

CALL TO ORDER

The May 11, 2009, Council Work Session was convened at 5:30 P.M. by Mayor John Landwehr.

ATTENDANCE

The following Council Members were present:

Present: Carroll, Ferguson, Harvey, Klindt, Koon, Medin, Penfold, Pope, Scrivner, and Struempf

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

Census Update

Mr. Bret Bender, United States Census Bureau, made a presentation about the 2010 Census and distributed materials which will be used during that census. Following his presentation, he answered questions and offered to come back in the future to give further updates.

Wastewater Issues

Community Director Pat Sullivan gave a presentation regarding federal and state mandates with which the City will need to comply in the near future, and which the Public Works & Planning Committee and staff have been discussing for the past several months. He stated that since these mandates are unfunded, the Council will be called upon to make decisions regarding the necessary funding.

Following Mr. Sullivan's presentation, several questions were asked regarding the compliance time-line, funding options, and various methods that might be used to accomplish the disinfection process. Staff was directed to provide the Council with further information on the "wetlands" method.

Councilman Jim Penfold stated that this issue will appear again on the May 21 Public Works & Planning Committee agenda and invited the entire Council to attend that meeting to hear more about it.

Spay-Neuter Program for Low Income Residents

Pat Sullivan gave a presentation regarding the implementation of a spay neuter program which is now available for low-income residents of the City at a reduced cost. Following his presentation, some suggestions were made regarding educating the public to the existence, availability, participation qualification, and possible future expansion of this program so that it might be made available for other than low-income residents, and possibly even residents of the County which reside outside the City limits. Mr. Sullivan indicated that the Heart of Missouri Human Society is mostly credited for establishing and implementing this program, and that he would pass the Council's suggestions on to them.

Council Committees

Councilman Dan Klindt stated that he had requested this item be placed on tonight's agenda to allow discussion of standing Council committees, how they are established, and how they handle issues which will eventually come before the full Council. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Councilwoman Carrie Carroll to eliminate the four current standing committees and establish in lieu thereof two Committees-of-the-whole which shall be the Finance Committee and the Public Works & Planning Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rich Koon. Following further discussion, Councilwoman Carrie Carroll withdrew her motion, and Councilman Rich Koon withdrew his second.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.