

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve the appointment of Kevin King to the Excelsior Springs Historic Preservation Commission; said term to expire May 1, 2011. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schutte.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Kevin King appointed to Historic Preservation Commission on March 3, 2008.

ORDINANCE #08-3-1, SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR E-Z LOAN: (Tape A76-188)

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor read by title the First Reading of Ordinance #08-3-1.

Planning Director Frank Davis advised the Council that this permit is for Jerry Bishop to open a loan office at 2001 W. Jesse James Road. They are not asking for a rezoning of the building due to apartments being located on the lower level of the building. Mr. Bishop has applied for a Special Use Permit now and plans to move the business before the end of the year due to this being a non-conforming district.

Councilman Parker made a motion to place on Second Reading Ordinance #08-3-1, accepting a Special Use Permit for E-Z Loan, 2001 W. Jesse James Rd. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schutte.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor read by title the Second Reading of Ordinance #08-3-1.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve Ordinance #08-3-1, accepting a Special Use Permit for E-Z Loan, 2001 W. Jesse James Road. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schutte.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #08-3-1 passed and approved March 3, 2008.

ORDINANCE #08-3-2, FINAL PLAT APPLICATION FOR CROWN HILL DEVELOPMENT-WALGREENS: (Tape A189-274)

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor read by title the First Reading of Ordinance #08-3-2.

Frank Davis advised the Council that there were no issues with this development which would make an adverse impact on the area.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to place on Second Reading Ordinance #08-3-2, accepting a Final Plat Application for Crown Hill Development, 1718 W. Jesse James Road. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor read by title the Second Reading of Ordinance #08-3-2.

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve Ordinance #08-3-2, accepting a Final Plat Application for Crown Hill Development, 1718 W. Jesse James Road. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #08-3-2 passed and approved March 3, 2008.

DISCUSSION – TRANSPORTATION TRUST ELECTION: (Tape A275-634)

Chad Birdsong, Public Works Director, informed the Council that the Transportation Trust Sales Tax Election will be April 8, 2008. He stated that this is not a tax increase...only a continuation of an existing tax which generates approximately \$550,000.00 a year in our community. This tax was first approved June 15, 1981 and has been approved in every subsequent election since then. This money is used mostly for overlay of streets, but can be used for construction of streets and equipment to do repairs. The overlays are contracted out but Construction Services does all the other work. Overlaying of streets saves money on maintenance, creates safety by eliminating potholes and creates pride in the City. It also encourages neighborhoods to clean up their areas.

Councilman Fousek wants to let the public know that if this tax passes in the election there will be no sunset of the Transportation Sales Tax. It will go into continuation.

Councilwoman Schutte stated by not having a sunset on the tax, the City can make great, great long range plans.

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor asked how they determine which streets will be repaired. Chad stated that City crews driving throughout the City are able to determine which streets are starting to crack and are in need of repair. The decision on what streets will finally be repaired is made by the Transportation Trust Authority.

FORMAL APPLICATION FOR SUMMER SEWER CREDITS – FY 2007-2008: (Tape A635-693)

The City Manager advised the Council that this an opportunity for customers to apply for sewer credit on sewer charges during the summer months when water is used for watering lawns.

Councilwoman Schutte made a motion to approve the “Summer Sewer Credits” Discount Program for FY 2007-2008. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Summer Sewer Credits approved March 3, 2008.

HOSPITAL R&E FUNDS: (Tape A694-722)

Councilman Parker made a motion authorizing the Finance Director to transfer \$199,698.00 from the Hospital R & E Fund to the Hospital Operating Account for the reimbursement of items as per the February 7, 2008 letter from the Hospital Board. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Hospital R & E Funds Transfer passed and approved March 3, 2008.

RESOLUTION #758, CROP LEASE-WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ACREAGE: (Tape A723-785)

Phil Hodges, Utility Services Director, briefed the Council on this Resolution.

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve Resolution #758 authorizing the Director of Utility Services to enter into an agreement with Kyle Tracy to lease the 44 +/- tillable ground around the wastewater treatment plant for the growing seasons of 2008-2010 in the amount of \$151 per acre for a total yearly lease payment of \$6,644.00 to be deposited in the Pollution Department budget. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schutte.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution #758 passed and approved March 3, 2008.

RESOLUTION #759, CROP LEASE – WELL FIELD AND WATER PLANT ACREAGE: (Tape A786-818)

Once again, Phil Hodges briefed the Council on this Resolution.

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve Resolution #759 authorizing the Director of Utility Services to enter into an agreement with Kyle Tracy to lease the 80 +/- tillable ground around the water treatment plant and the well fields for the growing seasons of 2008-2010 in the amount of \$186 per acre for a total yearly lease payment of \$14,880.00 to be deposited in the Water Department budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution #759 passed and approved March 3, 2008.

ORDINANCE #08-3-3, CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION FOR CDBG GRANT: (Tape A819-904)

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor read by title the First Reading of Ordinance #08-3-3.

The City Manager briefed the Council on this Ordinance.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to place on Second Reading Ordinance #08-3-3, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Mid-America Regional Council for Professional Administrative Services. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor read by title the Second Reading of Ordinance #08-3-3.

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve Ordinance #08-3-3 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Mid-America Regional Council for Professional Administrative Services. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Schutte.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #08-3-3 passed and approved March 3, 2008.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #08-3-4: (Tape A905-975)

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor read by title the First Reading of Ordinance #08-3-4.

The appropriations were gone over line-by-line by members of the Council.

Councilman Parker made a motion to place on Second Reading Appropriations Ordinance #08-3-4 in the amount of \$420,051.15. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor read by title the Second Reading of Ordinance #08-3-4.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #08-3-4 in the amount of \$420,051.15. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Appropriations Ordinance #08-3-4 passed and approved March 3, 2008.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL: (Tape A976-1130)

City Manager Haugland:

1. Received word on Friday of an available grant of \$100,000 through the Home Rehabilitation Program. Applications will be available for the target area through March 15, 2008. Applications may be picked up at the Hall of Waters, the Good Samaritan Center and at United Services to rehab homes. Up to five (5) home owners will receive \$20,000 for rehab of their owner/occupied homes. The City has a map of the targeted area.

Councilwoman Schutte:

1. Should there be a special meeting called to vote on the City's insurance. The City Attorney advised that this could be done at the next regular meeting. Schutte asked if this contract needs Council approval and she was advised that it did.

Councilman Fousek:

1. Welcomes Brian Rice, Publisher of the Excelsior Springs Standard Newspaper. Kudos.

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor:

1. Thanked members of the Council for bearing with him through the direction of this meeting.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:40 PM.

ATTEST:

CHAD TAYLOR, MAYOR PRO-TEM

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK