

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

April 19, 2010 - 12:00 Noon
Office of the City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

The Council of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, met in its first meeting of the new term in the Council Chamber at City Hall, on Monday, April 19, 2010, at 12:00 Noon. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Falkner. Notice of said meeting was provided in the City Clerk's office at City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Present were Councilmembers Boyer, Falkner, Jones, Kovac, LaBass, Myers, Penland, Roach, Starr-9. Total membership--9. Five members constitute a quorum.

Also present were City Manager Vincent J. Capell, City Attorney Lisa M. Robertson, Human Resources Director Diana Slater, Police Chief Christopher Connally, Planning & Community Development Director Clint Thompson, Fire Chief Michael L. Dalsing Health Director Debra Bradley, Public Works & Transportation Director J. Bruce Woody, Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Director Bill R. McKinney, Special Projects Manager Chuck Kempf, Communications Manager Mary Robertson, Multi-media Coordinator Chris Clark, City Clerk Paula Heyde, Deputy City Clerk Rita K. Domini, Senior Account Clerk/City Clerk's Office Charity Loftis and Intern Justin Peacock.

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ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

36563 It was moved by Councilmember Boyer and seconded by Councilmember Starr that Councilmember Byron Myers Sr. be nominated as Deputy Mayor of the City of St. Joseph. Motion carried. Ayes, Boyer, Falkner, Jones, Kovac, LaBass, Myers, Penland, Roach, Starr--9.

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION:

36564 (Resolution No. 36564 - 3073) A Resolution (#12-10) sponsored by the Mayor and all Councilmembers expressing the thanks and appreciation of the Mayor and City Council to the retiring Mayor and Councilmembers for their public service for the betterment of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, for the 2006-2010 term, was read and adopted. Ayes, Boyer, Falkner, Jones, Kovac, LaBass, Myers, Penland, Roach, Starr--9.

ADJOURNMENT:

36565 By general consent, the Council adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk

INAUGURAL CEREMONIES:

The inaugural program which commenced at 12:00 Noon, April 19, 2010, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, was as follows:

Welcome and Invocation	Senior Pastor Darrell, Master of Ceremonies Grace Evangelical Church
Raising of the Colors	Benton Jr. R.O.T.C.
Pledge of Allegiance	Clark Hampton
National Anthem	Andrea Montgomery
Thought for the Day	Clark Hampton
Recognition of Outgoing Officials	Councilmember Donna Jean Boyer
Presentation of City Officials	Senior Pastor Darrell Jones
Municipal Judge	John Boeh
City Council	Donna Jean Boyer, At-large Pat Jones, District I PJ Kovac, District III Barbara LaBass, District V Byron Myers Sr., At-large Jeff Penland, At-large Gary Roach, District IV Joyce A. Starr, District II
Mayor	Bill Falkner
Administering the Oath of Office to the Municipal Court Judge	The Honorable Keith Marquart Div. 5, Circuit Court Judge
Administering the Oath of Office to the Municipal Court Judge, City Council and Mayor	Paula Heyde, CMC, City Clerk
Presentation of the gavel to Mayor Bill Falkner	Ken Shearin
Inaugural Address	Mayor Bill Falkner
Benediction	Senior Pastor Darrell Jones

INAUGURAL CEREMONIES: (Cont'd)

The following is the Mayor's Inaugural Address:

I would like to thank everyone for joining us here today. It's an exciting day, not only for the people who join me up here, but for the City of St. Joseph as well.

As I look around this group, I notice we not only have the experience of individuals that have served on the council and understand some of the challenges that our city is facing, but we are adding new council members that are willing and eager to serve you.

I welcome each councilmember here, and I know in my heart, that the words Clark spoke of earlier, "On my honor, I will do my best" will ring true of this council.

My pledge to this council, city staff, and every citizen is that my door will always be open, the lines of communications will be as direct as possible, that information will be easily accessed and that I will show respect to each councilmember and to the office that I have been elected to.

My hope for this council is that:

We continue with the city talk venues and make ourselves as accessible as possible.

We listen to concerns from individuals and try to be a part of the solution.

We strive to work with new and existing businesses, making this a welcoming city and one that encourages their presence.

We have open discussions on issues, hear both sides of each issue, and give city staff clear direction on what this citizen directed council would like to see done. There will be a lot of tough decisions to be made. And we won't agree all the time. We shouldn't be expected to. But my hope is we can work through any disagreements and come together to find the best solutions for our city.

I see the city at a crossroad. With revenue down and the faith in government shaky at best, we are presented with two paths. The first path is well traveled. With everybody doing what the person in front of them is doing. Expecting someone else to fix the problem without much effort or sacrifice on their part.

But the second path, the one not traveled by many is the path I would like for us to take. We have something that a lot of other cities do not. The belief in our community and knowing that the only one that can help move us forward, is ourselves. Will it be easy? No. Will we make mistakes? Yes. Can we do it? You bet, because we have another asset that most communities don't have, each other. This community has a way of helping each other like no other. We have the ability that when someone is in need to set aside things of a personal nature and help. It could be financial, giving of one's time, or keeping one in their prayers.

And if we work together as a team, and it will have to be a team effort, we can move our city forward. With the fresh new attitude of "How can we make this work." It's time that St. Joseph is the city that every other city tries to compare itself to.

In closing there are a couple people I would like to thank. For the past four years I have had the honor of working with the past mayor, Ken Shearin. Though some of his ways were rough around the edges, his heart was always in the right place. Ken I thank you and value your friendship.

INAUGURAL CEREMONIES: (Cont'd)

(Mayor's Inaugural Address Cont'd)

I come from a large family. I have five sisters and one brother. I thank each one of them for their hard work and support that they have shown for me. My sister Michelle worked with us on my campaign, bringing new ideas and enthusiasm. Thanks to my daughter Andrea, for sharing her voice and her day with her dad.

Thanks to Pastor Darrell Jones and Clark Hampton for being a part of the ceremonies, and sharing their time and insight with us.

This next person has been my biggest supporter, and critic. Her hard work ethic is matched only by her strong faith in our Lord. That's my wife, Renee. Thank you and I love you.

Thank you all for coming and I know that I speak for the entire council in saying we look forward to working for you the next four years.

Thank You.