

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
JUNE 2, 2008

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, June 2, 2008 in the Council Chambers of the Hall of Waters Building. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Schutte

The opening prayer was given by Reverend Jonathan Cooney of the First Methodist Church

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Schutte.

Roll Call of Members: Present: Mayor Carolyn Schutte, Mayor Pro-Tem Ambrose Buckman, Councilmen Ken Fousek, Jim Nelson and Sonny Parker.

Absent: None

VISITORS:

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 19, 2008: (Tape A34-43)

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 19, 2008. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Minutes of May 19, 2008 passed and approved on June 2, 1008.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A44-52)

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

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Agenda, as written, passed and approved June 2, 2008.

ORDINANCE #08-6-1 – SALES TAX HOLIDAY: (Tape A53-102)

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Ordinance #08-6-1.

Mayor Schutte advised the Council that this Ordinance will allow purchases of clothing, personal computers and school supplies to be exempt from city sales tax between the first Friday in August and the Sunday following.

Councilman Fousek asked if it will be necessary to pass this same Ordinance next year. Steve Marriott, Director of Administrative Services, advised that it will not be necessary.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to place on Second Reading Ordinance #08-6-1 by the City Council to “opt in” of the state imposed sales tax holiday. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Schutte read by title the Second Reading of Ordinance #08-6-1.

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve Ordinance #08-6-1 by the City Council to “opt in” of the state imposed sales tax holiday. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Parker, Buckman, Schutte

Nays: Fousek, Nelson. Motion carried.

Ordinance #08-6-1 passed and approved June 2, 2008.

ORDINANCE #08-6-2, REHABILITATION AND PAINTING OF 69 WATER TOWER: (Tape A103-398)

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Ordinance #08-6-2.

Phil Hodges, Director of Utility Services, briefed the Council on this Ordinance. Phil recommends that the 69 Water Tower be sandblasted and re-painted by the Utility Service Company for the amount of \$374,000.00. This will include a higher grade of paint which can last up to 30 years.

Councilman Fousek asked Phil how much it would cost to just build a new water tower. Phil advised that it would cost \$1,000,000.00 to build a new one.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman stated he had dealings with Utility Service Company while at Ford Motor Company and they are a reliable company.

Councilman Parker made a motion to place on Second Reading Ordinance #08-6-2, authorizing the Director of Utility Services to enter into a contract with Utility Service Company for the rehabilitation of 69 Hwy Water Tower and new logo on 1210 Water Tower, and amending the Water Fund budget. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Schutte read by title the Second Reading of Ordinance #08-6-2.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve Ordinance #08-6-2, authorizing the Director of Utility Services to enter into a contract with Utility Service Company for the rehabilitation of 69 Hwy Water Tower and new logo on 1210 Water Tower, and amending the Water Fund budget. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #08-6-2 passed and approved June 2, 2008.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #08-6-3: (Tape A399-509)

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Appropriations Ordinance #08-6-3.

Members of Council went through the Appropriations line by line.

Councilman Parker made a motion to place on Second Reading Appropriations Ordinance #08-6-3 in the amount of

\$419,914.12. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Schutte read by title the Second Reading of Ordinance #08-6-3.

Councilman Nelson made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #08-6-3 in the amount of \$419,914.12. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Appropriations Ordinance #08-6-3 passed and approved June 2, 2008.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER, CITY COUNCIL, MAYOR: (Tape A510-832)

Steve Marriott:

1. Spring clean-up will be held the week of June 21.

Councilman Parker:

1. Will defer his comments to the Mayor.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman:

1. Thanked Phil Hodges for showing him around the Public Works building. He had never seen the building before.

Councilman Nelson:

1. Encourages Members of the Council and citizens of the City to take a good look at K. C. Mayor Funkhouser's proposal on light rail. It will call for \$600,000 to \$700,000 be collected from our area and sent to Kansas City...and we will get nothing. We will have to collect _ cent tax and send it to Kansas City. Encourages everyone to take a good, long look at this proposal.

Mayor Schutte:

1. Something has to be done about the City's phone system. This has been going on for two weeks and will have to go on another week before repairs are made. If we were in business...we would be out of business. The City is a business so what can we do. We are in business to serve the community. Steve Marriott advised that the broken box should be repaired and back to the City by Tuesday or Wednesday; meanwhile anyone wishing to contact the City should dial the direct phone number for each department. The local newspaper was asked to print a list of department numbers in the paper.
2. Received a letter from Parks and Recreation with several questions. Suggests that Steve Marriott spend some time with Parks and Recreation and answer questions eyeball to eyeball.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Schutte adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:30 PM.

ATTEST:

CAROLYN SCHUTTE, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK