

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS  
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI  
AUGUST 20, 2007

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, August 20, 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 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 6, 2007 AND LCRA MEETING ON AUGUST 6, 2007: (Tape A25-41)

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 6, 2007. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2007 passed and approved August 20, 2007.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Land Clearance and Redevelopment Authority, held on August 6, 2007. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Minutes of LCRA Meeting held on August 6, 2007 passed and approved August 20, 2007.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A42-49)

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

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

Agenda, as printed, passed and approved August 20, 2007.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: (Tape A50-119)

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve the appointment of Doris M. Filley to the Housing Authority Board; said term to expire November 30, 2009. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Doris M. Filley appointed to the Housing Authority on August 20, 2007.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve the appointment of Jeff Duncan to the Parks and Recreation Board; said term to expire May 1, 2009. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Jeff Duncan appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board on August 20, 2007.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Nick Houk to the Public Safety Oversight Committee; said term to expire July 18, 2009. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schutte.

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

Nick Houk re-appointed to the Public Safety Oversight Committee on August 20, 2007.

Councilwoman Schutte made a motion to approve the appointment of Jesse Hall to the Public Safety Oversight Committee; said term to expire August 20, 2009. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Jesse Hall appointed to the Public Safety Oversight Committee on August 20, 2007.

At this time, the "oath" was administered to Jesse Hall by the City Clerk. Jesse was also presented with a "Certificate of Appointment".

LIQUOR LICENSE, WILLOW SPRING MERCANTILE: (Tape A120-142)

Police Chief John McGovern advised the Council that a Police computer check had revealed nothing which would preclude the issuance of this license.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve a request by Daphne Bowman for a wine license (original package) and a "Tasting" license for Willow Spring Mercantile, 249 E. Broadway, Excelsior Springs, Missouri. Mrs. Bowman will be the Managing Officer of the license. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Liquor License for Willow Spring Mercantile passed and approved August 20, 2007.

ORDINANCE #07-8-7, PROPERTY TAX WRITE-OFFS: (Tape A143-223)

Steve Marriott, Finance Director, explained to the Council that these write-offs will be sent to a collection agency in

a further attempt to collect the taxes. Councilwoman Schutte asked if these names had been checked back to our list of Occupation License. Steve advised that it had been done.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve Ordinance #07-8-7, authorizing the Finance Director to write off the sum of \$7,839.29 in Delinquent Personal Property Taxes. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schutte.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #07-8-7 passed and approved August 20, 2007.

ORDINANCE #07-8-8, PROPERTY TAX LEVY: (Tape A224-420)

Councilman Fousek made a motion to Open the 2007 Property Tax Rate Hearing. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schutte.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

A Public Hearing was opened.

Councilman Fousek stated that he feels it is time to consider a property tax hike...something like .97 or .98 cents. It has been several years since the City has had a property tax increase and he requests a study of property tax levies in the area. Stated City of Liberty has .98 cents.

Steve Marriott stated this would require a vote of the public. He also stated the levy is in compliance with the Hancock Amendment.

Councilwoman Schutte stated we should not increase taxes just to be increasing taxes...we should determine what the City needs and how much is needed over a long term. She further stated that the City has had a 'sales tax' increase recently. Councilwoman Schutte asked why there is a decrease in business and personal property assessments...there has been a fair amount of drop in assessments. What is status quo on businesses.

Steve Marriott advised that he will check with the Clay County Assessor to determine the reason for the decrease.

With no other person wishing to be heard during the public hearing, Councilman Fousek made a motion to close the 2007 Property Tax Rate Hearing. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve Ordinance #07-8-8, authorizing the Finance Director to levy General and Special Taxes on the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri in the amount of \$1.0532 for the tax year 2007. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #07-8-8 passed and approved August 20, 2007.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #07-8-9: (Tape A421-463)

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #07-8-9, in the amount of \$459,872.91. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Appropriations Ordinance #07-8-9 passed and approved August 20, 2007.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL: (Tape A464-686)

City Manager Haugland:

1. There will be a Missouri Municipal League Meeting on September 9 to 12. Any Council Member wishing to go, let Shannon or himself know.
2. Has received the final draft of the “Dream Initiative”. Anyone wishing a copy may have it.
3. In the last week and a half has met with a lot of people. Attended numerous meetings during the past week...such as the Chamber of Commerce Meeting, etc.
4. The BBQ Contest held over the weekend was a wonderful event.
5. Invited members of the Council to the Employee Appreciation breakfast this Friday, August 24, at 7:00 AM, at the Golf Club.

Councilman Parker:

1. Sorry he missed the BBQ Contest...heard it was a complete success.

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor:

1. The BBQ Contest was the biggest ever with 61 or 62 teams. Would like to thank the people who gave of their time and effort. They should be given the recognition they deserve.

Councilwoman Schutte:

1. Heard the fireworks from the BBQ Contest.
2. Echoes the ‘thank you’ for all the volunteers.
3. Requests an update on the Airport.
4. Requests information on the City’s legal fees.

Councilman Fousek:

1. Spent four hours with the “Dream Initiative”.
2. Enjoyed the BBQ Contest...ate lots of BBQ. Was a BBQ judge on Saturday. It was a wonderful event and everyone wants to do it again next year. This is a good way to get people downtown. This is a great community.

Mayor Nelson:

1. Sorry he missed the BBQ Contest. Had to take his grandchildren back home.
2. Thanked all the volunteers on the “Dream Initiative”.
3. Applauded the great BBQ Contest. Volunteers put on one heck of a Contest. Thanked everyone for the wonderful ‘clean up’ afterward.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Nelson adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:27 PM.

ATTEST:

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JIM NELSON, MAYOR

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FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK