson	Councilmember
Howard Hickman	City Attorney
Mari E. Macomber	City Manager
Vickie Brumbaugh	City Clerk
Steve Bell	Community Services Director
John Buckwalter	Public Works Director
Paul Frazier	Code Administrator
Laura Guy	Finance Director
Jim Hughes	Police Chief
Kris McKim	Assistant City Manager

The City Council of the City of Kirksville, Missouri, met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Reverend Robert Fredricks, of the First Assembly of God Church, gave the Invocation. The Mayor and City Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Councilmember McCord moved to approve the minutes of the regular session of May 15, 2007; seconded by Councilmember Rowe. The motion carried by the following vote: Mayor Newton - aye; Councilmembers: Mayer - aye; McCord - aye; Rodgerson – aye; Rowe - aye. Nays – none.

ORDER OF AGENDA

City Manager Mari Macomber asked that an item be added to the agenda – To authorize execution of an agreement with Benton and Associates for engineering services for hydraulic modeling of the water distribution system.

Councilmember Rowe moved to approve the Order of the agenda, as amended; seconded by Councilmember Rodgerson. The motion carried by the following vote: Mayor Newton - aye; Councilmembers: Mayer - aye; McCord - aye; Rodgerson – aye; Rowe - aye. Nays – none.

INFORMATION PRESENTATION

Mayor Newton opened the public hearing at 5:34 p.m. concerning a de-annexation request.

Code Administrator Frazier explained the de-annexation tract of land, located at the southeast corner of the city limits owned by Marty and Traci Jones, was annexed in 2001 when the City annexed a large portion of land. The City had a plan of intent in which the city would provide certain services. A water main to this property was a part of the plan, but due to the cost, it was never feasible to do. The owners have petitioned for de-annexation. The property is not a part of a major project or development.

There being no further comments, Mayor Newton closed the Public Hearing at 5:37 p.m.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Brian Peavey, 9 Leisure Drive, distributed information to the Council regarding a new Frisbee Golf course to be located at Rotary Park. He asked the Council to consider a \$1,000 sponsorship.

Justin Tallman, Sparks Cleaners, 309 South Franklin, asked the Council to consider changing the planned bike trail location, and allow the one parking space in front of his business to remain. He will lose this one customer parking space when the bike trail goes through. He presented his financial business losses if the parking space is removed due to customers not being able to park close.

City Manager Macomber pointed out that four spaces in the TCRC parking lot, south of Sparks Cleaners, were provided for Mr. Tallman's rental tenants, and two more could be added for customer parking. Mr. Tallman said that when meetings are held at TCRC, people use the tenants' parking spaces.

ACTION PRESENTATIONS

BILL NO. 2007-26

RESOLUTION NO. R6-19-547

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI SUPPORTING INTENT OF CARLSON GARDNER, INC. OF SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI TO RENOVATE AND REPURPOSE THE FORMER TRAVELER'S HOTEL PROPERTY FOR HOUSING, UTILIZING AVAILABLE TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, Carlson Gardner, is a corporation based in Springfield, Missouri, that was formed to develop single family and multi-family properties across the state, and;

WHEREAS, Carlson Gardner currently has a contract on the Traveler's Hotel property, where their intent is to make application to the State of Missouri for Housing Tax Credits as well as Historic Tax Credits to assist in funding a complete remodel of the building to repurpose it into housing units, and;

WHEREAS, the City will be benefited by making this vacant building into a viable business venture, and;

WHEREAS, the City has already made a commitment to improving the Kirksville downtown area including making significant investment in infrastructure improvement, historic preservation, community services, business development and job creation, and sees this project as an extension of those improvements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI, that the City supports Carlson Gardner, Inc. in their efforts to renovate this vacant property and restore it as a vital part of Kirksville's Downtown.

Councilmember Rowe moved to approve Bill No. 2007-26; seconded by Councilmember McCord.

Kris McKim reported that representatives of Carlson Gardner presented their plans to the Council at a study session on June 12. Their plans to seek housing tax credits and historical tax credits would help fund renovation of the Traveler's Hotel, creating 32 housing units. They are asking the Council for a Resolution of support to include with their application.

The motion carried by the following vote: Mayor Newton - aye; Councilmembers: Mayer - aye; McCord - aye; Rodgerson – aye; Rowe - aye. Nays – none.

BILL NO. 2007-27

RESOLUTION NO. R6-20-548

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI STATING INTENT TO APPLY FOR THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR MISSOURI INITIATIVE (DREAM INITIATIVE)

WHEREAS, the DREAM Initiative is an initiative created through a partnership of three development agencies: the Missouri Department of Economic Development, the Missouri Development Finance Board and the Missouri Housing Development Commission, and;

WHEREAS, the DREAM Initiative will provide the technical and financial assistance for select communities to more efficiently and effectively engage in the downtown revitalization process, and;

WHEREAS, the goal of the DREAM Initiative is to help several select Missouri communities to:

- Re-establish the properties in use in the downtown core
- Increase property tax values and sales tax opportunities
- Re-establish a sense of place and cultural heritage in the heart of the community
- Attract private investment and new jobs, and;

WHEREAS, the City has already made a commitment to improving the Kirksville downtown area including making significant investment in infrastructure improvement, historic preservation, community services, business development and job creation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI, that the City desires to participate in the State of Missouri’s DREAM Initiative, and that the Mayor is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Kirksville to execute any and all documents required for submission in applying for the DREAM Initiative.

Councilmember Rodgerson moved to approve Bill No. 2007-27; seconded by Councilmember Mayor.

Kris McKim reported the City applied for the Dream Initiative program last year. There were 10 cities chosen out of 98 applicants. This program helps communities interested in revitalizing their downtown to get technical and financial assistance with their project. Ten cities will be chosen for the 2007 program.

The motion carried by the following vote: Mayor Newton - aye; Councilmembers: Mayer - aye; McCord - aye; Rodgerson – aye; Rowe - aye. Nays – none.

OATS Agreement for KIRK TRAN Services

Councilmember Rowe moved to authorize the City Manager to enter an agreement with OATS for KIRK-TRAN public transportation services from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.; seconded by Councilmember McCord. The motion carried by the following vote:

Mayor Newton - aye; Councilmembers: Mayer - aye; McCord - aye; Rodgerson – aye; Rowe - aye. Nays – none.

Rotary Park Master Plan

Councilmember McCord moved to approve the Rotary Park Master Plan; seconded by Councilmember Rowe.

Steve Bell reported the Plan has been approved by the Rotary Club Board, and the Lakes, Parks and Recreation Commission.

The motion carried by the following vote: Mayor Newton - aye; Councilmembers: Mayer - aye; McCord - aye; Rodgerson – aye; Rowe - aye. Nays – none.

Street Use – All American Red, White & Blue Fourth of July Parade

Councilmember Mayer moved to approve the use of city streets for the All American Red, White and Blue Fourth of July parade; seconded by Councilmember McCord. The motion carried by the following vote: Mayor Newton - aye; Councilmembers: Mayer - aye; McCord - aye; Rodgerson – aye; Rowe - aye. Nays – none.

Mayor Newton asked if anyone would like to ride in the parade. Steve Bell offered to furnish the convertible to ride in. The Council will decide individually.

Liquor License Renewals

Councilmember Rowe moved to approve the second group of liquor license renewals; seconded by Councilmember McCord. The motion carried by the following vote: Mayor Newton - aye; Councilmembers: Mayer - aye; McCord - aye; Rodgerson – nay; Rowe - aye. Ayes – 4; Nays – 1.

Liquor License Renewal – Il Spazio’s

Councilmember McCord moved to approve renewal of the liquor license for Il Spazio’s; seconded by Councilmember Rowe. The motion carried by the following vote: Mayor Newton - abstain; Councilmembers: Mayer - aye; McCord - aye; Rodgerson – nay; Rowe - aye. Ayes – 3; Nays – 1; Abstention – 1 [Mayor Newton manages Il Spazio’s.]

Committee/Board Appointment – Watershed Committee.

Councilmember Mayer moved to appoint Mark Laughlin to the Citizen Position on the Watershed Management Commission; seconded by Councilmember Rodgerson. The motion carried by the following vote: Mayor Newton - aye; Councilmembers: Mayer - aye; McCord - aye; Rodgerson – aye; Rowe - aye. Nays – none.

Benton & Associates Agreement – Water System Hydraulic Modeling

Councilmember Mayer moved to authorize an agreement with Benton and Associates for services for hydraulic modeling of the water system and prepare an initial distribution system evaluation; seconded by Councilmember Rodgerson.

John Buckwalter explained that Phase II requires the preparation of an Initial Distribution System Analysis which is intended to minimize the hazard of disinfection byproducts in the water system., and preparation of an evaluation report. The cost is \$14,300 during this year, and completion costs next year.

The motion carried by the following vote: Mayor Newton - aye; Councilmembers: Mayer - aye; McCord - aye; Rodgerson – aye; Rowe - aye. Nays – none.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Rodgerson was approached at the recent MML Elected Official Conference by an elected official of Piedmont who recently flew into the Kirksville Regional Airport. He was impressed with having a courtesy car, and commented on the clean appearance of the city.

Adjournment

Councilmember Rowe moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Rodgerson. The motion carried by the following vote: Mayor Newton - aye; Councilmembers: Mayer - aye; McCord - aye; Rodgerson – aye; Rowe - aye. Nays – none.

Mayor Newton adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Vickie Brumbaugh, CMC, MRCC
City Clerk