

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
JANUARY 3, 2006

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, January 3, 2006 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:

There were no visitors at this meeting.

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 5, 2005: (Tape A34-47)

Councilwoman Fines made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 5, 2005. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hartman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Minutes of December 5, 2005 passed and approved January 3, 2006.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A58-55)

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 January 3, 2006.

YEAR-END REPORT: (Tape A56-274)

The City Manager addressed the Council. He stated that he and his Staff are attempting to tell the City's "story" consistently and better than in years past...they are attempting to keep a running tab of the accomplishments of the City. The City Manager covered the following topics:

Public Safety: Including the Public Safety Sales Tax, Training and Equipment Improvements.

Public Works: Overlay Program, Broadway Phase III Reconstruction, Benton Improvements, Water Treatment Upgrade, City Wide Cleanup, etc.

City Golf Course: New software in place and improvements to building and course.

Economic Development: Vintage Plaza, Jadan North Development, Wal-Mart, K.C.Machine.

Community Development: Adopting 2003 Building Codes, Historic Preservation Commission, Half-cent Capital Improvements Tax with no sunset, Downtown Redevelopment, etc.

Communication: Re-instituted the community Newsletter, radio interviews, active web site.
Parks and Recreation: Listed numerous improvements and grant funding.
Community Events: 125th Anniversary Celebration, Greg Williams/Price Chopper Golf Tournaments, BBQ on the River and Community Christmas tree Lighting & Hall of Trees.
Regional Leadership: Listed the City's Leadership positions in regional commissions.

(Note: A complete print-out of this report is attached and becomes a part of these Minutes.)

BOARD APPOINTMENT: (Tape A275-292)

Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek made a motion to approve the appointment of Bill Griffey to the Tax Increment Financing Commission; expiration of this term will be December 22, 2009. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fines.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Fines, Hartman, Taylor, Fousek, Parker
 Nays: None, motion carried.

Bill Griffey appointed to Tax Increment Financing Commission on January 3, 2006.

HOSPITAL R&E FUNDS TRANSFER: (Tape A293-322)

Councilwoman Fines made a motion authorizing the Finance Director to transfer \$99,093.00 from the Hospital R & E Fund to the Hospital Operating Account for the reimbursement of items as per the December 8, 2005 letter from the Hospital Board. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Taylor, Fines, Fousek, Parker
 Abstain: Hartman
 Nays: None, motion carried.

Hospital R&E Funds Transfer passed and approved January 3, 2006.

RESOLUTION #716, GARLAND AVENUE BRIDGE: (Tape A323-378)

The City Manager briefed the Council on this Resolution.

Councilman Hartman made a motion to approve Resolution #716 requesting the placement of Bridge #Fed. ID 16930, commonly referred to as the Garland Avenue Bridge, on the Clay County official BRO funding priority list for replacement in the year 2008. Motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Taylor, Fines, Hartman, Fousek, Parker
 Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution #716 passed and approved January 3, 2006.

LAGERS ALTERNATE PLAN PROPOSAL: (Tape A379-441)

Debbie Kimsey, Assistant City Manager, advised the Council that this is being placed on the Agenda to officially begin a 45-day comment period regarding the LAGERS Alternate Plan Proposal. During this time period, anyone with questions may review the proposal in her office in the Hall of Waters Building. This item was approved by the Council along with the 2005/2006 fiscal year budget.

ORDINANCE #06-1-1, DUMP TRUCK BID: (Tape A442-572)

Chad Birdsong, Director of Construction Services, was on hand to answer the Council's questions on this Ordinance.

Councilman Hartman made a motion to approve Ordinance #06-1-1 to approve the purchase of a new Chevrolet Dump Truck from Westfall GMC for \$46,508.00 with monies budgeted in the Transportation Trust Budget. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fines.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #06-1-1 passed and approved January 3, 2006.

ORDINANCE #06-1-2, THREE TON TRUCK BIDS: (Tape A573-648)

Once again, Chad Birdsong briefed the Council on this Ordinance.

Councilwoman Fines made a motion to approve Ordinance #06-1-2 to approve the purchase of three new Ford _ ton trucks from Chuck Anderson Ford for \$45,596.00, with monies budgeted in the Water and Pollution Budgets. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hartman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #06-1-2 passed and approved January 3, 2006.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #06-1-3: (Tape A649-738)

Councilman Hartman made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #06-1-3 in the amount of \$901,952.51. Motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Appropriations Ordinance #06-1-3 passed and approved January 3, 2006.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL: (Tape A739-903)

City Manager Hennen:

1. Was advised that the three defibrillators have arrived and this will require some training within the Fire and Rescue Department.
2. We now have three new Police Officers.
3. There will be a Boards and Commission Meeting on February 16, 2006. Invites Council and new Council candidates to this meeting. Time and place will be announced later.
4. The City's Newsletter will go out at the end of January.

Councilman Taylor:

1. Asked about the trash pick-up schedule during holidays. Roy Gray, Public Works Department, advised that he has been in touch with the trash contractor and they are to supply a pick-up schedule for next year. Councilman Taylor stated this has confused a lot of people.
2. Extends his thanks to the City Staff for acting and thinking "Big" during 2005...a lot of progress has been made. 2006 will be another big year.

Mayor Parker:

1. Had a lunch meeting with the City Staff and thanked the Staff for all their hard work during 2005. Expects 2006 to be another economic boom. Stated he liked seeing the Council candidates at the meeting.

With no further business at hand, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into closed session.

