

**Minutes of the  
STE. GENEVIEVE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY – January 10, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Richard Greminger called the Regular Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 7:00 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	
Keith Skaggs, Alderman Ward 1	Shawna Zerwig, Alderwoman Ward 1
John Stuppy, Alderman Ward 2	Mike Jokerst, Alderman Ward 2
Carl Okenfuss, Alderman Ward 3	Joe Steiger, Alderman Ward 3
Teddy Ross, Alderman Ward 4	Linda Brumfield, Alderwoman Ward 4

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** A motion by Alderman Jokerst, second by Alderman Stuppy to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

**PRESENTATION/AWARDS.** None. Mayor Greminger welcomed Boy Scouts Troop 468 to the meeting.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES.** Mr. Jeff Stroder with Beussink, Hey, Roe, Seabaugh & Stroder, LLC was present to present the City's annual audit to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Mr. Stroder reported that the City had one significant finding on their annual audit review. Mr. Storder reported that is seemed to be an honest mistake of not recording a transaction related to refinancing the City's bonds last year. Mr. Stroder stated that they had to make a couple significant adjustments of the numbers on the financial statements for the debt service fund because of a very unusual transaction. When the City refinanced the bonds, the transactions were taken care of by the bank and did not get recorded in the books. This created a situation where the revenues and expenditures were understated. The alteration in the audit added two million to the City's expenditures in the debt service fund which put the City in a position of exceeding its budgetary limits. Other than this one finding the books were in routine condition as expected.

**CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT. (See Attached Report)**

**STAFF REPORTS.** Mick Schwent – Fire Chief (See Attached Report) Steve Wilson – Alliance Water. (See Attached Report) Due to Mr. Wilson being ill Terry Merritt was available to answer any questions that the Mayor and/or Board of Aldermen had for him. Mr. Merritt did report that there had been a few main breaks due to the weather and that improvements continue to be made to the system.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS.** Alderman Steiger reported that there will be a Tourism Meeting on Friday, January 18 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

**Minutes - Board of Aldermen - Regular Meeting - December 13, 2012.**

A motion by Alderman Okenfuss, second by Alderman Stuppy to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Aldermen meeting on December 13, 2012. Motion carried 8-0.

**Minutes - Board of Aldermen - Regular Meeting - December 27, 2012.** A motion by Alderman Steiger, second by Alderman Skaggs to approve the minutes of the regular meeting from December 27, 2012. Motion carried 8-0.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT - NOVEMBER, 2012.** A motion by Alderman Okenfuss, second by Alderman Skaggs to approve the financial statement for November 2012. Motion carried 8-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013 - 09. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE NOTICE TO PROCEED FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT WITH C E CONTRACTING, INC.** A motion by Alderman Steiger, second by Alderman Stuppy to approve Resolution 2013-09. Motion carried 8-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING - The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Ste. Genevieve will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a special use permit to operate a home occupation from the residence at 25 N. Fourth Street, located in an R-2 General Residential district. The nature of the home occupation is an art studio and gallery.** Mayor Greminger opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. There being no public comment the public hearing was closed at 7:26 p.m. A motion by Alderwoman Zerwig, second by Alderman Skaggs to approve the Special Use Permit request. Motion carried 8-0.

**OLD BUSINESS.** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BILL NO. 3902. AN ORDINANCE CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION WITHIN AND FOR THE CITY OF STE GENEVIEVE, STE. GENEVIEVE COUNTY, MISSOURI, TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2013, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI, ON THE QUESTION OF INCREASING THE TAX RATE OF THE CITY OF STE GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF BALLOT TO BE USED, SETTING OUT THE FORM OF NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION AND DIRECTING ITS PUBLICATION. 1<sup>ST</sup> READING.** A motion by Alderman Steiger, second by Alderman Okenfuss, discussion occurred at this time. At this time a motion by Alderwoman Zerwig, second by Alderwoman Brumfield to amend the ordinance to include the rate of .134 cent increase in tax levy on one hundred dollar valuation. Motion carried 7-1 with Alderman Stuppy casting the no vote. A motion by Alderman Okenfuss, second by Alderwoman Zerwig, Amended Bill No. 3902, was placed on its first reading, read by title only, considered and passed with a 7-1 vote of the Board of Aldermen.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Larry Marler spoke against the proposal because he feels like it places too much of a burden on the older, retired members of the community. Bill Fisher spoke to the Mayor and Board stating that both City and County residents are already paying too much in taxes and asked if possibly cutting back in other departments to come up with the money instead of putting the burden on the tax payers. Fire Chief Mick

Schwent also spoke at this time and stated that the Fire Department has good equipment dedicated volunteers and is extremely proud to have an ISO rating down to a Class 4, which helps property owners keep their fire insurance at a lower rate with their insurance carriers. Chief Schwent went on and explained what the passing of the tax would mean for the future of the Fire Department and also on residents and their insurance premiums.

**OTHER BUSINESS.** Alderman Steiger wanted to discuss a date to have a special meeting to vote on the second reading of the Fire Tax so that it would meet the deadline for Certification with the County Clerk. Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. was decided.

**MAYOR/BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMUNICATION.**

**EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION.** A motion by Alderman Steiger, second by Alderman Okenfuss to go into closed session to discuss real estate acquisition matters as authorized by Section 610.021(2). Motion carried 8-0 with the following roll call vote: Ayes: Alderman Okenfuss, Alderman Steiger, Alderman Skaggs, Alderwoman Zerwig, Alderman Stuppy, Alderman Jokerst, Alderman Ross and Alderwoman Brumfield. 8:00 p.m.

A motion by Alderman Okenfuss, second by Alderwoman Zerwig to come out of closed session. Motion carried 8-0 with the following roll call vote: Ayes: Alderman Okenfuss, Alderman Steiger, Alderman Skaggs, Alderwoman Zerwig, Alderman Stuppy, Alderman Jokerst, Alderman Ross and Alderwoman Brumfield. 8:28 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT.** A motion by Alderman Okenfuss, second by Alderman Jokerst to adjourn the meeting. 8:30 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted by,**

**Pam Meyer  
City Clerk**