

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
AUGUST 15, 2005

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, August 15, 2005 in the Council Chambers of the Hall of Waters Building. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor R. D. "Sonny" Parker.

The opening prayer was given by Councilman Chad Taylor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor R. D. "Sonny" Parker.

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

Absent: None

VISITORS: (Tape A31-54)

Mayor Parker asked Chad Birdsong, Superintendent of Construction Services, to introduce all employees of the Street Department and Construction Services to the public. These employees will also attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception immediately following the Council Meeting to celebrate the completion of reconstruction on Broadway.

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, AUGUST 1, 2005: (Tape A55-62)

Councilwoman Fines made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 1, 2005. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hartman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Minutes of August 1, 2005 passed and approved August 15, 2005.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A63-70)

Councilman Hartman made a motion to approve the Agenda, as printed. Motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Agenda, as printed, passed and approved August 15, 2005.

DISCUSSION ITEM – BBQ ON THE RIVER: (Tape A71-227)

Mr. Jim McCullough, owner of Wabash BBQ, addressed the Council. Jim stated that 46 BBQ teams have paid to enter the contest so far and 8 checks are in the mail. Jim stated there will be judges from Omaha, Tennessee and Arkansas. He would like to invite everyone to come out Friday and join the fun. There will be things for the children and Kevin Cline's band

will perform from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Jim appreciates the support of the City for this contest. The Councilmen were presented with a packet regarding the contest and this packet will also be given to judges and contestants.

The City Manager advised everyone that streets surrounding the Hall of Waters will start closing early Friday. Everyone having business at the Hall of Waters have been advised to get their business done early in the week. The area will become a “pedestrian mall” during the BBQ event.

A fly-over of planes is planned to take pictures of the event.

SWEAR IN RODNEY ROUNKLES: (Tape A228-250)

The “Oath” was administered to Rodney Rounkles by the City Clerk. Rodney was appointed to the Tax Increment Financing Commission on June 6, 2005. Rodney was also given a Certificate of Appointment.

BOARD APPOINTMENT – HISTORIC COMMISSION – JIM BOULDIN: (Tape A251-302)

Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek made a motion to approve the appointment of James Bouldin to the Historic Commission; said term to expire April 1, 2008. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hartman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

James Bouldin appointed to the Historic Commission on August 15, 2005.

ORDINANCE #05-8-7, CERTIFY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELECTION RESULTS: (Tape A303-340)

The City Manager briefed the Council on this Ordinance.

Councilman Hartman made a motion to approve Ordinance #05-8-7, ratifying the General Municipal Election results from Clay and Ray Counties. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fines.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #05-8-7 passed and approved August 15, 2005.

NW WATERLINE MATERIALS PURCHASE BIDS: (Tape A341-395)

Rex Brinker, Public Works Director, informed the Council that this purchase is the first project of the next 5-year plan. The actual work will start October 15, 2005.

Councilwoman Fines made a motion to approve the purchase of material for the NW waterline in the amount of \$163,067.20 from Heartland Waterworks who was the lowest bidder. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hartman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Expenditure of \$163,067.20 for waterline material passed and approved August 15, 2005.

SKATE PARK BIDS: (Tape A396-511)

Steve Zimmerman, Director of Parks and Recreation, informed the Council that four bids were sent out on this project and only one company responded. The Skate Park will be constructed in Regent Park and it will be an all steel structure. This structure cannot be dented by a 10-pound rock. Steve stated that he had input from a committee of parents and kids on this project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek stated that it should be noted this expenditure will not include concrete work. Steve advised that the concrete work would cost another \$25,000 to \$35,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of steel skate park obstacles in the amount of \$99,948.40 from the American Ramp Company. Motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Expenditure of \$99,948.40 for skate park passed and approved August 15, 2005.

ORDINANCE #05-8-8, COUNCIL SALARIES: (Tape A512-558)

The City Manager advised that the Missouri Legislative Body has authorized raises for Council salaries of 3rd class cities. This Ordinance is to bring the City in compliance with state law. This is merely a housekeeping issue as the ordinance does not change the existing salary structure for council members.

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve Ordinance #05-8-8, outlining the compensation of the City Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hartman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #05-8-8 passed and approved August 15, 2005.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #05-8-9: (Tape A559-639)

Councilman Hartman made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #05-8-9 in the amount of \$353,702.45. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fines.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Appropriations Ordinance #05-8-9 passed and approved August 15, 2005.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL: (Tape A640-800)

City Manager Hennen:

1. Immediately following the Council Meeting, everyone is invited to join the Council outside for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand opening of our “new” Broadway. Mr. Jim Nelson, Chairman of the Capital Improvements Authority has been invited to cut the ribbon. All are invited back to the Hall of Waters afterward for cake and refreshments.
2. The first meeting of the Council in September will be held after Labor Day...Tuesday, September 6, 2005.
3. The City will have to hold a tax rate hearing on August 29, 2005. We will also go over the first draft of the budget at this meeting.
4. A meeting will be held on August 30 with the Winfield group. This is the group who conducted a study on the proposed community center.

Councilman Taylor:

1. Would like to thank Rex and all his employees for the work they have done on Broadway. The downtown is incredible.
2. Wishes to thank Steve Zimmerman for getting the skate park going. This will give our kids something to do. Hopes to continue finding creative things for our kids to do.

Councilman Hartman:

1. Would like to echo Chad’s remarks on Broadway and the skate park. The street looks wonderful.
2. Is the budget process to start on August 29? The City Manager advised that the budget process will start on the 29th and the Council will need to finish in three sessions. The budget will need to be ratified by the second meeting in September.
3. Will the budget include maintenance for the Hall of Waters. The City Manager stated he would like to get Capital Improvements involved in this.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek:

1. Is very proud of the street crew...they have done wonderful work. Asked them to continue to do what they do.

Mayor Parker:

1. Thanked Chad and Rex for a quality job on Broadway...it reflects well on our downtown.
2. Appreciates everyone coming to attend the Council Meeting.

With no further business at hand, the Mayor adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:30 PM.

NOTE: Immediately following the Regular Council Meeting, the “Oath” was administered to Mark Rowe by the City Clerk. Mark had been appointed to the Steering Committee for the Public Safety Tax on July 18, 2005. Mark was also presented with a Certificate of Appointment.

ATTEST:

R.D."SONNY" PARKER, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK