

Special Council Meeting
November 22, 2016
Piedmont City Hall
6:00 PM

- The Piedmont City Council met in special session on November 22, 2016 at Piedmont City Hall. Those in attendance were as follows: Aldermen Scot Tucker, Tracey Bennett, Brian Tutterrow, Alderwoman Karin Townsend, and City Clerk Tammy Thurman. Mayor Kirkpatrick presided over the meeting.

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- Mayor Kirkpatrick listed the following items for consideration:

1. Call to order and welcome guest.
2. Approve/Disapprove water tap for Larry Morris-Mount Olive Hill
3. Discuss city incentives for new business
4. Retire into Executive Session
5. Adjourn meeting

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1. Mayor Kirkpatrick called the meeting to order and welcomed the following guests: Kim Combs with the Wayne County Journal Banner, Police Chief Richard Sanders, Park Director Kent Sisco, Wayne County Commissioner Chad Henson, Wayne County Presiding Commissioner Brian Polk, Police Officer Donnie Townsend, City Secretary Georgia Woods, Wayne County Clerk Brenda Seal, Wayne County Treasurer Carol Hale, and City Treasurer Dennis Ross.

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2. Mayor Kirkpatrick stated that Larry Morris is requesting a water tap on his property which is located on Mount Olive Hill.

Alderman Bennett made the motion, second by Alderwoman Townsend to approve Mr. Larry Morris request for permission to tap into city water on his property which is located on Mount Olive Hill, actual address unknown, but is near Rt. 3 Box 3715-E (Michael Keller). The motion carried.

Alderman Tutterrow	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Abstained
Alderwoman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Bennett	Aye

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3. Mayor Kirkpatrick informed the council that he had received a few promising leads on the soon to be vacated Wal-Mart building located on Business Hwy HH. The city participates in a program through the Missouri Department of

Economic Development titled "Enhanced Enterprise Zone Tax Credit Program". Through this program, qualifying business may abate at least 50% of taxes on increased assessed valuation for a period of ten years.

The following are prohibited from receiving tax credits from the city, county and state:

- Retail Trade
- Educational Services
- Gambling Establishments
- Food & Drinking Places
- Religious Organizations
- Public Administration

To entice new retail business inside city limits, the only thing the city could offer would be abatement of real estate taxes and utilities.

Wayne County Commissioner Brian Polk was recognized by Mayor Kirkpatrick, Mr. Polk stated that the county officials agree that they would like to offer an incentive to new retail business but need to speak with legal counsel on what can be done, and open and fair to everyone.

Discussion continued between the city council, mayor, and visiting officials that a new program mirroring the enterprise zone may be available. A new business may qualify for city/county incentives when a threshold is reached on new investment and a set amount of new employees is fulfilled.

Mayor Kirkpatrick stated that the Piedmont Area Chamber of Commerce is forming a board to seek new businesses and manufacturing.

No votes or motions were made after the discussion.

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4. Mayor Kirkpatrick requested a motion to retire into executive session.

Alderman Tucker made the motion, second by Alderman Tutterrow to retire into executive session. The motion carried.

Alderman Townsend	Aye	Alderman Tucker	Aye
Alderman Tutterrow	Aye	Alderman Bennett	Aye


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5. With no other business before the council, Alderman Bennett made the motion to adjourn the November 22, 2016 special council meeting. Alderwoman Townsend seconded the motion and it carried.

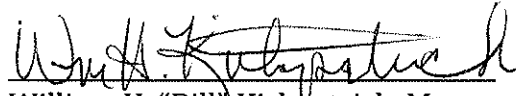
Alderman Tutterrow
Alderwoman Townsend

Aye
Aye

Alderman Tucker Aye
Alderman Bennett Aye



Tammy Thurman, City Clerk
(SEAL)



William H. "Bill" Kirkpatrick, Mayor