

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
APRIL 16, 2007

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, April 16, 2007 in the Council Chambers of the Hall of Waters Building. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Nelson.

The opening prayer was given by Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nelson.

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

Absent: None

VISITORS:

There were no visitors at this meeting who wished to address the Council.

MINUTES OF WORK SESSION AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 2, 2007 (Tape#1 A1585-1606)

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on April 2, 2007. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Parker, Schutte, Fousek, Taylor, Nelson

Nays: None, motion carried.

Minutes of April 2, 2007 passed and approved April 16, 2007.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape #1 A1607-A1624)

Councilwoman Schutte made a motion to approve the Agenda, as printed. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Schutte, Fousek, Parker, Taylor, Nelson

Nays: None, motion carried.

Agenda, as printed, passed and approved April 16, 2007.

DISCUSSION – BBQ ON THE RIVER: (Tape #1 A1625-A2000, B1-B82)

Jim McCullough, owner of Wabash BBQ, addressed the Council. Jim stated that the BBQ on the River is scheduled for the 17th and 18th of August, 2007. The event will be pretty much as last year with 60 teams entering the contest. There will be entertainment, activities for the kids and a fireworks display. Jim stated he is asking for the Council's blessing.

Jim received the Council's blessing.

DISCUSSION – RUMERY AND ASSOCIATES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (Tape #1 B83-622)

Mr. Terry Rumery, head of Rumery and Associates, addressed the Council. Mr. Rumery has a contact with the City of Excelsior Springs regarding economic development and this contract is due to expire at the end of the month. Mr. Rumery stated he would like to continue representing the City in this endeavor.

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor asked Mr. Rumery how long he has been associated with the City and he stated two years. Taylor asked Mr. Rumery what he has accomplished for the City in those two years. Mr. Rumery stated he has put Excelsior Springs before the Kansas City Area Development Council. Taylor asked what the City will get for their money...he has never seen any reports regarding economic development. Mr. Rumery stated he would be glad to provide reports on a regular basis and would be glad to meet with the Council on a regular basis.

Mayor Nelson thanked Mr. Rumery for his presentation.

PRESENTATION – HOSPITAL EXPANSION: (Tape #1 B623-B1648)

Sally Nance, CEO of the Excelsior Springs Medical Center, Hospital Staff Jeanne Buckman and Dennis Hartman, Rich Andrew, Hospital Board President, and a member of the Hospital Architect Firm all attended the Council Meeting. Sally advised the Council that the Hospital is planning an expansion building of 28,000 square feet, with two stories on the front of the building, at a cost of \$9,000,000. The Emergency Room will be expanded, there will be 16 outpatient clinics, a new GI Lab and a Wellness Clinic.

Sally stated there will be a final review of construction in mid June and the building should be completed between June 15 and August 15, 2008. There will also be eight new jobs added the first year.

The Council congratulated Sally on this new project.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: (Tape #1 B1649-1795)

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve the appointment of Rick Moore to the Parks and Recreation Board; said term to expire May 1, 2010. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schutte.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Fousek, Parker, Schutte, Taylor, Nelson

Nays: None, motion carried.

Rick Moore appointed to Parks & Recreation on April 16, 2007.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve the appointment of John Romp to the Parks and Recreation Board; said term to expire May 1, 2010. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schutte.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Parker, Schutte, Fousek, Taylor, Nelson

Nays: None, motion carried.

John Romp appointed to Parks & Recreation on April 16, 2007.

Councilwoman Schutte made a motion to approve the appointment of H. A. Dickey to the Parks and Recreation Board; said term to expire May 1, 2007. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Schutte, Fousek, Parker, Taylor, Nelson

Nays: None, motion carried.

H. A. Dickey appointed to Parks & Recreation on April 16, 2007.

John Romp and H. A. Dickey were administered the “oath” by the City Clerk. These two were also presented with a Certificate of Appointment.

HOSPITAL R & E FUNDS TRANSFER: (Tape #1 B1796-B1823)

Councilwoman Schutte made a motion authorizing the Finance Director to transfer \$189,043.00 from the Hospital R & E Fund to the Hospital Operating Account for the reimbursement of items as per the April 2, 2007 letter from the Hospital Board. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Fousek, Parker, Schutte, Taylor, Nelson

 Nays: None, motion carried.

Hospital R & E Funds transfer passed and approved April 16, 2007.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #07-4-3: (Tape #1 B1824-B2000, Tape #2 A1-A24)

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #07-4-3, in the amount of \$881,805.26. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Schutte, Fousek, Taylor, Nelson

 Abstain: Parker

 Nays: None, motion carried.

Appropriations Ordinance #07-4-3 passed and approved April 16, 2007.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL: (Tape #2 A25-540)

Interim City Manager Steve Marriott:

1. The new Planning and Zoning Director, Frank Davis, will be here tomorrow. Asks the Council to stop by and say hello to him.
2. Needs some guidance regarding Mr. Rumery's contract. Councilman Fousek stated he still supports Mr. Rumery. Councilwoman Schutte stated she believes the Council should take a look at it again after the new City Manager is on board. Steve advised Rumery's contract expires at the end of the month.

Councilman Parker:

1. Very excited about the Hospital expansion.
2. Representative Nance gave a report on the Oaks, thinks the Council should have a work session on this.

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor:

1. Excited about the progress members of the Council are making...together everyone achieves more. Is proud of all of us for putting their agenda aside and come together...all of us seem to be on the same page.

Councilwoman Schutte:

1. Proud of Council's progress...the Council will have ownership in this City Manager.
2. Very proud of the Hospital on their expansion.
3. We are six months into the year and should have a financial report showing cash flow and how the City stacks up on the budget.
4. Chamber will meet Thursday night.
5. In regard to the Golf Course and the Airport – should look at getting a board.

Councilman Fousek:

1. Very excited about the Hospital expansion.
2. In regard to economic development, is proud of the community. Expansion will come whether we want it or not...need to look at expanding our borders...annexation...annexation...annexation.

Mayor Nelson:

1. It behooves all of us to take the opportunity to inform people about our Hospital.

NOTE: Mr. David Barrow addressed the Council regarding his desire to open an arcade center and dance club at

557 Broadway. Asked the Council if there is an Ordinance banning this. He states there is nothing in this town for teens under 21 to do. He would like to buy the downtown Dollar Store and make an arcade center with a dance floor. There would be no drinking allowed. Mr. Barrow was advised that there is no Ordinance banning an arcade but he needs to start with Planning and Zoning on a project like this.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Nelson adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 7:30 PM.

ATTEST:

JIM NELSON, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK