

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MARCH 2, 2009

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, March 2, 2009 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 Rev. Randy Mitchell of the Flack Memorial 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: (Tape A58-190)

Ms. Candi Goll, #5 Todd Street, addressed the Council. Candi stated that she had submitted a bid last July to the City in regard to the spa facilities and she has heard nothing. She is also interested in the Water Bar area. Candi stated that she worked at the Hall of Waters Bath House before they closed. She further stated that the Bath House needs to be open. Candi requested information regarding the status of the Bath House, why she received no response and what is the time frame on opening the Bath House.

Mayor Schutte stated that the Business Master Plan, which will be focused on the downtown area, will set up a plan for the Hall of Waters Bath House and Water Bar. The Mayor further stated that Candi should have received a response from her bid, and as far as the time frame, she just doesn't know at this time.

The City Manager advised that the biggest problem with opening the Bath House is to find a source for steam without having to run the boilers.

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 17, 2009: (Tape A191-200)

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 17, 2009. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Minutes of February 17, 2009 passed and approved March 2, 2009.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A201-212)

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman advised the Council that Item #2, Chamber of Commerce Presentation, should be struck from the Agenda as they will not be here.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman then made a motion to approve the Agenda, as amended. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Amended Agenda passed and approved March 2, 2009.

GOLF BOARD PRESENTATION:

No one from the Golf Board appeared at the Council Meeting.

WEBSITE PRESENTATION – KEVIN AND SONYA MORGAN: (Tape A214-674)

Kevin and Sonya Morgan, owners of Morgansites.com, gave a presentation to the Council. Kevin stated that he has met with City Staff and the City Manager for the last two months in order to draw up this presentation. Kevin gave a demonstration of what all is contained in the home page including Government, Departments, Community, Economic Development, Forms, Email and Home. He also gave a demonstration of items on the home page – 2nd navigation...Shortcuts, City Permits, Staff Directory, Resources, Employment, Calendar and Location.

Mayor Schutte asked how long it will take to get this website up and running. She was advised that it would take from 6 to 8 weeks.

The City Manager advised that after Council input, the City Staff will make some further adjustments and bring an agreement back to the Council for them to approve.

This presentation was well received by all members of the Council.

ORDINANCE #09-2-4, SPECIAL USE PERMIT, INN AT CRESCENT LAKE: (Tape A675-963)

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Ordinance #09-2-4.

Frank Davis, Planning and Zoning Director, advised that after a thorough inspection, no discrepancies were found on the property of the Inn at Crescent Lake. He further advised that this permit was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission on February 17, 2009.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to place on Second Reading Ordinance #09-2-4, authorizing a Special Use Permit for operation of a Bed and Breakfast in an Agricultural District, at 1261 So. St. Louis Ave. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

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

 Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Schutte read by title the Second Reading of Ordinance #09-2-4.

Councilman Nelson made a motion to approve Ordinance #09-2-4, authorizing a Special Use Permit for operation of a Bed and Breakfast in an Agricultural District, at 1261 So. St. Louis Ave. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

 Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #09-2-4 passed and approved March 2, 2009.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #09-2-5: (Tape A964-1012)

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Appropriations Ordinance #09-2-5.

Members of the Council then went over each Appropriations Report for questions.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to place on Second Reading Appropriations Ordinance #09-2-5, in the amount of \$423,979.04. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Schutte read by title the Second Reading of Appropriations Ordinance #09-2-5.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #09-2-5, in the amount of \$423,979.04. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Appropriations Ordinance #09-2-5 passed and approved March 2, 2009.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL:

City Manager Haugland:

1. All members of the Council have signed up to attend the State of the County luncheon on March 12. Has two vehicles lined up to take everyone.

Councilman Parker:

1. Wishes to thank Kevin and Sonya Morgan for their work on the City's website...to get it up and going.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman:

1. Seconds Parker's remarks on the website.

Mayor Schutte:

1. Asked about Phil Hodges, former Utilities Director. Heard he was in the hospital.
2. Now that the City has a great website, the Council needs to start conversation on getting high-speed internet in this area.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Schutte adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:47 PM.

ATTEST:

CAROLYN SCHUTTE, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK