

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
November 11, 2008**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

Present: Alexander, Gambatese, Keyerleber, O'Toole, Roche

Excused: Henry, Morgan

A Motion was made by Roche, seconded by Alexander to excuse Henry and Morgan. The motion was approved 5-0.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the City Council Meeting from October 28, 2008
- Resolution No 91-2008, Introduced by Mayor & Council, First Reading: A Resolution Congratulating Bertha and Robert Popovic on the Occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Motion to accept by Alexander, seconded by Gambatese. Motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: The City will have its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Tuesday, December 2nd at 7:30pm at City Hall with the Garden Club. With today being Veterans' Day, the Mayor called for a moment of silence.

Fire Chief Cek: YTD, there have been 1178 alarms, 905 being EMS, 273 – fires and misc. The EMS response was 77% of the total, and the rates have been down 2%.

Police Chief Rowe: A Teleco rep has been working on the phone system and the emergency back-up systems. Travelers Insurance adjustment is in the works. Reported a trend in the Police Dept of quite a few births and pregnancies, with Sgt DiBiassi due in June!

Roche had some questions on the phone system. Rowe said that 911 will always continue to work and be available.

Building Commissioner, Rodic: -excused-

Finance Director, Rossiter: Had a financial software upgrade, and will continue to have a semi-annual upgrade. The auditors will be coming back in December to complete the audit. Retro wages are being worked on now.

Development Director, Gase: No report tonight.

Service Director, Lazar: Met with CEI this morning, regarding the lighting outside of City Hall. They will be putting lights up on the poles, with decorative lighting out front. The Service Dept is gearing up for snow, and trying to use minimal salt this year.

City Engineer, Courtney: The asphalt overlays are complete and rejuvenation happening with the Road Program. Crack filling as weather permits. Highland Ridge is close to final inspection. Hillary will be getting new concrete soon. Roche asked about calcium chlorate on the ground with the new concrete. Courtney said that too much salt is bad for new concrete.

Recreation Director, Drda: Breakfast with Santa tickets are on sale for Dec 6th at 9-11am. The Santa ride will happen that same day from 3-4:30pm around the City. There are Basketball evaluations this evening and on Saturday for the city league.

Audience: -no comments-

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 76-2008, INTRODUCED BY ROCHE, THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1304.16, "ROOF DRAINAGE", AND SUBSECTION 304.7, "ROOFS AND DRAINAGE", OF SECTION 1309.05 OF THE BUILDING CODE TO PERMIT THE USE OF APPROVED RAIN BARRELS AS A MEANS OF COLLECTING STORM WATER.

- **On Hold for further discussion in the Committee meetings.**

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 90-2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION URGING STATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT A SILVER ALERT PROGRAM.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE AND SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 90-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 92-2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF FOUR DIRECTORS TO THE GREENWOOD FARM HISTORICAL, CULTURAL AND ARTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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MOTIONS:

Motion to authorize the purchase of a new police car, as a replacement, not to exceed \$25,000, with \$19,000 to be reimbursed and the balance to come from the Capital Fund. Gambatese motioned, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion to purchase a Hotsie Steam Cleaner, for \$3,000, with half the money to come from the Rescue Fund and the other half to come from the Capital Fund. Alexander motioned, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

ADDITIONS: -none-

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Council Clerk Traben read letters of thanks to Detective Duffy and Officer McFarland for a job well done.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Roche, seconded by Morgan to adjourn this November 11, 2008 City Council Meeting at 8:50 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President