



**AGENDA
CITY OF HARRISONVILLE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL
JANUARY 6, 2014
7:00 PM**

- 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
 - A. Roll Call**
- 3. Ceremonial Matters**
- 4. Public Participation**
 - A. Public Participation**
- 5. Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Board of Aldermen - Regular Meeting - Dec 16, 2013 7:00 PM**
- 6. Agenda Items**
 - A. Council Bill 88: 2nd Reading--Sales Tax Ballot Options**
- 7. Aldermen and Committee Reports**
- 8. Report from the City Administrator**
- 9. Report from the Mayor**
- 10. Questions from the Media**
- 11. Adjourn to Executive Session**
- 12. Adjourn From Regular Session**

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Kim Hubbard, City Clerk

The Board of Aldermen meeting is an open meeting but is not a meeting of the public. There is a place on the agenda for comments of citizens under PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Our rule is that comments by any individual or group shall not exceed (4) minutes. The Board of Aldermen request that concerns be initially addressed at the appropriate action level before coming to the Board of Alderman



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MINUTES
CITY OF HARRISONVILLE
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DECEMBER 16, 2013
7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Roll Call**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Bill Mollenhour	Board Member	Present	
Bret Reece	Board Member	Present	
David Dickerson	Board Member	Present	
Doug Meyer	Board Member	Present	
Ivan Stull	Board Member	Present	
Marcia Milner	Board Member	Present	
Morris Coburn	Board Member	Absent	
Stacey Dahlman	Board Member	Absent	
Kevin Wood	Mayor	Present	

Others present: City Administrator Keith Moody, Finance Director Mike Tholen, City Attorney Steve Mauer, Public Works Director Jerry Gibbs, Public Information Officer Sheryl Stanley, Public Works Director Jerry Gibbs, and Street Superintendent Rodney Jacobs.

3. **Ceremonial Matters**

None

4. **Public Participation**

A. Public Participation

None

5. **Approval of Minutes**

A. Board of Aldermen - Regular Meeting - Dec 2, 2013 7:00 PM

Minutes were approved.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Mollenhour, Board Member
SECONDER:	Marcia Milner, Board Member
AYES:	Mollenhour, Reece, Dickerson, Meyer, Stull, Milner
ABSENT:	Morris Coburn, Stacey Dahlman

6. Agenda Items

- A. AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF HARRISONVILLE, MISSOURI, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO IMPOSE A TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.5%) FOR STREET AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PURPOSES.**

City Attorney Mauer read Council Bill 088 by title only.

Mayor Wood noted this was discussed at the Work Session and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Mayor Wood asked Aldermen to discuss with staff, review the information and noted that this was a first reading only.

RESULT:	FIRST READING
	Next: 1/6/2014 7:00 PM

7. Aldermen and Committee Reports

None

8. Report from the City Administrator

None

9. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Wood expressed his appreciation to those who helped with the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting and thanked Clint Miller for transporting Santa.

Mayor Wood wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

10. Questions from the Media

None

11. Adjourn to Executive Session

Alderman Stull made a motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of section 610.021 (1), legal actions and 610.021 (3), personnel matters. Alderman Reece seconded the motion and it was approved by the following roll vote:

Ayes: Aldermen Meyer, Milner, Dickerson, Reece, Stull and Mollenhour

Nays: None

Absent: Dahlman and Coburn

Abstain: None

Adjourned to executive session at 7:09 p.m.

Reconvened to regular session at 7:34 p.m.

12. Adjourn From Regular Session

Alderman Reece moved to adjourn from the regular meeting. Alderman Dickerson seconded the motion and it was passed with a voice vote of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.

Kevin Wood, Mayor & Ex-Officio
Chairman of the Board of Aldermen

ATTEST:

Kim Hubbard, City Clerk

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Dec 16, 2013 7:00 PM (Approval of Minutes)



STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of Aldermen
FROM: Keith Moody, City Administrator
DATE: December 10, 2013
SUBJECT: Sales Tax Ballot Options

Type of Item: *Approval***Background:**

A sales tax ballot question to fund street, sidewalk and storm water improvements is an objective listed for 2014. The first opportunity to place a question on the ballot is for the April 2014 election. Ballot language must be certified to the election Board no later than January 28, 2014 for the April 2014 election. August and November elections are also available although the April date is customarily when local issues appear on the ballot.

A half of a cent would make Harrisonville's sales tax rate 8.35% (throughout the City), in the TDD's the total rate would be 9.35%. For the six different districts within the city an average rate of 9.183% would exist. Applying this average to the Single Family Cost of Living data we collected as of 1/1/2013, a family of 4 would pay an additional \$112.50 per year in sales taxes due to the half-cent sales tax increase. Harrisonville's average sales tax rate would remain lower than Raymore, Belton, Leawood and Overland Park. Recall, Harrisonville residents enjoy the 3rd lowest tax burden (including income, sales and property taxes) for all of the KC metro communities included in our single family cost of living comparison.

Review:

There are two sales tax options available for funding these types of improvements. Both require the same simple majority for passage. The "Transportation Sales Tax" option is preferred over the Capital Improvement Sales Tax option due to the simpler ballot language required. The simple Transportation Improvement language is included in the attached ordinance. The disadvantage of the Transportation Improvement Sales Tax is that it may not be used to fund stand alone storm water improvements. The list of projects proposed to be funded with Transportation Improvement Sales Taxes therefore does not reflect stand alone storm water improvement projects although storm water improvements can and will be completed in conjunction with the street projects listed as will sidewalk improvements.

The ballot language for the transportation sales tax is simpler than the language for the "Capital Improvement Sales Tax" option as the Capital Improvement ballot language MUST contain a

section related to issuing bonds even if the City does not intend to issue debt and the City does not anticipate issuing debt.

A half of one percent sales tax will generate roughly \$1 million per year. The list of projects to be funded by the tax is set up for roughly \$10 million in funding. The ordinance attached reflects a 10 year sunset. The Public Works committee felt the 10 year time frame would allow the City opportunity to plan for and complete a significant amount of improvements, providing citizens with proven success on this list of projects thus garnering public support in extending the tax in the future. This was a key topic of discussion as the list of improvement projects extends well beyond \$10 million.

Finally, the Public Works Committee considered the date that the question would appear on the ballot. In April 2014 the only anticipated question on the ballot will be for School Board seats. August 2014 will have primary questions for county, state and federal seats and November of 2014 will have general elections for the county, state and federal seats. The PW Committee preferred the April date as it is the customary local election date with a simpler election ballot.

Passage of the question requires a simple majority.

Council Bill No. 88**Ordinance No.**

**AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF
HARRISONVILLE, MISSOURI, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO
THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER
TO IMPOSE A TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX OF ONE-HALF OF ONE
PERCENT (0.5%) FOR STREET AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT
PURPOSES.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HARRISONVILLE,
MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 94.700 *et seq.* of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, a special election is hereby ordered to be held in the City of Harrisonville, Missouri, on April 8, 2014, on the following question:

**Shall the municipality of the City of Harrisonville, Missouri,
be authorized to impose a transportation sales tax of one-half
of one percent (0.5%) for street and sidewalk improvements
such tax to terminate ten (10) years from the date on which
such tax is first imposed?**

Section 2. The form of the Notice of Special Election for said special election, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Board of Election Commissioners of Cass County, Missouri, of the adoption of this Ordinance no later than 4:00 P.M. on January 28, 2014, and to include in said notification all of the terms and provisions required by the Comprehensive Election Act, Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

FIRST READ by the Board of Aldermen this 16th day of December, 2013.

SECOND READ AND PASSED by the Board of Aldermen, January 6, 2014

Vote taken as follows:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

Kevin Wood, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Hubbard, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 6th day of January, 2014

Kevin Wood, Mayor