

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
NOVEMBER 7, 2005

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, November 7, 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 Parker.

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

Absent: None

VISITORS: (Tape A20-134)

Mr. Ron Prewitt, owner of Ray's Lunch on Broadway, addressed the Council. Ron wished to thank the City for installing lights in the parking lot on Broadway across from Ray's Lunch. Ron asked if the rule forbidding overnight parking in the lot be changed during the winter months so that residents living in apartments on Broadway could park there overnight instead of having to park behind Broadway and walk all that way up to the front of Broadway to enter the buildings. Ron was especially asking for an employee of his who goes to college in the evenings and when she comes in she has to park behind the buildings on Broadway. She parked in the parking lot one night and got a ticket.

Mayor Parker stated the City would take a look at this but if they allow one person to park there then they would have to let everyone.

The City Manager stated he would take a look at this situation and bring something back to the Council in two weeks. He will look to see if parking could be allowed overnight during inclement weather.

Ms. Susan Theroff, owner of Scandinavian Country, stated she appreciates the lights in the parking lot. She also asked that dialog continue between the Broadway Merchants and the City regarding loitering.

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 17, 2005: (Tape A135-143).

Councilwoman Fines made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 17, 2005. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hartman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Minutes of October 17, 2005 passed and approved November 7, 2005.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A144-153).

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 November 7, 2005.

ORDINANCE #05-11-1 – VINTAGE PLAZA PROPERTY ACTIVATION: (Tape A154-208)

The City Manager briefed the Council on this Ordinance; stating that all the remaining lots were being put into play at once rather than activating them one at a time.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek made a motion to approve Ordinance #05-11-1, accepting the Vintage Plaza Redevelopment Project and Tax Increment Financing. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fines.

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

Abstain: Parker

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #05-11-1 passed and approved November 7, 2005.

DISCUSSION – HALL OF WATERS HISTORIC DISPLAY: (Tape A209-642)

City Manager Hennen made a presentation on what role the Hall of Waters has to play in the Historic District of downtown Excelsior Springs. The City Manager gave the following suggestions for making the Hall of Waters more than just City Hall:

- There will be a new sign placed at the “Gazebo” located on St. Louis Avenue and Thompson Avenue. This will be a stainless steel sign with lettering indicating entry into the Hall of Waters Historic District, with “way” signs. Capital Improvements has already approved this sign.
- At the Hall of Waters Circle there will be four lights with a sign advertising the Hall and special events.
- Inside the Hall of Waters a sign will be placed directly in front of the Men’s restroom in the Lobby area. This panel will give some of the history of the Hall of Waters.
- In the Water Bar area, panels will be erected along the walls between all the window areas. Each panel will speak of a decade of Excelsior Springs history...with the last one asking visitors to continue on to the Museum. These panels will carryout the décor of the lobby and water bar area.
- On the balcony at the Hall of Waters, educational kiosks will be installed giving the history of water. These could be used by school groups and visitors from the Elms and other cities.

These improvements will make the Hall of Waters a more vital component downtown. This concept is not set in stone and will cost approximately \$50,000 to complete. Private funding will be used to put the project together in the next six months. This same presentation will be given to various organizations in the near future.

Councilman Hartman stated that the pool area has a steam leak and suggested the City get an estimate to have it fixed before it deteriorates the building. The City Manager stated the City

can get estimates.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek stated he was really supportive of this project.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #05-11-2: (Tape A643-722).

Councilwoman Fines made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #05-11-2, in the amount of \$785,216.54. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hartman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Appropriations Ordinance #05-11-2 passed and approved November 7, 2005.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER AND COUNCIL: (Tape A723-992).

City Manager Hennen:

1. Would like to thank AmerenUE for their work on lighting the parking lot on Broadway.
2. Election Day is tomorrow, Tuesday, November 8, 2005.
3. Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM, he will be meeting with Steve Zimmerman, Tim Jarman and the Park & Recreation Board regarding Park and Recreation Department taking over the Golf Course. The Council is invited to this meeting.
4. The Chamber Meeting will be Thursday at 6:00 PM.
5. Friday, November 11, 2005, Armistice Day is a City Holiday. The Orchemn ribbon cutting will also be that day.
6. Ribbon cutting at the new Appleby's will be 10:30 AM Monday.
7. On Nov. 15th, he and Rex will attend a Missouri Natural Resources meeting regarding sewage going into Fishing River. It may be necessary for the City to chlorinate all waste going into the river.
8. The Mayor's Christmas Tree lighting will be November 17 at 6:00 PM.
9. City offices will be closed for Thanksgiving and the day after on November 24 and 25, 2005. The City takes the day after Thanksgiving as a holiday in lieu of Columbus Day.
10. Yard waste pickup has been rescheduled for the week of December 12-16, 2005 due to the "late" falling of leaves.

Councilman Taylor:

1. Will postpone his comments on the Golf Course he had scheduled for tonight until after the meeting with Park and Recreation on Tuesday.

Councilman Hartman:

1. The street out at the Hospital at the street light location is in pretty bad shape and asked if this area could be resurfaced. The shoulder needs work and the street needs to be repaired...is this a Transportation Trust project or a Street Department project. Rex Brinker, Public Works Director, advised that this is a recurring maintenance issue for the City and that it could be resurfaced. Jill Lane is scheduled to be done by Transportation Trust next spring and Rex will add this area to the list to be done at the same time.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek:

1. Encourages everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday. He stated he loves living in a democracy where he and everyone can exercise their right to vote.

Mayor Parker:

1. Next Monday at 6:00 PM, at the Marriott, there will be a MHDC meeting. He, the City Manager and State Representative Nance will be going. If other members of the Council wish to go, please let the City Manager know.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Parker adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:36 PM.

ATTEST:

R. D. "SONNY" PARKER, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK