

**CITY OF HAZELWOOD
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 15, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Hazelwood City Council was called to order by Mayor Matthew G. Robinson at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 in the Council Chambers of Hazelwood City Hall, 415 Elm Grove Lane.

Mayor Robinson asked those present to join in a moment of silent meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call the following members of the Council were present:

Mary G. Singleton
Carol A. Stroker
Robert M. Aubuchon
Don W. Ryan
Michael J. Conley
Matthew G. Robinson
Warren H. Taylor
Rosalie Hendon

Councilman Russell Todd was not present. Mrs. Wolf declared a quorum was present.

Also present were City Manager Edwin G. Carlstrom, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, and City Clerk Colleen Wolf.

AGENDA

Mrs. Hendon moved, seconded by Mr. Conley, to amend the agenda by the addition of consideration of a new fireworks display contract under the City Manager's Report.

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Stroker, the adoption of the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, the adoption of the consent agenda as printed. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

AYE - 8

NAY - 0

Mrs. Singleton
Mrs. Stroker
Mr. Aubuchon
Mr. Ryan
Mr. Conley

Mayor Robinson
Mr. Taylor
Mrs. Hendon

The motion passed unanimously and the consent agenda was adopted.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, to approve the minutes of the May 1 special, regular, and closed Council meetings; the May 6 Council budget work session; and the May 8 Council work session as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

WHAT'S NEW

Communications Coordinator Tim Davidson reported on City news, events, and programs.

Hazelwood's Valley of Flowers parade float received a 2nd place award in the Float by an Organization category. The theme for the parade was "Children's Literature & Fairy Tales." The City's float theme was "Hazelwood's Bookworm Loves Children's Literature" and it featured a giant red apple with a "live" green worm taking up residence inside the worm library.

The popular Ralph Butler Band kicked off the Summer Concert Series in grand style on May 11 at Truman Park. Nearly 250 people attended to listen to everything from soothing jazz tunes to upbeat top hits of yesteryear and today. Six more concerts are on the concert schedule this year.

The Police Department will conduct sobriety checks at two locations in the City this weekend, May 17 and May 18, as part of the department's ongoing commitment to keep local roadways safe. The April 26 sobriety checkpoints produced one DWI arrest, possession of marijuana; one DUI/drug arrest, possession of paraphernalia; four traffic citations; and three fugitive/failure to appear arrests.

Officer Brian Hale and K9 Chavier are recipients of a quarterly award from the National Police Canine Association. On October 5, 2012, they were called to a residence where detectives were investigating possible drug activity. K-9 Chavier gave a positive alert signal to the presence of a safe behind a bar. The safe contained \$7,500. In addition, he gave a positive alert signal to a hidden room inside a bedroom wall. Once the detectives were able to access the hidden room, 20 pounds of marijuana were found. Arrests were made for drug distribution and weapon charges.

Upcoming events include the season opening of White Birch Bay aquatic center on May 25, the Hazelwood Police Explorer Post 9217 Trivia Night on June 1, the annual Community Art Fair and Used Book Sale on June 1, and the annual Recycle Day on

June 1. Additional information on City programs and upcoming events is available on the City's website at www.hazelwoodmo.org.

EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION Public Works Director David Stewart introduced Maintenance Worker Chad McCormick who began employment with the City on March 18.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK PROCLAMATION Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a proclamation designating the week of May 19 through May 25, 2013 as Public Works Week.

There were no objections and Proclamation 1309 was read.

Mrs. Singleton moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, the adoption of Proclamation 1309 designating the week of May 19 through May 25, 2013 as Public Works Week in the City of Hazelwood and calling upon all citizens to recognize the contributions which public works employees make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life. The motion passed unanimously.

The proclamation was presented to Public Works Director David Stewart.

EMS WEEK PROCLAMATION Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a proclamation designating the week of May 19 through May 25, 2013 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

There were no objections and Proclamation 1310 was read.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Conley, the adoption of Proclamation 1310 designating the week of May 19 through 25, 2013, as Emergency Medical Services Week in the City of Hazelwood and encouraging the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities. The motion passed unanimously.

The proclamation was presented to Fire Chief Dave Radel.

RETIREMENT PROCLAMATION Mayor Robinson called for the reading of a proclamation in honor of retiring Firefighter Bob Aubuchon.

There were no objections and Proclamation 1311 was read.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, the adoption of Proclamation 1311 expressing recognition, appreciation, and gratitude to Private Robert Aubuchon for his many years of dedicated service to our City and extending their sincere good wishes for a happy retirement with his wife Vickie, their children, and grandchildren. The motion passed unanimously.

The proclamation will be presented to Bob during his retirement party.

DISPATCHING SRVCS. Mr. Carlstrom had provided the Council with a staff
RESOLUTION recommendation to authorize a contract with Central County
Emergency 9-1-1 Dispatching Center for fire dispatching
services.

There were no objections and Resolution 1307 was read by title only:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL COUNTY
EMERGENCY 9-1-1 DISPATCHING CENTER FOR FIRE DISPATCHING SERVICES.**

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the adoption of Resolution 1307. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

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| <u>AYE - 8</u> | <u>NAY - 0</u> |
| Mrs. Singleton | |
| Mrs. Stroker | |
| Mr. Aubuchon | |
| Mr. Ryan | |
| Mr. Conley | |
| Mayor Robinson | |
| Mr. Taylor | |
| Mrs. Hendon | |

Resolution 1307 was unanimously adopted.

Fire Chief Dave Radel recognized Mr. Aubuchon for working diligently on the City's behalf during the past six months during the dissolution of North Central dispatching to assure a smooth transition. He noted the process will continue for several more months. Chief Radel stated, not only will it provide a cost savings, the new service will be a step-up in both quality and technology.

CITIZEN HEARINGS AND PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Mayor Robinson explained the procedures to be followed during a hearing. He invited anyone desiring to make a comment to come forward at this time.

No one came forward to address the Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

COMMUNICATIONS

GNCCC NEWSLETTER The Greater North County Chamber of Commerce's May newsletter was received.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BRIEFINGS The May 2 issue of Local Government Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

LIQUOR LICENSE AND FEE WAIVER An application for a Picnic License for use at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church's annual fundraiser on June 21 and 22, at 615 Dunn Road, and a request for a waiver of the fees for both the Picnic License and the annual Beer and Wine Liquor License, with Sunday Beer and Wine Liquor License, had been received from David Pacino, the managing officer.

BOARD RESIGNATION A letter of resignation from the Parks and Recreation Board was received from Gary Murrish.

A letter thanking Mr. Murrish for his years of service to the City was sent.

ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CHAMBER A letter was received from the chairman of the St. Louis Regional Chamber thanking the City for its continued support and providing an update on chamber goals and strategies.

APPRECIATION FOR DINNER A letter of appreciation for their annual dinner meeting was received from the Parks and Recreation Board.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BRIEFINGS The May 9 issue of Local Government Briefings was received from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, to approve the liquor license and fee waiver requests and to receive and file all communications. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS Mayor Robinson suggested keeping the work session open for a discussion with Julie Stone of Local Government Partnership regarding the hiring of a City Manager.

There were no objections.

BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS Mr. Aubuchon nominated James Napolitano of 7414 Rose Grove Court for appointment to the Neighborhood Watch Commission.

Mr. Ryan nominated Steve Rahmberg, Karen Rahmberg, and Alberta Young for reappointment to the Community Enrichment Commission and Carol Rogers for reappointment to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mrs. Singleton nominated Earl Compton for reappointment to the Civil Service Board, Ruth Pondrom for reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Board, and Roy Kuhn for reappointment to the Pension Plan Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Hendon nominated Bill Schultz of 927 Altavia Drive for appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Mr. Aubuchon moved, seconded by Mrs. Singleton, to make the preceding appointments. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wolf will invite the newly appointed and reappointed board and commission members to the June 5 Council meeting to receive their oaths of office and commission certificates.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

LIGHTING OF STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES Mr. Carlstrom reported staff recommends authorization to enter into a new 10 year contract with Union Electric for the lighting of streets and other public places.

Mr. Carlstrom stated there are 1,184 streets lights at this time and the City pays approximately \$200,000 annually for street lighting. He noted rates may change based on rulings by the Public Service Commission (PSC).

Mrs. Singleton asked if energy efficient light bulbs are used in the fixtures.

Mr. Stewart replied the City pays a monthly rental fee for the lights. He stated Gilda Baldwin of Ameren is here this evening and may be able to report whether or not there is a move toward use of energy efficient lighting and if it will translate into any savings for the City.

Ms. Baldwin responded at this time there are no plans to use LED lights. She noted by executing the contract the City receives a 10 percent discount on the commercial rate which is only offered to municipalities.

Mr. O'Keefe asked if Ms. Baldwin wished to comment on the lawsuit several municipalities have filed against Union Electric concerning pole rental charges.

Ms. Baldwin replied the pole rental charge was completely eliminated with the last rate filing in February 2011. The rate was approved and became effective January 2, 2013. She stated the pole rental charge and any extra charges related to lighting were dropped at that time.

Mr. O'Keefe asked if the contract states that pole rental charges will not be assessed.

