



**City of Berkeley, Missouri
City Council Meeting
April 21, 2014**

Meeting Called to Order:

The council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Verges	absent	Councilwoman Hoskins	present
Councilwoman Mathison	present	Councilwoman Montgomery	present
Councilman-at-Large Deinbo	absent	Mayor Hoskins	present

Quorum established. Also present were City Manager Nathan Mai-Lombardo and City Attorney Donnell Smith in addition to other department heads. There was a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. This was an open meeting.

Certification of Election Results and Installation of Newly Elected or Re-Elected Officials:

City Clerk Jones announced the certified results of the April 8, 2014 election received from St. Louis County Election Board as:

COUNCIL-AT-LARGE

Babatunde Deinbo – 448
Ralph McDaniel – 477
Invalid Write-In – 2

COUNCILMAN WARD I

Gwendolyn Verges – 130
Emmalene Mitchell – 185

COUNCILMAN WARD III

Willie Mae (Woody) Harris – 72
Lee Etta Hoskins – 152

COUNCILMAN WARD V

Patricia A. Kirkland – 131
Invalid Write-In – 3

Councilwoman Hoskins moved, Councilwoman Mathison seconded, and the motion carried to receive the certified election result submitted.

- Mayor Theodore Hoskins administered the oath of office to Ralph McDaniel for the position of Councilman-at-Large.
- Bishop Anita Kelley administered the oath of office to Emmalene Mitchell for the position of Councilwoman Ward I.
- Rev. Alfred Washington administered the oath of office to Lee Etta Hoskins for the position of Councilwoman Ward III.
- Pastor Willie Kilpatrick administered the oath of office to Patricia Kirkland for the position of Councilwoman Ward V.

A 15-minute recess was taken at 7:18 pm to partake in refreshments for the newly elected and re-elected officials.

The meeting reconvened at 7:33 pm. Roll Call:

Councilwoman Mitchell	present	Councilwoman Hoskins	present
Councilwoman Mathison	present	Councilwoman Kirkland	present
Councilman-at-Large McDaniel	present	Mayor Hoskins	present

Mayor Hoskins opened the floor to present plaques of appreciation to retiring Councilwoman Ward II Irene Calton and Councilwoman Ward V M. Jean Montgomery, thanking them for their many years of service. Each Councilwoman spoke for a few minutes thanking the public and council.

Approval of the Minutes:

Mayor Hoskins moved, Councilwoman Hoskins seconded, and the motion carried to approve the March 17, 2014 regular meeting minutes, March 17, 2014 closed session minutes, and April 7, 2014 regular meeting minutes.

Public Hearings:

None

Request for Rezoning, Special Use Permits, Resubdivision:

Alexander Sander for Hafiza Rewihal requested to have an audience with the City Planning Committee in reference to operating a food market and operation at 8017 Airport Road for a special use permit. Mayor Hoskins moved, Councilwoman Mathison seconded, and the motion carried to allow Ms. Rewihal to go before the P & Z Committee on its May agenda.

Citizens Hearing:

Tony King, Corporate Operations Manager for Davidson Surface Air requested approval to have a commercial occupancy permit at 9150 Latty Ave. The facility would be used for a long-term storage for tools and parts required to support the Boeing Company. This location is properly zoned and does not need to go before the P & Z Committee. Mr. King was directed to the Public Works Dept to complete the proper paperwork.

Minister Stephen Greenlee on behalf of Pastor Jason Bryant and the Revival Church requested permission to have a permit to have a Peace March. The march will start at Airport Rd / Hanley and Frost / Hanley going east. The adult participants (approximately 30) will walk along the sidewalk (not in the streets) holding signs and talking about the bible and praying for people who want to speak with them. No one will be using bullhorns during this Peace March. The goal is not to disturb the peace. Councilwoman Hoskins moved, Councilman-at-Large McDaniel seconded, and the motion passed for Minister Greenlee to receive a parade permit for one march.

Kevin McConnell spoke about his dissatisfactions with treatment from the police at the polling place during the April 8th election, after a disturbance call was received. *Mayor Hoskins insured that the issue would be investigated.*

Pastor Willie Kirkpatrick of the Prince of Peace Church requested permission to run a couple of programs. 1) "Charge Them Up" Saturday May 10, 2014 to pass out free batteries for smoke detectors throughout the City of Berkeley. With approximately 50 volunteers from 13 years old to 50 years old. Each group will have at least 2 adults and 3-4 youths. 2) "Berkeley Community Sunday" would recognize different categories of people associated with Berkeley: * Pop Education Award to students in the Berkley elementary and middle schools picked by the principals of the schools. * Pop Service Award to public officials, fire department, and police department. The Fire and Police Department are working hard in the community and we need to say "Thank You". * Honor a person who does a great job within the community.

Pat Ryan of 9000 block of Guthrie welcomed the new council members. Mr. Ryan expressed his concerns about Firehouse 2 not being opened on a regular basis and about more policemen, firemen, inspectors, and street workers needed in the community.

Raphael Whitter of the 8200 block of Cadillac recognized and gave appreciation to Officer Schafer and Officer Keiser for helping him through the situation of his home being broken into, feels they have a genuine concern.

Reverlea Coleman of the 8200 block of Cadillac welcomed the new council members and gave words of encouragement and confidence.

Councilwoman Mathison moved, Mayor Hoskins seconded, and the motion carried to close the citizens hearing portion of the meeting.

Resolutions:

a. # 3298: March Reimbursement

A Resolution to Reimburse Such Councilpersons and City Manager for Expenses Specifically Incurred by Them, if any, for the Month of March 2014

Reimbursement was not required. The city clerk did not read the resolution.

Petitions:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Mayor Hoskins moved, Councilman-at-Large McDaniel seconded, and the motion carried to schedule a Budget Orientation for the new council members on Thursday May 1, 2014 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm and after 6:00 pm for two hours.

Mayor Hoskins explained that items that are put on the agenda must be accompanied by supporting documents. No items will be presented to the council by staff or council without the council having time to review the information.

Introduction of Bills:

The Mayor is the head of the city, and will be the only person signing contracts for the City of Berkeley. Due to dissatisfaction with the last four City Manager's, the Mayor will sign off on all items initiated by the City Manager. Before checks can be signed, they must be attached with supporting documents. The Mayor is the only person who can lower the flag half staff. The Mayor is the only one that can call a State of Emergency in the city and direct the employees during it. The council will be looking at crime, streets, vacant houses, and gangs. Elections have consequences and things will change from the city manager, streets, police department, fire department, on down. The city manager will wear a suit and tie every day and look professional. The city manager will only do task directed by the council. Mayor Hoskins called an employee meeting for Wednesday, April 23rd at 10:30 am. The Mayor's position will be respected. The departments will go through proper procedures for approval of their items.

Bill # 4288: Amending Dress Code Policy

Councilwoman Hoskins made a motion for the 1st reading of Bill # 4288, and Mayor Hoskins seconded. There was a lengthy discussion about this bills disrespect towards the council.

Mayor Hoskins made a motion for the 2nd reading of Bill # 4288 and asked the council to vote no. The city manager, from this day forward, must wear a suit and tie every day. Councilman-at-Large McDaniel seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mitchell-Nay, Hoskins-Nay, Mathison-Aye, Kirkland-Aye, McDaniel-Nay, and Mayor-Nay (Aye-2, Nay-4) Motion failed.

Appointments to Boards and Commissions:

Councilwoman Hoskins appointed Caroline Crimes to the Betterment Committee. Mayor Hoskins seconded the nomination. The nomination passed with a call of all in favor vote and zero objections.

Councilman-at-Large McDaniel appointed Kyra Watson to the P & Z Committee. Councilwoman Hoskins seconded the nomination. Roll Call: Mitchell-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Mathison-Nay, Kirkland-Abstain, McDaniel-Aye, and Mayor-Aye (Aye-4, Nay-1, Abstain-12) Motion passed.

Bill # 4286: Securus – 1st Reading

City Clerk Jones read Bill # 4286 by title only.

Communications:

City Clerk Jones read the resignation from Councilman-at-Large McDaniel from the P & Z Committee. Councilwoman Mathison moved, Councilwoman Hoskins seconded, and the motion carried to accept the resignation.

Reports and Recommendations from the City Manager:

Councilwoman Hoskins moved, Councilwoman Mathison seconded, and the motion carried to approve the listed liquor license renewals.

1. A-1 Wine & Liquor - 6796 North Hanley Road
2. Ace's Sports bar - 9600 Natural Bridge Road
3. Fucifino's 2.0 - 9399 Natural Bridge Road
4. Hilton Garden Inn - 4450 Evans Place
5. Gas Mart 16 - 4403 North Hanley Road
6. Jetway Liquor 1 - 9361 Natural Bridge Road
7. Quiktrip - 6805 North Hanley Road
8. Renaissance Hotel - 9801 Natural Bridge Road
9. The Liquor Doctor - 8360 Airport Road
10. Western Oil Inc Petromart #0568 - 8601 Airport Road

Reports from the Clerk:

None

Reports from the Attorney:

None

Reports from the Special Committees:

None

Reports from Standing Committees:

Mayor Hoskins called for a motion to receive and file the P & Z Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2014, Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2012, and Board of Adjustment Resolution of Decision of April 14, 2014. Councilwoman Hoskins moved, Councilman-at-Large McDaniel seconded, and the motion carried to accept the minutes.

Reports from the Council:

Ward 1 Councilwoman Mitchell: Thanked everyone for the election and the outcome. Count it a privilege and a desire by serving in moving the city forward and working together as one man. Welcomes calls from the W1 residents to express complaints and concerns before bringing them to the council meetings.

Ward 5 Councilwoman Kirkland: Thanked everyone for their support. Wants to bridge the gap between W5 and the city hall; and that everyone needs to work together to move forward.

Councilman-at-Large McDaniel: Thanked everyone for their support, especially Keith Moore, former Mayor Watson, Deatrice, Michelle, Tommy, Wanda, Chris, Gerald, Dr. Johnson, Councilwoman Mitchell, and the Hoskins family. Everyone must rally together in the city to move it forward.

Ward 3 Councilwoman Hoskins: Thanked and gave appreciation to everyone for their support over the years. All cities are faced with economic problems and issues. With the city's location being a hot spot, we can overcome some issues by making the right connections.

Ward 4 Councilwoman Mathison: Congratulated everyone for winning their seats. Cooler heads may preserve. Spoke words of appreciation to Councilman-at-Large McDaniel. Judge the person by the interaction with them, not by what someone else has said about them.

Mayor Hoskins: Thanked everyone for coming and voting for a change. Want to establish an audit committee (Mayor, Councilman-at-Large, and Councilwoman Ward 4) to view the bids, select the firm, and present the results to the council. The firm will only report to the committee and not the staff. Recommend the city goes

back to having an Assistant City Manager. The council will interview and select the candidate. The position will have the HR Manager duties, other duties directed by the council, and report directly to the council. The position will be put in the new budget and HR position eliminated. \$8,000 is in the budget for senior utilities tax reimbursement, with only \$3,000 used. Mayor Hoskins made a motion to extend the program to June 30th. Councilwoman Hoskins seconded the motion. *Motion died*. Requested that the insurance agent comes to the next council meeting and explain why certain changes cannot be made. Mayor Hoskins moved, Councilwoman Mathison seconded, and the motion carried to establish the audit committee.

Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

By a vote of all in favor, these amended minutes were approved on 5th day of May 2014. |

Theodore Hoskins, Mayor

Attest:

Deanna Jones, City Clerk