

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MARCH 21, 2005

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, March 21, 2005 in the Council Chambers of the Hall of Waters Building. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor R. D."Sonny" Parker.

Mayor R. D. "Sonny" Parker gave the opening prayer.

Mayor R. D. "Sonny" Parker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Members: Present: Mayor Parker, Mayor Pro-Tem Nelson,
Councilwoman Fines
Councilman Fousek and Councilman Hartman.

Absent: None

VISITORS: (Tape A15-168)

Mr. Sam Briscoe, 102 Faulkner Drive, addressed the Council. Mr. Briscoe stated that his first complaint is in regard to city stickers...that in a three-block area near his home, he found 15 vehicles with no city stickers. He further stated that most of these people are renters. He feels this is not fair...if he and other taxpayers have to buy city stickers, why not all. He stated the Council promised him a year ago that there would be no "free rides" for citizens.

Mr. Briscoe's second complaint was in regard to noisy, loud, ear-busting mufflers. A week ago on Saturday night there was a vehicle down at the car wash near his home at 3:00 AM in the morning and this vehicle had very loud mufflers and was revving his motor. It was so loud it awakened everyone. He did not call the Police because by the time they got there, the motorist would have been gone.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nelson advised Mr. Briscoe to keep calling the Police every time this happens; however, Mr. Briscoe stated he did not want to be a nuisance. Mayor Parker stated that the City does have an Ordinance against loud noise.

City Manager Hennen stated that unless the Police Department gets there in time to see the problem happen, there isn't much they can do. The City Manager stated the City would look into making another "sweep" in regard to city stickers.

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 7, 2005: (Tape A169-186)

Councilman Hartman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 7, 2005. Mayor Pro-Tem Nelson seconded motion.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Fousek, Hartman, Fines, Nelson, Parker

Nays: None, motion carried.

Minutes of March 7, 2005 passed and approved March 21, 2005.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A187-195)

Councilwoman Fines made a motion to approve the Agenda, as printed. Councilman Hartman seconded motion.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Hartman, Fines, Fousek, Nelson, Parker

Nays: None, motion carried.

Agenda, as printed, passed and approved March 21, 2005.

DISCUSSION ITEM: BBQ CONTEST/BLOCK PARTY: (Tape A196-819)

Mr. Jim McCullough and Mr. Mitch Dickey, owners of Wabash BBQ, were at the Council Meeting to answer questions.

Mr. McCullough stated the BBQ contest would be held in conjunction with the "Fly-in" at the Airport on August 19 and 20, 2005. There are no other scheduled BBQ events in the Kansas City area on these dates. The Kansas City Area BBQ Society will sanction this contest and they project that the total impact for the community will be \$914,301.00. There will also be \$4,000 guaranteed prize money.

Mr. McCullough further stated that proceeds from this event would go toward Capital Improvement's awareness of intent for a new Community Center. Parks and Recreation Board will support this event and there will be a separate bank account set up for these proceeds as they come in.

On Friday night of that weekend, Kevin Kline will appear with his band to entertain and on Saturday night a band will appear at Wabash BBQ for entertainment.

Another suggestion for future BBQ events would be to have an auction of the City's vacant lots. Mr. McCullough stated he would render his services as an auctioneer provided proceeds from this sale would be earmarked for the Community Center.

Councilman Fousek asked how many teams would sign up for the event and he was advised that at least thirty-plus teams would attend. Fousek stated that in the past the contest was run very well and he is glad to see them starting up again.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nelson asked if the area is big enough to accommodate all the teams. He also asked about any liquor being used in recipes, etc.

City Manager Hennen stated that special use permits would have to be obtained, proof of insurance supplied and a guarantee of a clean up would have to be documented before the event can be held.

ORDINANCE #05-3-2, SALE OF OAKS HOTEL: (Tape A820-903)

The City Manager advised the Council that this Ordinance is the preliminary document needed for the sale of the Oaks but the actual sale would have to be done by the LCRA. He further stated that the Council would need to convene as the LCRA at a future date to accomplish this.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve Ordinance #05-3-2, pertaining to the sale of the Oaks Hotel to Carlson Gardner Properties. Mayor Pro-Tem Nelson seconded motion.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Fines, Fousek, Hartman, Nelson, Parker

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #05-3-2 passed and approved March 21, 2005.

RESOLUTION #701: 69 HIGHWAY SPEED LIMIT: (Tape A904-1041)

The City Manager stated this Resolution is an effort to get southbound traffic on Highway 69 slowed down. He stated the City couldn't set speed limits on Missouri Highways; however, this Resolution is requesting the Missouri Dept. of Transportation to set the lower limit.

Councilman Fousek stated that speed limits need to be uniform for both sides of Highway 69 at this location.

Mayor Pro-Tem Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution #701, requesting the Missouri Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on Southbound 69 Highway from McCleary Road to the West city limits. Councilman Hartman seconded motion.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Fousek, Hartman, Fines, Nelson, Parker

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution #701 passed and approved March 21, 2005.

ORDINANCE #05-3-3, PERSONNEL POLICY-TUITION REIMBURSEMENT: (Tape A1042-1235)

Debbie Kimsey, Assistant City Manager, advised the Council on this Ordinance.

Councilwoman Fines made a motion to approve Ordinance #05-3-3 to amend Section 11 of the Personnel Policy. Councilman Hartman seconded motion.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Hartman, Fines, Fousek, Nelson, Parker

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #05-3-3 passed and approved March 21, 2005.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #05-3-4: (Tape A1236-1330)

Councilman Hartman made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #05-3-4, in the amount of \$415,052.89. Councilman Fousek seconded motion.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Fines, Fousek, Hartman, Nelson, Parker

Nays: None, motion carried.

Appropriations Ordinance #05-3-4 passed and approved March 21, 2005.

REMARKS: CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL: (Tape A1331-1454)

City Manager Hennen:

1. City has received a letter regarding the Court audit...Bonnie Thomas runs the best

municipal court in the area.

2. The Public Safety Committee has met often lately and they would like to meet with the Council to present their suggestions. A special meeting will be held Monday, March 28, 2005 at 6:00 PM to meet with this Committee.

Councilman Hartman:

1. Asked what the budgeted amount for the Christmas Committee was and he was advised that it was lowered from \$6,000 to \$5,000. He was also advised that this coming Christmas would be budgeted in the next fiscal year's budget, starting October 1, 2005.
2. Stated the Auditors had mentioned something about the Golf Course cash flow. Steve Marriott stated that he has not had time to look at this letter thoroughly; but that he will get back with him.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Parker adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:52 PM.

ATTEST:

R.D."SONNY" PARKER, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK