

**Minutes of the
Ste. Genevieve Board of Aldermen
Special Meeting
Wednesday – June 18, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Richard Greminger called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL. A roll call by City Clerk Pam Meyer showed the following members present:

Mayor Richard Greminger	
Alderman Beth Caldwell	Alderman John Stuppy
Alderman Mike Jokerst	Alderman Donald Stuppy
Alderman Rick Huck	Alderman Tom Couch

Absent: Alderman Joe Prince Alderman Teddy Ross

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. A motion by Alderman Huck, second by Alderman Jokerst to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0-2 with Alderman Prince and Alderman Ross absent.

NEW BUSINESS.

Public Nuisance Hearings. At this time City Attorney Frank Elpers explained that Board of Aldermen will hear testimony from City Staff and anyone that would like to submit their testimony into evidence for any of the three nuisance’s that are before them this evening. Mr. Elpers explained that the Board will hear testimony, all testimony will be under oath, on all three nuisances. After all testimony is given the Board will than go into closed session to discuss and enter an order on each nuisance brought before them this evening.

At this time City Clerk, Pam Meyer, swore in City Administrator, Martin Toma and City Building Inspector Jimmie Jones.

The first nuisance brought before the Board of Alderman was, **268 N. Third Street** which is owned by Catherine Keser. Mr. Toma presented the Board with a power point presentation. All of which is copied and presented to them in packet form before them for reference. City Attorney Elpers stated that he would like to move into evidence the entire packet presented to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen put together by City Staff members regarding the residence at 268 N. Third Street. Mr. Toma hand delivered a copy of the letter for the nuisance hearing to Ms. Keser at her residence and when asked if she was living there she did respond yes. It was noted that there is no running water to the property because it was shut

off for non-payment which violates City ordinance to live in a home that does not have running water. At this time Ms. Catherine Keser was sworn in and she was asked if she understood what the order meant and if she had any intention abiding by the order. Ms. Keser stated she understood and would start working on things immediately. Ms. Williams was sworn in and stated that she has been working on cleaning the inside of the house for Ms. Keser. Mr. William Pruneau was sworn in and stated he has also been working with Ms. Keser to get the outside debris and vegetation cleaned up. Mr. Pruneau also stated that Ms. Keser had a high water bill due to a leak that filled her basement with water.

The second nuisance to be brought before the Board of Aldermen is **498 S. Fourth Street**, which is owned by deceased residents Aloysius & Donna Hotop. Correspondences had been sent to the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hotop whom resides in Florida. Mr. Toma presented the Board with a power point presentation and a package of information. All of which, Mr. Elpers, City Attorney would like to move into evidence the entire packet put together by City Hall staff. Mr. Terrance Bourisaw was sworn in and addressed the Board that he resides at 1 Linn Drive and this house sits directly behind his residence. He is concerned that there may be an open cistern on the property. He also stated that people have been seen going in and out of the house at night time and that because of the high weeds, etc. the snakes, skunks, raccoons and all other wild animals have taken over the residence and is causing issues for him on his property. Ms. Jennifer Bourisaw was sworn in and stated that her main concern is for her 2 year old daughter whom is in need of a liver transplant and she is concern for her health. Having to live next to these conditions has Ms. Bourisaw worried for her daughter's health.

The third and final nuisance is for **472 Merchant Street**, currently owned by Cheri Henderson. At the time of the fire the house was owned by Ruth Ann Hults. Mr. Toma presented the power point presentation and Mr. Elpers, City Attorney stated that he would like to move into evidence the entire packet of information prepared by City Staff regarding 472 Merchant Street. Mr. Robert Browne, was sworn in and stated that there are all kinds of animals living there, there is an uncovered hot tub in the back yard, the only time they mow the yard is when the City makes them and he believes that the owners of no intentions of doing anything to the house. Donna Marler, was sworn in and stated that the house needs to be completely boarded up and something needs to be done with this soon because it is making the entire neighborhood look bad. Mr. Toma stated that the insurance proceed check that is required per City ordinance that was made payable to the owner at the time of the fire and the City has not been cashed.

A motion by Alderman Huck, second by Alderman John Stuppy to go into closed session to discuss to discuss litigation matters as authorized by Section 610.021(1), RSMO. Motion carried 6-0-2 with the following roll call vote: Ayes: Alderman Huck, Alderman Couch, Alderman John Stuppy, Alderman Donald Stuppy, Alderman Jokerst and Alderwoman Caldwell Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Prince and Alderman Ross. 6:42 p.m.

A motion by Alderman Couch, second by Alderwoman Caldwell to come out of closed session. Motion carried 6-0-2 with the following roll call vote: Ayes: Alderman Huck, Alderman Couch, Alderman John Stuppy, Alderman Donald Stuppy, Alderman Jokerst and Alderwoman Caldwell Nays: None. Absent: Alderman Prince and Alderman Ross. 7:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT. A motion by Alderman Couch, second by Alderman Jokerst to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0-2 with Alderman Prince and Alderman Ross absent. 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Pam Meyer
City Clerk