

CITY OF FREDERICKTOWN, MISSOURI
CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
DATE: April 21, 2009
6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Kemp called the meeting to order. Those present on roll call were: Alderman Merriman, Alderman Thomas, Alderman Polete, Alderman Walts, and Alderman Wright. Absent was Alderman Brown. Also present were: City Administrator Dismuke, City Attorney Moore, Clerk Stevens, Deputy Clerk Harbison and visitors.

B. SPECIAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

1) **An Ordinance amending Chapter 200, Section 200.110: Entitled "Police Captain" by deleting the title of "Police Captain" and renaming the position "Executive Officer".** Alderman Walts asked for the background as to why the change in name. Attorney Moore proceeded to explain he was instructed to do so. It was determined the title "Executive Officer" was a better description of the job. Alderman Thomas asked if the city already has a person in this position and the response was "no". Moore, for the benefit of the newer council members, said in the past the failure of the Police Chief to perform their duties had prompted the creation of this position. He went on to say prior to the last election, the council created this position to take the place of the assistant police chief position. The police captain position outlined specific duties to be performed. When Wright was elected the police captain position was put aside to allow Wright to take on these roles for awhile on a trial basis. A motion was then made by Merriman with a second by Polete that as the ordinance was made available prior to the meeting it be read the first time by title only. Motion carried. Moore read: "An Ordinance amending Chapter 200, Section 200.100: Entitled "Police Captain" by deleting the title of "Police Captain" and renaming the position "Executive Officer . . ." The first reading vote was as follows: voting aye – Merriman, Polete, Walts; voting nay – Thomas, Wright. A motion was made by Merriman with a second by Polete to read the ordinance the second time by title only. Motion carried. The second reading vote was as follows: voting aye – Polete, Merriman; voting nay – Walts, Thomas, Wright. The ordinance failed to pass.

C. CLOSED SESSION. (As authorized by RSMo Section 610.021) Motion was made by Merriman with a second by Walts to go into Closed Session. Roll call vote resulted in five ayes, zero nays and one absent. The account of the Closed Session is exempt from the public record and is on file in the office of the City Clerk pursuant to RSMo 610.024. The following motions and votes were taken in Closed Session:

Personnel matter – After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Walts with a second by Merriman to appoint Ken Tomlinson as Police Captain for a ninety day trial period. Motion carried with all voting aye.

D. ADJOURNMENT. A motion was made by Polete with a second by Walts to adjourn. Motion carried.

Danny E. Kemp, Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Stevens, City Clerk