A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Kemp called the meeting to order. Those present on roll call were: Alderman Merriman, Alderman Tripp, Alderman Polete, Alderman Hale, and Alderman Wright. Also present were: Clerk Stevens, Deputy Clerk Harbison and visitors.

B. SPECIAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) Consideration of the letters of interest for the unexpired term of Alderman Ward I. In attendance for the interview process: Radha Rao, Ernie Terry and Harold Thomas. Council proceeded to ask questions of each of the candidates relating to the candidates concerns, suggestions and recommendations for economic growth.

2) Discussion concerning a letter of support for the work done at the area of land on Lincoln Drive known as “the swamp”. Hale explained he had been in touch with Senators Emerson, Bond and McCaskill regarding the situations. He went on to explain the individual at the Army Corps of Engineers who originally submitted the infraction has also singled out three other cities. Hale then distributed sample letters he suggested the city consider making available to citizens who are concerned about the “cease and desist order”. One of the letters was a letter to the editor of the newspaper indicating the Mayor and Board of Aldermen’s stand on the issue and encouraging citizens to obtain a template letter from city hall and send it in to their senators. Council asked the City Clerk to verify with Attorney Moore the city could issue such a letter.

C. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Hale with a second by Tripp to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Danny E. Kemp, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara Stevens, City Clerk