

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
JULY 2, 2007

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, July 2, 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 Council Meeting who wished to address the Council.

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 18, 2007 AND MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 25, 2007: (Tape 20-42)

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 18, 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 June 18, 2007 passed and approved July 2, 2007.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on June 25, 2007. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schutte.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Minutes of June 25, 2007 passed and approved July 2, 2007.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A43-51)

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

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Agenda, as printed, passed and approved July 2, 2007.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: (Tape A52-106)

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve the appointment of Estelle Morrison to the Capital Improvements Authority; said term to expire March 31, 2010. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schutte.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Estelle Morrison appointed to Capital Improvements Authority on July 2, 2007.

Councilwoman Schutte made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Bob Gerdes to the Capital Improvements Authority; said term to expire March 31, 2010. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Bob Gerdes re-appointed to Capital Improvements Authority on July 2, 2007.

NOTE: At this time the "oath" was administered to Estelle Morrison by the City Clerk. Estelle was also presented with a Certificate of Appointment.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), PUBLIC HEARING: (Tape A107-540)

Councilman Parker made a motion to open a Public Hearing regarding the Community Development Block Grant. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

A Public Hearing was opened.

Mrs. Molly McGovern, who is preparing the Community Development Block Grant application on behalf of the "Dream Initiative", addressed the Council. Molly stated this grant application is to acquire money to assist property owners of low and moderate income to make improvements to their property. She stated this is a two part process...the first being to hold a public hearing and the second to do a public need assessment. She stated she would give others present a chance to be heard during this Public Hearing and then she would be back to conduct a public need assessment, not only with the Council, but with other residents present at the Public Hearing.

Mayor Nelson then asked if there was anyone present who wished to be heard during the Public Hearing.

Mr. Ben Mook, local Attorney, addressed the Council. Mr. Mook stated he wanted to show his support for this project...the need is there. This inflow of cash will be better for the entire community in reaching our "Dream" status.

Councilman Fousek asked what effect these improvements might have on property within the historical district. Molly advised that if property is located within the historical district, those guidelines will have to be followed.

Molly then completed the grant application with input from those persons attending the Public Hearing. The following topics were covered for this input:

1. Public Works Infrastructure.
2. Public Services
3. Community Facilities
4. Community Health Environment.
5. Education Profile.
6. Conditions in Industrial Park.

7. Actions to stimulate employment and private investment.
8. Employment opportunities.
9. Identify top priority for funding.

With the completion of this public input and with no other person wishing to be heard during the Public Hearing, Councilman Fousek made a motion to close the Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

The Public Hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION #741, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG): (Tape A541-557)

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve Resolution #741, authorizing the Mayor to prepare and submit documents necessary to seek funding through the Community Development Block Grant Program. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Resolution #741 passed and approved July 2, 2007.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #07-7-1: (Tape A558-632)

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #07-7-1, in the amount of \$682,395.58. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Appropriations Ordinance #07-7-1 passed and approved July 2, 2007.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL: (Tape A633-887)

Interim City Manager Steve Marriott:

1. Has sent members of the Council an Email regarding the Missouri Municipal League Conference which will be held the middle of next month.
2. Will not be present at the next Council Meeting, July 16. Will be on vacation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor:

1. Would like to thank everyone who helped with the Water Festival. There were a lot of people who done a lot of things to bring this about.

Councilwoman Schutte:

1. "Ditto" on the Water Fest. Steve and the Departments certainly went the extra mile and done an outstanding job.
2. Still has financial questions...where we are at on the budget.

Councilman Fousek:

1. Attended the Water Fest on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
2. Would like for someone to begin to look at "light rail". Even though we may not be able to bring it out here,

the City should be involved.

3. Since his neighbors chose to set off "M-80's" over the weekend, he would like for the Council to consider whether to remove the Ordinance banning fireworks within the City. It is unenforceable. This Ordinance doesn't work. Like for the Council to study this and see if it would be possible for dealers to have the right to sell here in town.

Mayor Nelson:

1. Agrees with Councilman Fousek. He proposes the sale of fireworks be opened up to service organizations. He knows the Police Dispatcher got calls all night long. The Council needs to look into the pros and cons of removing the fireworks ban.
2. The fireworks on Saturday night were spectacular.
3. People in charge of the Water Fest done an outstanding job. Would like to thank Clint Hylton, Wanda Dusek and John McGovern...he knows they must have put 500 miles on their carts. Thanks to one and all.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Nelson adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:34 PM.

ATTEST:

JIM NELSON, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK