



**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF FRONTENAC
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Alderpersons on June 25, 2024 was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with Mayor Kate Hatfield presiding. The Alderpersons present were Pat Kilker, Meg Mannion, Jamie Griesedieck, Scott Mullis and Tom O'Brien. Alderperson Dan Millman was absent.

Also, in attendance were Interim City Administrator/City Clerk, Leesa Ross; City Attorney Edward Sluys; Police Chief, Mark Guttman; Assistant Fire Chief, Kevin Halloran; Public Works Director, Jeff Wappelhorst; Finance Officer, Lea Ann Bennett; and Administrative Clerk, Shari Cooper.

A. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Bill No. 2024-2091**: An ordinance appointing James W. Knowles, III as City Administrator for the City of Frontenac, Missouri, and providing for compensation for services in such capacity, and approving a contract related thereto.

Mayor Hatfield stated Mr. Michael Hickey, Chairperson of the Ways & Means Committee and Pat Kelly will make statements. Mr. Hickey stated his firm represents the City of Florissant and that he knew the candidate and felt he would make a great city administrator. Mr. Kelly stated he was asked to speak about severance packages of city administrators in the St. Louis area. Mr. Kelly said he felt severance packages were advantageous for the candidate and the city. The Board of Alderpersons requested clarification on the severance package which was requested by the city administrator candidate. Mr. Sluys explained a three month severance package with a sliding scale from six months down, if the candidate was removed for cause after an election.

Mayor Hatfield asked for a motion for a second reading of Bill No. 2024-2091.

MOTION: Alderperson Kilker made a motion and Alderperson Mannion made a second to the motion to approve a second reading of Bill No. 2024-2091. All alderpersons presented voted "Aye". The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

Bill No. 2024-2091: An ordinance appointing James W. Knowles, III as City Administrator for the City of Frontenac, Missouri, and providing for compensation for services in such capacity, and approving a contact related thereto.

MOTION: Alderperson O'Brien made a motion to amend Bill No. 2024-2091 by removing Section 3B from the ordinance and Section 9 from the employment agreement. All alderpersons presented voted "Aye". The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION: Alderperson Mullis made a motion to approve Bill No. 2024-2091 and Alderperson Mannion made a second for approval.

Mayor Hatfield asked Ms. Ross for a roll call of the Board of Alderpersons.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Alderperson Kilker, "Aye"; Alderperson Griesedieck, "Aye"; Alderperson O'Brien, "Aye"; Alderperson Mullis, "Aye"; Alderperson Mannion, "Aye".

Several alderpersons stated they were confused and did not know this was the vote to pass the ordinance. Mr. Sluys stated because there was confusion, we should do a second vote to pass the ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Alderperson Kilker, "Nay"; Alderperson Griesedieck, "Nay"; Alderperson O'Brien, "Nay"; Alderperson Mullis, "Aye"; and Alderperson Mannion, "Aye ". The motioned failed by a vote of 2 Aye votes and 3 Nay votes. **MOTION FAILED.**

Mayor Hatfield asked should we appoint Leesa City Administrator. Mr. Sluys started no, that should be discussed in executive session.

2. **Resolution No. 2024-570:** A resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement to provide workers compensation for the City of Frontenac, Missouri.

Ms. Bennett explained she felt the increase was due to past workers compensation claims against the city. She stated she contacted someone from Daniel & Henry for an explanation but did not receive a response, as they are extremely busy right now with renewals. She stated our estimated payroll went up \$400,000 and the mod rate changed from .98 to 1.15, explaining the increase.

MOTION: Alderperson Griesedieck made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-570 and Alderperson Mannion made a second for approval.

Mayor Hatfield asked Ms. Ross for a roll call of the Board of Alderpersons.

ROLL CALL Alderperson Griesedieck, "Aye"; Alderperson O'Brien, "Aye"; Alderperson Mullis, "Aye"; Alderperson Mannion, "Aye"; and Alderperson Kilker, "Aye". All Alderpersons present voted "Aye." The vote was unanimous. **MOTION PASSED by a vote of 5-0.**

3. Discussion regarding the City of Frontenac accepting the Metropolitan Sewer District OMCI Tax.

There was discussion on this topic to accept the OCMI Tax. Mr. Wappelhorst spoke and stated he is also in favor of the city accepting the OMCI Tax. Mayor Hatfield stated most of the surrounding cities have written letters to MSD and she wanted to make sure the board was clear on this topic and supported the city sending a letter to MSD.

B. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hatfield asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Alderperson Griesedieck made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Alderperson Mannion made a second to the motion. All the alderpersons voted “Aye”.

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.