



6:00 p.m.-Mayor Flannigan calls the meeting to order. Steve Aston, Alderman Ward I; Amy Vollmer, Alderman Ward I; Jerry Green, Alderman Ward II; and Cody Quist, Alderman Ward II are present. Also in attendance is Linda Haynes, City Clerk; Rob Hamlin, Public Works Superintendent; and Terry Foster, Chief of Police. There are three guests in attendance.

In re: Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence-Mayor Flannigan leads the Pledge of Allegiance and then a moment of silence is held.

In re: Public Hearing to set tax rate for personal property and real estate taxes-Cody Quist makes a motion to open the public hearing. Jerry Green seconds the motion. All are in favor. Mayor Flannigan asks if there are any questions or comments from the public. Diana Rutledge states she hopes the rates are not going higher. Mayor Flannigan states that there is a tax ceiling, but he would never recommend lowering the amount recommended by the State Auditor. There is currently not enough revenue to provide what the citizens want and expect. The City operates on property taxes and sales tax, and sales taxes are already down because of the concrete plant moving outside of the City. The City has also taken a hit on sales tax, because more people are ordering things online, rather than purchasing locally. The City had the use tax on the ballot twice and it was voted down. The use tax would have replaced what the City was no longer receiving. Diana Rutledge asks what is going on with the Hwy U area. Mayor Flannigan states that brick and mortar stores are very particular about making a move to build, unless the investment can be justified. Housing counts in the area are a factor. There is discussion regarding where the water and sewer lines are in the Hwy U area. Mayor Flannigan states that extending those lines is part of the development plan. Lisa Meyer asks if the proposed rates are what the State Auditor recommends. Mayor Flannigan states yes. Cody Quist makes a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Steve Aston seconds the motion. All are in favor.

In re: Ordinance #1046-Fixing the annual rate of levy for real estate and personal property taxes-Linda Haynes reads the title of Ordinance #1046 in full two times. Linda Haynes states that the rates that the State Auditor has recommended are slightly lower than last year's rates. For water works the rate was .4537 per \$100 last year and the recommended rate this year is .4531. For general revenue the rate was .2318 per \$100 last year and the recommended rate for this year is .2315. Cody Quist makes a motion to approve ordinance #1046. Jerry Green seconds the motion. Roll call vote is as follows: Steve Aston-Aye, Amy Vollmer-Aye, Jerry Green-Aye, Cody Quist-Aye.

In re: Ratify TEAP grant application email vote-Mayor Flannigan states that this grant is the Traffic Engineering Assistance Program through MoDOT. The grant helps set up preliminary engineering for specific projects. The maximum grant is \$15,000 with the City being responsible for 20%, or \$3,000. Applying for this grant shows MoDOT that the City is serious about a project, such as a round about at Hwy MM and Hwy C. Many times, the project has been elevated to the top of the list OR placed on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) after this grant. Mayor Flannigan



states that he would also like to see a round about at Elm Tree and Hwy C eventually. Steve Aston makes a motion to ratify the email vote to apply for the TEAP grant. Jerry Green seconds the motion. All are in favor.

In re: MIRMA grant applications-Mayor Flannigan states that two departments would like to apply for MIRMA grants. The Police Department would like to apply for the body camera grant. Chief Foster states that body cameras are usually a lease situation. If MIRMA only pays for the first year it would only be \$900. He is going to get a new quote with the first three years combined and present that to MIRMA. If they pay for the first three years, they'd be paying \$5,697.00. Mayor Flannigan states that the Public Works Department would like to apply for safety signs and an AED for the Public Works shop. His total would be around \$4,500. The grants awarded should be for at least 50% of the total costs. Cody Quist makes a motion to approve the Police Department and Public Works Department applying for the grants. Amy Vollmer seconds the motion. All are in favor.

Mayor Flannigan states that he had a real estate issue come up today that needs to be discussed in executive session. Due to time constraints, it cannot wait until the next meeting. Cody Quist makes a motion to amend the agenda to include an executive session per RSMo. 610.021 2-Real Estate. Jerry Green seconds the motion. Roll call is as follows: Steve Aston-Aye, Amy Vollmer-Aye, Jerry Green-Aye, Cody Quist-Aye.

Steve Aston makes a motion to adjourn the open section of the meeting. Jerry Green seconds the motion. All are in favor.

Mayor Flannigan suggests taking a short break to allow the audience to exit before executive session.

Cody Quist makes a motion to open the executive session per RSMo. 610.201 #2-Real Estate. Jerry Green seconds the motion. Roll call is as follows: Steve Aston-Aye, Amy Vollmer-Aye, Jerry Green-Aye, Cody Quist-Aye.

Executive session is held and adjourned. Mayor Flannigan states that there were no decisions made in executive session that can be released at this time.

Jerry Green makes a motion to adjourn. Cody Quist seconds the motion. All are in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda Haynes, City Clerk

Patrick Flannigan, Mayor