

WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MARCH 5, 2007

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in a Work Session on Monday, March 5, 2007, at 5:38 PM in the Council Chambers of the Hall of Waters Building to hear a presentation from representatives of Meringue and Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Nelson.

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

Absent: Councilwoman Schutte

Present Representing the City: Interim City Manager Steve Marriott
Chad Birdsong, Director of Construction Services
Fire Chief Bill Stewart
Phil Hodges, Supervisor Pollution Control
John McGovern, Police Chief

Present Representing AmerenUE: Steven L. Burns, Consulting Environmental Scientist
Mike Edwards, CEO of local AmerenUE

Present Representing MDNR: Karen Cass, Project Manager

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE REMOVAL: (Tape A1-A679)

Mr. Steven Burns, AmerenUE, gave a pictorial presentation of the removal of hazardous waste from the Ruey-Anna High Rise Housing Project. This hazardous waste came from a gas plant which operated on the site from 1900 to 1926 producing gas by heating coal. Over time coal tar seeped into ground water and this waste needed to be removed. This waste was dug out of the ground and shipped to a chemical waste landfill in Peoria, Illinois. The areas were then filled in with fill-dirt.

Prior to the removal starting, the City of Excelsior Springs passed an Ordinance which keeps anyone from digging a water well within a specified area surrounding this hazardous area. Mr. Burns stated that Missouri Department of Natural Resources needs for the City to submit a "Memo of Understanding regarding ground water".

Ms. Karen Cass, Project Manager of MDNR, addressed the Council and stated all they need is for the Council to promise to tell them if they ever get rid of the Ordinance forbidding the digging of water wells in that specified area.

Mayor Nelson stated that there was no interruption of any services during the clean up of the site. He had received no complaints from anyone.

With no further business at hand, the Mayor adjourned the work session at 6:00 PM.

ATTEST:

JIN NELSON, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK