



Village of South Jacksonville ~ Board of Trustees Meeting
 Village Hall Board Room
 301 Dewey Drive, South Jacksonville, Illinois
Special Session Minutes
Monday, July 27, 2015
7:00 p.m.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	Acting Mayor Steve Waltrip called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.	Noted.
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Elliott.	Noted.
Roll Call	<p><u>Present:</u> Acting Village President/Trustee Steve Waltrip; Village Clerk Dani Glascock; Trustees: Mike Elliott, John Gotschall, Stacy Pinkerton, and Kem Wilson.</p> <p><u>Also present:</u> Fire Chief David Hickox, Interim Police Chief Mike Broaddus, and Attorney Daniel Wright.</p> <p><u>Absent:</u> Superintendent of Public Works John Green, Code Enforcement Officer Wilbur German, Village Treasurer Kathy Simpson; and Village Attorney H.Allen Yow.</p>	
Approval of Agenda	Mike Elliott made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented, Kem Wilson seconded, and motion carried unanimously.	Motion carried.
Comments from the Floor	1 <u>Michael Broaddus</u> , 121 E. Vandalia, South Jacksonville, commented about the positive notes, specifically from the Western Illinois Youth Camp, the Police Department has been receiving. The SJPD plans to add a big blue heart in the lobby to display the positive thoughts. He encouraged the community to remain positive as the Village is changing horse in mid-stream.	Noted.
	2 <u>Walter Reinhardt</u> , 1709 S. Diamond, South Jacksonville, asked the Board if they had hired a surveying firm. Mayor Waltrip stated they had, and the engineer was on vacation this week. In response to Mr. Reinhardt's second question, Mayor Waltrip stated Superintendent John Green was going to research when the first drain was put in and the reasoning behind it.	Noted.
	3 <u>Greg Nelson</u> , 403 Melrose, South Jacksonville, stated he felt Mayor Waltrip was speaking to him personally during his statement to the media regarding what qualifications he would be looking for in a Trustee. Mr. Nelson read a letter to Mayor Waltrip expressing his desire to be nominated as Village Trustee and outlining his prior experiences.	Noted.

4	<p>Colby Huff, 408 N. Laurel Drive, South Jacksonville, also stated he felt Mayor Waltrip was directing certain words to him regarding what he would be looking for in a Trustee. Mr. Huff stated he has been given clearance from his full-time job to pursue a political career in the Village and we should look for his name on the ballot in 2017. Mr. Huff then referenced two (2) emergency FOIAs filed on 7/2/15, one of which was proven irrelevant as to events that transpired at the meeting. The second request was a copy of the working agreement or contract with Rammelkamp Bradney. To the best of the Village's knowledge, the agreement with Rammelkamp is based on a 'gentlemen's agreement' and as such can be broken at any time. Mr. Huff stated if the purpose of tonight's closed session on the agenda was not to discuss legal representation for the Village, then it should be and changes need to be made.</p>	Noted.
5	<p>Mike Woodyard, 2790 Loami Road, Franklin, lightheartedly stated he would not be asking for a nomination of Trustee as he did not live in the Village. In response to Mr. Woodyard's question, Mayor Waltrip stated they were working on recovering the \$5,200 from Richard Evans. Mr. Woodyard recapped that when ISP first arrived on June 9, 2014, the Village was not under investigation but as noted by Mr. Jumper in August 2014, the Village had incurred over \$15,000 in legal expenses due to the investigation. He encouraged the Village to recover those expenses as Attorney Yow had a fiduciary duty to represent the Village. Mr. Woodyard asked the Village to be more aggressive and to either send the matter to the Appellate Prosecutor's office or to request a forensic audit and to pursue and recover some of the expenses. He provided an example that if the \$5,200 from Evans was recovered, it could be spent on Mr. Reinhardt's issue; and the \$15,000 in attorney fees could add new sidewalks on Hardin. Mr. Woodyard noted that those examples are how to turn a bad situation into a good situation.</p>	Noted.
6	<p>Tyson Manker, 160 E. Pennsylvania, South Jacksonville, thanked Mr. Woodyard for his several months' worth of work for the Village. He also noted that Mr. Woodyard was recently honored with the Award of Courage by OpenTheBooks.org and he was 1 of 15 in the entire state. Trustee Kem Wilson also thanked Mr. Manker for his hard work and added he [Mr. Manker] also received the Award of Courage. Mr. Manker stated we are at a turning point, and we all need to come together to root out corruption. He stated the job isn't done for South Jacksonville and the</p>	Noted.

	<p>community is looking for strong leadership. Mr. Manker stated the Village has his full support in moving forward and he plans to put his military, political science and law degree to work.</p> <p>Mayor Waltrip thanked everyone for attending tonight and encouraged the comments to keep coming.</p>	
Closed Session	<p>Steve Waltrip made a motion to move into Executive/ Closed Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, discipline or dismissal of specific employees of the Village pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and selection of a person to fill a public office pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3); Kem Wilson seconded. The motion carried by Roll Call vote. (YES) votes were cast by John Gotschall, Steve Waltrip, Kem Wilson, Stacy Pinkerton, and Mike Elliott. There were no dissenting votes. The Board went into closed session at 7:28 p.m.</p>	Motion carried.
Roll Call	<p>Stacy Pinkerton made a motion to return to open session, Mike Elliott seconded. The Board returned to open session at 8:59 p.m. Roll Call: Mike Elliott, John Gotschall, Stacy Pinkerton, Steve Waltrip, and Kem Wilson.</p>	Motion carried.
Old Business	None.	Noted.
New Business	<p>Mike Elliott announced there would be a Public Facilities Committee meeting on Monday, August 3rd at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Dialogue was exchanged among the Trustees that when they return from Closed Session, should they disclose the topic(s) that were discussed. No consensus was agreed upon.</p>	Noted.
Adjournment	<p>There being no further business for discussion, John Gotschall made a motion to adjourn at 9:02 p.m., Mike Elliott seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.</p>	Motion carried.


 Steven L. Waltrip, Acting Village President


 Dani Glascock, Village Clerk

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