

CITY OF FREDERICKTOWN, MISSOURI  
CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
DATE: September 22, 2008  
4:00 PM

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Kemp called the meeting to order. Those present on roll call were: Alderman Merriman, Alderman Tripp, Alderman Polete and Alderman Hale. Absent were: Aldermen Wright and Fritch. Also present were: Interim City Administrator Dismuke, Clerk Stevens, City Attorney Moore, and visitors.

**B. SPECIAL BUSINESS**

1) Discussion of MoPEP's programs. Before the discussion began, Alderman Tripp noted his objection to holding this meeting at 4:00 pm in light of the fact a similar meeting was already set for this evening at the high school at 6:00 pm. With that said Doug Healy representing MJMEUC/MOPEP pool addressed council. He introduced John Grotzinger also representing MJMEUC/MOPEP. Healy indicated to council he had several items to bring to the table for council to consider: 1) an independent auditor (Hometime Connections) to review the city's utilities and see how it was being run, 2) review the current utility rate structure, that is, both residential and commercial. At this time, Healy referred this part of the discussion to Grotzinger who spoke on rate studies and how they could effectively address rate issues between commercial/residential customers. Discussion topic three (3) concerned gas powered generation options. Grotzinger said the Westside of town (Business Park area) would serve as an excellent location for placing generators which would be fueled by the natural gas line running through the business park. He explained the generators would allow the city to be back on line much sooner when weather or other power outage situations occurred. MJMEUC/MOPEP would offer financing. He also said have the generators would add a lot to the city's ability to answer crisis situations. A big plus for manufacturing plants to get back on-line in a timely manner. Grotzinger then discussed some of the other cities who already have similar projects in place (i.e. Ladonia, Rockport, Lamar). Council asked why an independent auditor, doesn't the city already have someone in place who is reviewing the city electric infrastructure (Ray Blakely). It was noted he had never signed the contract to proceed with that project. Grotzinger said the independent auditor would look at operating procedures not infrastructure, such as, billing, maintenance, etc. etc. The discussion went on to point out there were several projects MJMEUC had coming on-line such as, Plain State in 2011/20012 and Powder River Basin. Grotzinger noted to council the cost of the independent audit would be between \$5,000-\$10,000. Further discussion on the gas powered generators took place with Grotzinger stating the pool could put them in place with only some cost to the city if the land was leased to the pool. The meeting ended with Healy discussing some of the topics they planned to cover at the public meeting later that evening.

**C. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Tripp with a second by Merriman to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Danny E. Kemp, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara Stevens, City Clerk