

**MINUTES OF
STE. GENEVIEVE BOARD OF ALDERMAN
REGULAR MEETING
STE. GENEVIEVE CITY HALL
THURSDAY – December 8, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Richard Greminger called the 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	
Alderman Phil Rogers	Alderman John Stuppy
Alderman Keith Skaggs	Alderman Michael Jokerst
Alderman Carl Okenfuss	Alderwoman Linda Brumfield
Alderman Joe Steiger	Alderman Teddy Ross

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. A motion by Alderman Rogers, second by Alderman Skaggs to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

PRESENTATION/AWARDS. None

PERSONAL APPEARANCES. None

CITY ADMINISTRATORSREPORT. See Attached Report

STAFF REPORTS. Terry Merritt – Alliance Water. (See Attached Report)
Dave Pinkley – Public Works Supt. (See Attached Report)
Stephanie Bell – Tourism Director (See Attached Report)

COMMITTEE REPORTS. None.

CONSENT AGENDA. Minutes Board of Aldermen Regular Session – November 10, 2011. A motion by Alderman Okenfuss, second by Alderwoman Brumfield to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of November 10, 2011. Motion carried 8-0.

Minutes Board of Aldermen Special Meeting – November 29, 2011. A motion by Alderman Rogers, second by Alderwoman Brumfield to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 29, 2011. Motion carried 8-0.

Financial Report - October 2011. A motion by Alderman Okenfuss, second by Alderman Rogers to approve the Financial Report of October 2011. Motion carried 8-0.

RESOLUTION 2012-03. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI STATING INTENT TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE STE. GENEVIEVE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000.00 FOR THE STE. GENEVIEVE FIRE

DEPARTMENT. A motion by Alderman Rogers, second by Alderman Ross to approve Resolution 2012-03. Motion carried 8-0.

RESOLUTION 2012-04. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 1980 JOHN DEERE TRACTOR BE DECLARED SURPLUS PROPERTY AND PROVIDING FURTHER AUTHORITY. A motion by Alderman Steiger, second by Alderwoman Brumfield to approve Resolution 2012-04. Motion carried 8-0.

RESOLUTION 2012-05. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BY-LAWS FOR THE STE. GENEVIEVE TOURISM ADVISORY COUNCIL. A motion by Alderman Steiger, second by Alderman Rogers to approve Resolution 2012-05. Motion carried 8-0.

RESOLUTION 2012-06. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO WRITE OFF UNCOLLECTABLE CITY TAXES. A motion by Alderman Rogers, second by Alderman Okenfuss to approve Resolution 2012-06. After discussion Alderman Rogers rescinded his motion and Alderman Okenfuss second. A motion by Alderman Rogers, second by Alderman Stuppy to table Resolution 2012-06 and request further study by the City Attorney, Frank Elpers. Motion carried 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS.

Consideration of the Citizen's Electric Proposal. Alderman Steiger commented that he is not ready to make a decision and would like more discussion about keeping Citizens Electric's Corporate Office in the City of Ste. Genevieve. Alderman Steiger is not ready to commit on selling the industrial property just for the service center. Alderman Ross said that the City has not received any answers from Citizen Electric on what the City had offered them. Alderman Okenfuss said that he feels like the Board has bent over backwards to give Citizens Electric a good deal. However, Alderman Okenfuss is sad to see another possible empty building in the downtown area. Mayor Greminger and Aldermen Steiger both agree that they are willing to explore other options that could help keep CEC in the City. Alderman Steiger wants the Mayor to use all City resources to keep CEC and that their relocation would be a huge blow both psychologically and financially. Alderwoman Brumfield asked if City staff had looked into the question about land use in the Industrial Park. Mr. Toma said there was no restriction that he could find for the type of building that could be constructed in the industrial park. The land is zoned industrial, which is a broad area. Alderman Steiger asked Ron Klein who was in attendance at the meeting to bring an offer from the CEC Board that could keep headquarters in the City. Alderman Steiger said that he thought the Board of Aldermen would entertain any type of proposition that they would have. Klein commented that they have been doing that for quite some time but he will take those comments back to his Board.

NEW BUSINESS.

BILL NO. 3831. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,566.50 AND A FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$841,619.70 ON THE CONTRACT WITH HERZOG CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI FOR THE FLOW EQUALIZATION TANK AND LIFT STATION NO. 1 IMPROVEMENTS. 1ST READING. A motion by Alderman Rogers second by Alderman Ross, Bill No. 3831 was placed on its first reading, read by title only, considered and passed with a 8-0 vote of the Board of Aldermen. A motion by Alderman Okenfuss, second by Alderman Rogers to proceed with the second and final reading of Bill No. 3831. Motion carried 8-0. A motion by Alderman Rogers, second by

Alderman Steiger, Bill No. 3831 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderman Skaggs, Alderman Rogers, Alderman Steiger Alderman Stuppy, Alderman Jokerst, Alderman Ross, Alderman Okenfuss and Alderwoman Brumfield. Nays: None Motion carried 8-0. Thereupon Bill No. 3831 was declared Ordinance No. 3772 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 3832 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DRURY COMPANY, OF CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND EIGHTY NINE DOLLARS (\$5,089.00) FOR THE INSTALLATION OF GUTTER SUPPORTS AND ICE GUARDS FOR THE FIRE STATION. 1ST READING. A motion by Alderman Rogers, second by Alderman Okenfuss, Bill No. 3832 was placed on its first reading, read by title only, considered and passed with a 7-1 vote of the Board of Aldermen with Alderman Stuppy casting the Naye vote. A motion by Alderman Ross, second by Alderman Rogers to proceed with the second and final reading of Bill No. 3832. Motion carried 7-1 with Alderwoman Brumfield casting the Naye vote. A motion by Alderman Rogers, second by Alderman Skaggs, Bill No. 3832 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderman Skaggs, Alderman Rogers, Alderman Steiger, Alderman Jokerst, Alderman Ross, Alderman Okenfuss and Alderwoman Brumfield. Nays: Alderman Stuppy Motion carried 7-1. Thereupon Bill No. 3832 was declared Ordinance No. 3773 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 3833. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 1998 KENWORTH T300 STAINLESS STEEL TANKER TRUCK FROM T. DAVIS SALES, IN ELIZABETHTOWN, KENTUCKY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$44,000.00 FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT. 1ST READING. A motion by Alderman Rogers second by Alderman Ross, Bill No. 3833 was placed on its first reading, read by title only, considered and passed with a 8-0 vote of the Board of Aldermen. A motion by Alderman Rogers, second by Alderman Skaggs to proceed with the second and final reading of Bill No. 3833. Motion carried 8-0. A motion by Alderman Okenfuss, second by Alderman Rogers, Bill No. 3833 was placed on its second and final reading, read by title only, considered and passed by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Alderman Skaggs, Alderman Rogers, Alderman Steiger Alderman Stuppy, Alderman Jokerst, Alderman Ross, Alderman Okenfuss and Alderwoman Brumfield. Nays: None Motion carried 8-0. Thereupon Bill No. 3833 was declared Ordinance No. 3774 signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 3834. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A LIME CHEMICAL MIXING SYSTEM FROM EQUIPMENT PRO, INC. STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,162.00 FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT. 1ST READING. A motion by Alderman Skaggs, second by Alderman Stuppy, Bill No. 3834 was placed on its first reading, read by title only, considered and passed with a 8-0 vote of the Board of Aldermen.

BILL NO. 3835. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 210.770: CEMETERY RULES OF THE STE. GENEVIEVE CODE OF ORDINANCES. 1ST READING. A motion by Alderman Skaggs, second by Alderman Rogers to Approve Bill No. 3835 as amended. Amended Bill No. 3835 was placed on its first reading, read by title only, considered and passed with an 8-0 vote of the Board of Aldermen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mr. Bill Fischer, who stated he is a landlord in the City of Ste. Genevieve addressed the Mayor and Board of Alderman to ask if they had considered discussion of the

ordinance that the City has that addresses that the Landlord and Tenant are jointly responsible for the water/sewer bill. Mayor Greminger stated that they would discuss this topic at the next work session. Mr. Fischer asked that someone lets him know when this work session will be. Mr. Lawrence Marler, addressed the Mayor and Board of Aldermen stating that he was in full support of a recent "Letter to the Editor" in the Ste. Genevieve Herald that called for the abolishing of the Landmarks Commission. He stated that Board should give consideration to eliminating the Landmarks Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS. A motion by Alderman Ross to have open burning until December 23, 2011, second by Alderman Stuppy. Motion carried 8-0.

MAYOR/BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMUNICATION. Alderman Stuppy asked if Martin could look into the traffic lights at the intersection of Hwy 61 & 32 and see if they can be re-aligned? He feels like there is a lot of confusion.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION. Not needed.

ADJOURNMENT. A motion by Alderman Okenfuss, second by Alderman Ross to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 8-0. 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

**Pam Meyer
City Clerk**