

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MARCH 6, 2006

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, March 6, 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 and Councilman Taylor

Absent: None

VISITORS: (Tape A24-1514)

Carolyn Schutte, representative of the Excelsior Springs Area Cultural Guild, addressed the Council. Carolyn presented "hand-outs" to members of the Council listing the 2006 calendar of events for "Excelsior Days". These events included:

- April 19-30: Kids Carnival
- April 20: Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards and Auction
- April 23: Style Show – Ice Cream Social
- April 27: Community Theatre "*Fibber McGee & Molly*"
- April 28: Murder Mystery Dinner and Show, Museum annual Golf Tourney
- April 29: Fine Arts Show & Sale, Downtown Walking Tour, Scavenger Hunt, Sidewalk Chalk Festival, Stars of Cars Show, Good Sam Walk/Run, Hickory Golf Tourney
- April 30: Turpine Tyme Music Show
- May 6: School Swing Band Competition

Ron Prewitt briefed the Council on the Stars of Cars Show. He stated cars would be parked all the way up Broadway, face in, like it was in the old days. He stated the big thing was to get permission to use Broadway on this date.

Carolyn stated tickets for all these events may be obtained from the Edward Jones Office, phone 816-630-1777.

Mr. Leon Neal, 430 Benton, addressed the Council. His concern was how to go about getting the "Benton Area", including Benton, Isley, end of Broadway, Saratoga and Francis Streets, cleaned up. They have new sidewalks and curbs and residents want property owners to clean up trash and blight. They want more people to want to move into this area. Leon also brought pictures of properties they are concerned about. They also have a petition containing 60 names wanting this area cleaned up.

Mayor Parker told property owners the Council appreciated their concern and asked if they would share these pictures with the City so they could all move forward on this.

Kevin Kline, owner of the Country Club Barber Shop on Broadway, addressed the Council. He stated that in spite of an Ordinance against skateboarding in commercial areas, he still sees young people on skateboards on Broadway. Cars are also being driven at excessive speed up Broadway all day. Several buildings were hit with paint balls over the weekend.

Ron Prewitt, owner of Ray's Lunch, stated that early Saturday evening, his building was hit with 6 paintballs, Kevin's barber shop with 5 paintballs and the Enchanted Frog building with three. It took him until 10:00 PM that night to get it all cleaned up. Ron stated that when he went out Sunday morning all the buildings had been hit with even more paint balls. Ron stated six teens were fighting out in front of his building and one of the teens was slammed into his front window. He and Kevin have also come out in the morning to find their benches gone from in front of their buildings. These benches were found down behind the Hall of Waters Building. Women walking

along Broadway are being verbally abused by these teens. The parking lot across from Ray's is a gathering place for these teens. Would like to know what the merchants can do...they are going to have to come up with something.

Susan Theroff, owner of Scandinavian Country, informed the merchants that this same thing happened last summer and the merchants and members of the Council, and the City Staff, made arrangements to meet to try to work something out. All came to the first meeting, but at the second meeting, there were no merchants there except her.

Vernon Hendricks, long time resident of Excelsior Springs, stated he has been an umpire and coach of young people and he knows most of these young people in town. He recommended to the merchants that the next time a problem comes up, they call him and he will come down on the street and talk to the kids. He stated he thinks he can help because he loves this town.

Denise Reese, who purchased the old Roosevelt School, stated she would like to volunteer to get something started for the kids. Maybe the churches could volunteer to keep the Community Center open on the weekends. Nothing is happening on Sundays downtown...need more action on the streets.

Mayor Parker stated the Council shares the merchant's concerns and would like to find a solution to the problem.

City Manager Hennen stated this is the first time he has actually seen the merchants fight for the town.

Councilman Taylor asked the merchants to not get divided and take sides because if you do, they win. He further stated that something needs to be done...we need to re-evaluate this and get something done even if it calls for an Officer to go by every hour.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek stated he feels this is a problem with a person's attitude and their parents need to get involved in what their teens are doing.

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2006: (Tape A1515-B5)

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 21, 2006. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek.

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

Minutes of February 21, 2006 passed and approved March 6, 2006.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape B6-B12)

Councilwoman Fines made a motion to approve the Agenda, as printed. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek.

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

Agenda, as printed, passed and approved March 6, 2006.

ORDINANCE #06-3-1, HALL OF WATERS PROJECT: (Tape B13-B93)

The City Manager stated this project is to create an environment where people want to visit. There is no good place visitors can get an idea of the history of the community.

Councilman Taylor asked where the money will come from and the City Manager advised that this project will have no impact on City funds.

Councilman Taylor made a motion to approve Ordinance #06-3-1, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a

contract with Firefly Marketing. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fines.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #06-3-1 passed and approved March 6, 2006.

ORDINANCE #06-3-2: LAGERS BENEFIT PROGRAM CHANGE: (Tape B94-B129)

The City Manager advised that this change in LAGERS will take place May 1, 2006.

Councilwoman Fines made a motion to approve Ordinance #06-3-2, electing change under the Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System. Motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #06-3-2 passed and approved March 6, 2006.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #06-3-3: (Tape B130-B164)

Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #06-3-3, in the amount of \$589,756.42. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fines.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Appropriations Ordinance #06-3-3 passed and approved March 6, 2006.

REMARKS: CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL: (Tape B165-B384)

City Manager Hennen:

1. Fire Chief Stewart has just advised him that the "breathing apparatuses" have arrived and will be in all vehicles soon.
2. The new Police cars have arrived.
3. The State of the County address will be Thursday, March 9, 2006. If anyone wishes to go let him know.
4. He and his assistant attended the MML Conference last week.
5. The problem with the teens on the streets isn't just in Excelsior Springs---it is found that 8% of the kids are the instigators and we need to target that population. We should focus on identifying who they are...merchants and citizens should get us their names so the City can go and get the kid that just doesn't care.

Councilman Taylor:

1. Would like to thank the citizens and merchants for voicing their concerns.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fousek:

1. Will talk to Rex Brinker, Public Works Director, regarding the possibility of "No Littering" and "No Skateboarding" signs.

Mayor Parker:

1. Thanked everyone for attending this meeting.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Parker adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 7:06 PM.

ATTEST:

R. D. "SONNY" PARKER, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK