



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Monday, May 1, 2017  
6:00 PM

Pre-Council

Conference Room  
1A/1B  
Columbia City Hall  
701 E. Broadway

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Treece called the meeting to order at approximately 6:03 pm.

**Present:** 5 - Trapp, Peters, Treece, Skala, and Pitzer

**Absent:** 2 - Ruffin, and Thomas

#### Sellable City Owned Land

**Attachments:** [City Property Presentation](#)

Deputy City Manager John Glascock showed a city map noting that the City owns 420 parcels spanning over 8,100+ acres, with 474 structures on those parcels. He explained a general overview of the land use indicating that much of the land belongs to Parks and Recreation and Utilities. He noted a parcel in the First Ward that has potential use and is 100 x 200 feet. He recalls it is zoned R-MF. There is a long term plan for MoDOT to add an interchange off Parker Street. He noted a parcel in the Second Ward recently donated and is located on Strawn Road. The land includes a 12,000 square foot house with water damage. Costs for repair is estimated over \$600,000. There is potential for a road to align across the property. Options for this land include potential use for a fire station, salt dome and CMHS/Animal Control. This land also needs to be annexed and platted. The Third Ward has a 13.7 acre tract which provide stream protection and runoff; and another parcel off Clark and Ballenger at 3.5 acres. There are no parcels in the Fourth Ward that are available. The Fifth Ward would only have options if Option A is not selected for the Transmission Line project. Ward Six includes a 9 acre triangular piece of land near the Missouri Department of Conservation. He also noted a Water & Light property (also referred to as the Goat Ranch) which has no current plans for use. He added that you cannot sell Water & Light assets without a vote of the people, but our Law staff interpreted that this property is not an asset of the Water & Light Electric Utility, however the sale money of this property would go back to Water & Light.

Mayor Treece felt that these parcels should be reviewed for potential use or sale for the purposes of a real estate fund for future land purchase needs. He felt there should be a better way to find interest and use for these parcels. He provided an example of the Strawn Road property and felt there would be value in planning for the development of that property and how we want to annex and zone it, etc. Council member Trapp felt that we should be cautious as a City when it comes to liquidating assets. He is not against a land fund, but is more intrigued by what kind of developments we might need that the market is not providing. Mr. Matthes added that land cost is the biggest driver for affordable housing and that is something the Council may ask staff to explore. There are options to consider on the Strawn Road parcel too. Each parcel is a case-by-case evaluation and Council is welcome to tour these properties if they are interested. If Council wishes to proceed with any particular piece, they should provide direction to the

City Manager. Mr. Glascock added that next steps on the Strawn house is to discuss salvaging pieces from the home. There would be interest in an arrangement with CMHS as their current land is adjacent to the Fire Training facility which could be expanded. Mayor Treece asked if our existing ordinance is a traditional approach. Mr. Matthes said ours is traditional, but we can do some benchmarking to show what other communities do.

## **II. OTHER ITEMS THE COUNCIL MAY WISH TO DISCUSS**

Mayor Treece stated that he would like to learn more about solar panels and energy demand in addition to the Water & Light Energy Report discussion scheduled for October 2nd. He would like to have this before the budget. City Manager stated he would look at the schedule.

## **III. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:52 pm.