

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
APRIL 18, 2005

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, April 18, 2005 in the Council Chambers of the Hall of Waters Building. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor R. D."Sonny" Parker.

Councilman Chad Taylor gave the opening prayer.

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

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

Absent: None.

VISITORS: (Tape A28-229).

Mr. Bob Bates, 34310 W. 160th Street, Excelsior Springs, Mo., and business owner at 201 E. Broadway, Excelsior Springs, Mo., addressed the Council regarding "skate-boarding" around the Hall of Waters. This is a serious issue in that skaters run the risk of getting hurt. They are skateboarding off the loading dock and 9 times out of 12 they are falling. When the City offices close for the evening, skate boarders are skateboarding down the outer walls, making a jump right into the window box of the Enchanted Frog, owned by Mr. Cline. They have torn down two of the four concrete pillars and are working on the third pillar. Mr. Bates is afraid these young people will get hurt badly and then sue the City.

Mayor Parker asked Rex Brinker, Public Works Director, to review what had been decided when "skate-boarders" came to the City Council a few months ago and asked the City to erect a place for them to skate board.

Councilman Hartman stated that Parks and Recreation is looking into this matter.

Mayor Parker asked the City Staff to look into putting something into place until a new Community Center, with a place for a "Skate-Board" Park, can be built.

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 4, 2005, AND
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 11, 2005: (Tape A230-255).

Councilwoman Fines made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 4, 2005. Councilman Hartman seconded motion.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Minutes of April 4, 2005 passed and approved April 18, 2005.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on April 11, 2005. Councilman Hartman seconded motion.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on April 11, 2005 passed and approved April 18, 2005.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A256-308).

Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek stated he wished to add two names to Agenda Item #1. Board Appointments, Historic Commission...Roy W. Gray and Nile Brown.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek made a motion to approve the Agenda, as amended. Councilwoman Fines seconded motion.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Amended Agenda passed and approved April 18, 2005.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: (Tape A309-360).

Councilman Hartman made a motion to approve the appointment of Betty Bissell to the Historic Commission; said term to expire April 1, 2008. Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek seconded motion.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Betty Bissell appointed to Historic Commission April 18, 2005.

Councilwoman Fines made a motion to approve the appointment of Jim Bowman to the Historic Commission; said term to expire April 1, 2008. Councilman Hartman seconded motion.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Jim Bowman appointed to Historic Commission on April 18, 2005.

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the appointment of Earl McElwee to the Historic Commission; said term to expire April 1, 2008. Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek seconded motion.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Earl McElwee appointed to Historic Commission on April 18, 2005.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek made a motion to approve the appointment of Sonya Morgan to the Historic Commission; said term to expire April 1, 2008. Councilwoman Fines seconded motion.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Sonya Morgan appointed to Historic Commission on April 18, 2005.

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the appointment of Roy Gray to the Historic Commission; said term to expire April 1, 2008. Councilwoman Fines seconded motion.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Roy Gray appointed to Historic Commission on April 18, 2005.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek made a motion to approve the appointment of Nile Brown to the Historic Commission; said term to expire April 1, 2008. Councilman Hartman seconded motion.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Nile Brown appointed to Historic Commission on April 18, 2005.

NOTE: Mr. Jim Bowman was present and the City Clerk administered the "oath" to him. Jim was also presented with a Certificate of Appointment. The remainder of the appointees will be sworn in at the next scheduled Council Meeting.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #05-4-5: (Tape A394-444)

Councilwoman Fines made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #05-4-5, in the amount of \$549,344.32. Councilman Hartman seconded motion.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Appropriations Ordinance #05-4-5 passed and approved April 18, 2005.

REMARKS: (Tape A445-1420)

Councilman Hartman:

1. The holes on Excelsior Street have been patched and it helps a lot. Suggested the City see if they can get the property at 402 Excelsior Street cleaned up.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek:

1. Is very proud of this City...the City Council has worked hard on various issues.

Councilman Taylor and Councilman Hartman will help the City achieve its goals. Feels the Council needs to actively seek more small businesses and small industry to the City, which will add to the tax base. The Council needs to make the City more financially stable in order to see a real "sun-rise" in this City. The Council needs to work very hard to improve the City to make it a better place to work, live and play. The Council needs to get very active and aggressive to sell the City to the public

Mayor Parker:

1. The next step the Council needs to take is to show their support of the Public Safety Sales Tax. and not hinder the development of the community.

With no further business at hand, the Mayor adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:47 PM.

ATTEST:

R. D. "SONNY" PARKER, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK