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January 23, 2012 Board of Aldermen Special Legislative Session

The Ozark Board of Aldermen met in Special Session at 12:00 p.m. at the Ozark Community Center in Ozark, Missouri. Mayor Shane L. Nelson presided over the meeting: Alderman Eddie Campbell, Alderman James Haik, III and Alderman Mark Spinabella were present. Also attending City Administrator Steve Childers, City Attorney David Collignon and Deputy City Clerk Chandra Hodges.

Pledge of Allegiance

12:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Alderman Mark Spinabella	Absent	Alderman Dennis Sparrow	Here
Alderman Eddie Campbell	Here	Alderman Rick Gardner	Absent
Alderman James J. Haik, III	Here	Alderman Chris Snyder	Here

Alderman Spinabella arrived at the Meeting at 12:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

CEREMONIAL MATTERS:

BILLS OPEN FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

A. BILLS REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING:

B. FIRST READING BILLS:

C. RESOLUTIONS:

D. EMERGENCY BILLS:

- 1. Bill #2580-An Emergency Ordinance of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Ozark, Missouri, Giving Notice of an Annual Election in the City of Ozark for April 3, 2012.**

Motion was made by Alderman Campbell to place Bill #2580 on its first reading by title and description only, seconded by Alderman Sparrow with all present voting aye.

Alderman Sparrow questioned if the Ballot order as shown on the Bill.

Mayor Shane L. Nelson stated the order will be as presented.

Motion was made by Alderman Campbell to dispense with the second reading and place Bill #2580 on its third and final reading by title and description only, seconded by Alderman Sparrow with all present voting aye.

Motion was made by Alderman Campbell to adopt Bill #2580 as Ordinance #12-007, seconded by Alderman Sparrow with all present voting by roll call vote:

Alderman Mark Spinabella	Absent
Alderman James Haik, III	Aye
Alderman Eddie Campbell	Aye
Alderman Chris Snyder	Aye
Alderman Dennis Sparrow	Aye
Alderman Rick Gardner	Absent

E. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BILLS (TAX BILLS):

F. GRANTS:

G. AMENDED BILLS:

SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE OF BILLS. NO PUBLIC DISCUSSION, BOARD DISCUSSION ONLY:

Report of Officers, Boards and Committees:

1. Administrative:

1. Joint Session Between the Board of Aldermen and the Chamber of Commerce. Christian County Representatives Will Present Christian County's Proposed Tax Ballot Issue.

City Administrator Childers introduced the guest speakers-Christian County Presiding Commissioner Lou Lapalia and Christian County Sheriff Joey Kyle. Christian County Presiding Commissioner Lou Lapalia thanked the Mayor of letting them attend the Meeting to discuss Christian County's Sales Tax Ballot issue. Lou Lapalia introduced Commissioner Bill Barnett, Sheriff Joey Kyle and the Emergency Management Director Phil Amtower. The Christian County Commission unanimously approved placing on the April 3, 2012 Election Ballot two (2) questions for the voters to consider 1) To eliminate the June 1, 2015 Sunset Clause placed upon the current designated Judicial Center ¼ cent Sales Tax. 2) Ask the voters to approve a ¼ cent Sales Tax to expand the existing Judicial Center. The county has not asked for a Sales Tax in the past 11 years, they have recently been forced to make many detrimental Budget cuts in infrastructure, services and employees as well as their benefits. The new ¼ cent sales tax for capitalization purposes will be designated to the Judicial Center, will allow the County to create additional space for the Sheriff's Office, an additional 224 jail cells, the Court Systems, Circuit Court and the Prosecutor's Office. The County's current population is 77,422 with an anticipated population of 124, 000 within 20 years. The ¼ cent sales tax will solely fund the expansion of the Judicial Center with no funds allotted to the General Revenue Fund. The collected sales tax will be gradually sold into a 20 year \$25,000,000.00 Bond. The total cost of the Judicial Center project is \$42,000,000.00, Phase 1 will cost \$25,000,000.00. With voter approval of the sales tax in the April 3, 2012 Election the project should be ready for construction by October 2012 with an 18 to 24 month construction phase. With

the overloaded jail cells the Sheriff will be faced to book and release or relocate our inmates with the County bearing the cost.

Christian County Lou Lapalia asked the City of Ozark and the Chamber of Commerce to support Christian County's request of the voters. If the Ballot issue fails the repercussions could affect Christian County as a whole.

City Administrator Childers asked Christian County Presiding Commissioner Lou Lapalia when the County predicted to become a first (1st) Class County.

Lou Lapalia stated by the year 2015 the County hopes to become a first (1st) Class County.

City Administrator Childers asked Presiding Commissioner Lou Lapalia how much in revenue, the County predicts, the new $\frac{1}{4}$ cent sales tax will generate.

Christian County Presiding Commissioner Lou Lapalia stated \$1,500,000.00 was projected.

Christian County Presiding Commissioner Lou Lapalia was asked if the County housed other Agencies inmates as well as Christian County inmates.

Christian County Presiding Commissioner Lou Lapalia stated Christian County does house other Agencies inmates. Last year the County generated \$940,000.00 in extra revenues from housing other Agencies inmates. The County currently has an annual Contract with the Federal Government to house Federal inmates, by increasing the number of jail cells the County will have the opportunity to house more Federal inmates for extra revenue.

Sheriff Joey Kyle stated because of our proximity the Federal Government favors our facility. By expanding the jail to add 200 jail cells would give Christian County the opportunity to collect \$60,000.00 monthly additional revenue. If the sales tax is not voter approved he will be forced to make drastic budget cuts, one of which would be to discontinue the Sheriff Patrol Program. As long as Christian County is a Second (2nd) Class County and not until Christian County becomes a First (1st) Class County the Sheriff Department is not mandated to have a designated Sheriff Patrol program.

City Administrator Childers asked for clarification purposes the existing $\frac{1}{4}$ cent sales tax designated to the Judicial Center sunsets in 2015, and by approving the new proposed $\frac{1}{4}$ cent sales tax designated to Capital Improvement Projects will increase Christian County's sales tax to a $\frac{1}{2}$ cent total.

Christian County Presiding Commissioner Lou Lapalia stated it is by State Statute that the County cannot exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ cent General Sales Tax.

Public Works Director Martin stated there will be two (2) sales tax issues on one (1) Ballot question for voter approval, with that being said, the County potentially risks losing a portion of the existing $\frac{1}{4}$ cent sales tax that Sunsets in 2015 along with the new proposed $\frac{1}{4}$ cent sales tax.

Christian County Presiding Commissioner Lou Lapalia stated that is the risk the County is faced with, as it stands when the existing $\frac{1}{4}$ cent sales tax Sunsets in 2015 only the remaining 1/16 cent sales tax will fund the Judicial Center expenses. The County will be forced to return to the voters to request increasing the 1/16 cent sales tax to $\frac{1}{4}$ cent sales tax.

Christian County Presiding Commissioner Lou Lapalia indicated if the sales tax

issue failed other services would have to be cut from Christian County's Budget such as road maintenance and improvement projects. These projects will invite commercial development to Christian County generating sales tax revenues County wide. It is important for Christian County to continue working with the entities, within the County, to promote the Shop Local Campaign.

Christian County Presiding Commissioner Lou Lapalia stated during the construction phase of the Judicial Center expansion the County will request the City to abandon a portion of Walnut Street. In a future construction phase the County plans to build a double-decker parking garage to eliminate parking issues around the square.

Christian County Presiding Commissioner Lou Lapalia thanked in advance the Mayor, Board of Aldermen and the Chamber of Commerce for inviting them to the Meeting to request their support of Christian County's sales tax Ballot Question.

Chamber of Commerce Board President John Torgerson introduced the newly appointed Chamber of Commerce Board Member Keith Hartman.

Public Works Director Martin informed the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee who were present he was in the process of submitting the required drawings for the Beautification Pods and the Tree selection proposal to the Missouri Department of Transportation. He may have received a response by the next Committee meeting for their review.

Mayor Shane L. Nelson was asked where the City was concerning the 3rd Street Improvement Project.

Mayor Shane L. Nelson responded MoDot is completing the final right-of-way acquisition negotiations with the last property owner.

- 2. **Public Safety:** Police Chief Lyle Hodges.
- 3. **Public Works:** Public Works Director Larry Martin.
- 4. **Parks:** Parks Director Sam Wagner.

Unfinished Business:

New Business/Board of Aldermen Comments:

Pay Bills-

Motion was made by Alderman Snyder to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Haik with all present voting aye.

The January 23, 2012 Regular Noon Work Session adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Minutes Taken By:

Chandra Hodges, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes Written By:

Lana Wilson, City Clerk

Approval of Minutes By:
