A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Korokis called the meeting to order. Those present on roll call were: Alderman Wulfert, Alderman Miller, Alderman Polete, Alderman Loretta Brown, and Alderman Thomas. Absent was: Alderman Paul Brown. Also present were: Interim City Administrator Friend, City Attorney Boner, City Engineer Baer, City Clerk Stevens, department heads and visitors.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
1) Minutes of the work session dated January 13, 2014. A motion was made by Thomas with a second by Wulfert to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
1) Additions or deletions. Mayor Korokis moved work session business item #3 to #1 and added to Work Session Business: Discussion concerning alderman absences. (Thomas)
2) Approval of agenda. A motion was made by Polete with a second by Thomas to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

D. WORK SESSION BUSINESS
1) Request by Tara Hale for a community 5k run to benefit March of Dimes, Saturday, May 10th 10:00 am. Hale and March of Dimes representative relayed to council their requested which included blocking some city streets and using the SRT area for a small, minor obstacle course at the Landfill. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Miller with a second by Wulfert to approve the request. Motion carried.
2) Annual invoice for Electric Apprentice Training program with MPUA for Royer, Becksing, and Farmer. A motion made by Miller with a second by Thomas to approve the invoice in the amount of $7500. Motion carried.
3) Request by the Electric Department to purchase restocking supplies ($3720.05), transformers, and replace or repair breaker in downtown substation. (Tim Burton) Burton reviewed the needs of the electric department which included restocking supplies and transformers for various projects. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Thomas with a second by Polete to approve the restocking supplies in the amount of $3720.05. Motion carried. A motion was then made by Thomas with a second by Polete to approve the purchase of transformers from T&R Electric in the amount of $6168. Motion carried. The city clerk was asked to check with the city’s insurance carrier, MIRMA, to see if there is coverage for the damage incurred at the downtown substation by some sort of animal/bird. Further discussion on the repair/replacement will be postponed until then.
4) Discussion concerning extending the term limits of the mayor and board of aldermen. (Wulfert) Alderman Wulfert began the discussion by stating he felt it was important the terms be extended since he felt it becomes difficult to accomplish anything in only two years. Attorney Boner stated under State Statute aldermen terms can either be two year or four year and any change must be approved by a vote of the people. The discussion continued on the pros/cons of extending the term with no definite conclusion decided.
5) Discussion concerning acceptable aldermen absences. (Thomas) Thomas began the discussion stating he would like the ordinance to revert back to its original wording which included personal illness as an acceptable absence from scheduled meetings. A discussion ensued. Thomas agreed
to table further discussion until the city clerk obtained information on how other municipalities handle absenteeism by the mayor and/or councilmen.

E. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS (As authorized by Section 610.021 RSMo 2008). A motion was made by Wulfert with a second by Polete to go into Closed Session for one (1) real estate matter. Roll call vote resulted in five ayes, zero nays, and one absent. The account of the Closed Session is exempt from 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:

1) Real estate matter – After some discussion, a motion was made by Thomas with a second by Wulfert to continue discussion in the council meeting following this one. Motion carried with roll call vote resulting in five ayes and one absent.

A motion was made by Wulfert with a second by Polete to return to Open Session. Motion carried with a roll call vote resulting in five ayes and one absent.

F. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Thomas with a second by Wulfert to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Kelly Korokis, Mayor

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Barbara Stevens, City Clerk