Ms. Baldwin explained they're governed by the PSC and any of these types of charges must be approved by the commission.

In response to additional comments by Mr. O'Keefe, Ms. Baldwin stated it's not possible to assess such charges under this contract. She added this has been an issue for 20 years and it's not likely they will go back to the PSC to request authorization to access these charges.

Mr. O'Keefe asked if the legal name of the company is still Union Electric.

Ms. Baldwin replied affirmatively stating they are doing business as Ameren Missouri.

Mrs. Hendon moved, seconded by Mrs. Stroker, to concur with the staff recommendation to authorize the contract with Union Electric and to place the draft bill on this agenda for introduction. The motion passed unanimously and the bill was added to the agenda as item 17.a.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY Mr. Carlstrom stated the Council recently authorized a contract with Albeck Enterprises, LLC for this year's fireworks display and the company has merged with J & M Displays, Inc.

Mr. Carlstrom recommended repealing Ordinance 4272-13 which authorized the contract with Albeck Enterprises and passing a new ordinance to authorize a contract with J & M Displays.

Mrs. Hendon moved, seconded by Mr. Conley, to concur with the staff recommendation to repeal Ordinance 4272-13 which authorized a contract with Albeck Enterprises, LLC, to authorize a contract with J & M Displays, Inc., and to place the draft bills on this agenda for introduction. The motion passed unanimously and the bills were added to the agenda as items 17.b and 17.c, respectively.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None

CITY CLERK'S REPORT - None

COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, to receive and file the minutes of the April 2 Parks and Recreation Board meeting, the April 9 Community Enrichment Commission meeting, and the April 22 Historic Preservation Commission meeting and the notice of no quorum for the May 7 Parks and Recreation Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS - None

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

LIGHTING OF STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to authorize a contract to provide for the lighting by electricity of City streets and other public places.

There were no objections and Bill 4378 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LIGHTING BY ELECTRICITY OF THE STREETS, AVENUES, ALLEYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF HAZELWOOD, MISSOURI, AND OTHER ELECTRIC SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY, BY CONTRACT, SETTING FORTH THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED CONTRACT THEREFORE BETWEEN THE CITY AND UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY, D/B/A AMEREN MISSOURI, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AND PERMITTING SAID COMPANY TO ERECT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN POLES, LINES, WIRES, CABLES, TRANSFORMERS, AND OTHER APPLIANCES IN THE STREETS AND ALL OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, NECESSARY FOR AND APPROPRIATE TO THE PERFORMANCE OF SAID CONTRACT AS DESCRIBED HEREIN.

Bill 4378 will be on the agenda for second reading on June 5.

REPEAL ORD. 4272-13 Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to repeal Ordinance 4272-13 which authorized a contract with Albeck Enterprises, LLC for a pyro-musical fireworks display.

There were no objections and Bill 4379 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 4272-13 WHICH AUTHORIZED A CONTRACT WITH ALBECK ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR A PYRO-MUSICAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

Bill 4379 will be on the agenda for second reading on June 5.

CONTRACT FIREWORKS DISPLAY Mayor Robinson called for the first reading of a bill to authorize a contract with J & M Displays, Inc., for a pyro-

musical fireworks display.

There were no objections and Bill 4380 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH J & M DISPLAYS, INC., FOR A PYRO-MUSICAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$24,000.

Bill 4380 will be on the agenda for second reading on June 5.

SECOND READING OF BILLS AND ACTION ON BILLS

BILL 4377
CONTRACT

Mayor Robinson called for the second reading of Bill 4377 to authorize a contract with Gershenson Construction Company, Inc., for milling and asphalt overlay of City streets.

There were no objections and Bill 4377 was read by title only:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GERSHENSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., FOR MILLING AND ASPHALT OVERLAY OF CERTAIN CITY STREETS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$138,019.

Mr. Conley moved, seconded by Mrs. Hendon, the adoption of Bill 4377 as an ordinance. The following vote was recorded on the motion:

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| <u>AYE - 8</u> | <u>NAY - 0</u> |
| Mrs. Singleton | |
| Mrs. Stroker | |
| Mr. Aubuchon | |
| Mr. Ryan | |
| Mr. Conley | |
| Mayor Robinson | |
| Mr. Taylor | |
| Mrs. Hendon | |

Bill 4377 was unanimously adopted as Ordinance 4273-13.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLIDAY

Mayor Robinson announced City Hall will be closed on Memorial Day, May 27.

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Robinson announced the next regular Council meeting will be held Wednesday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council,
the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Matthew G. Robinson - Mayor
City of Hazelwood, Missouri

ATTEST:

Colleen Wolf, MMC - City Clerk
City of Hazelwood, Missouri