

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MARCH 16, 2009

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, March 16, 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 Mike Boudreaux, Pastor of Crescent Lake Christian Center

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 and Jim Nelson.

Absent: Councilman Sonny Parker

VISITORS: (Tape A24-62)

Pastor Mike Boudreaux addressed the Council. He stated that the Excelsior Springs Ministerial Alliance will hold a prayer event on May 7, the National Day of Prayer, at 7:00 PM at the Elms Hotel. He suggested that the City Council hold a "Prayer" breakfast. Members of the Council were receptive to this suggestion.

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 2, 2009: (Tape A63-77)

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 2, 2009. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Minutes of March 2, 2009 passed and approved on March 16, 2009.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A78-84)

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

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Agenda, as printed, passed and approved March 16, 2009.

PROCLAMATION FOR KIMBERLY SIMMONS: (Tape A85-198)

Mayor Schutte and members of the Council presented a Proclamation to the family of Kimberly Ann Simmons. This Proclamation is in honor of Kimberly Ann Simmons' years of extraordinary service, uplifting encouragement and unwavering dedication to the students, coaches and community of Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Mayor Schutte stated that at 211 degrees water is very hot; but, at 212 degrees water begins to boil and at that time can run a steam engine. Kimberly was the person who always had that extra degree of service.

MUSEUM PRESENTATION: (Tape A199-608)

Mr. Bill Allen, President of the Museum Board, stated he wished to bring the Council up to date on what is happening at the Museum. The Museum is currently operating in the summer hours of 10:00 AM till 4:00 PM, Tuesday through Saturday. The Museum has a new slate of board members...all with new ideas to help the Museum to grow and become enjoyable. They have repaired the roof, walls have been repaired and new areas have been created to hang pictures. They have a new military section and invite all ex-military citizens to come in and register. They have sponsored events such as the Quilt show, the Smithsonian fence, and the Judd Art Exhibit. They have welcomed civic groups such as the Scouts and the Red Hatters. They gave a special tour to the Johnson County Community College. They are in search of new members and volunteers.

Mayor Schutte stated the Museum Board has done an excellent job. Councilman Fousek stated he has been affiliated with the Museum for many years and he is proud of their work to make history come alive.

SUMMER SEWER CREDITS FY 2008-2009: (Tape A609-645)

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion authorizing the Finance Department to prepare the necessary applications in order to implement the "Summer Sewer Credits" for FY 2008-2009. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Summer Sewer Credits FY 2008-2009 passed and approved March 16, 2009.

RESOLUTION #809, IMPROVEMENTS TO POWELL LAKE PARK: (Tape A646-787)

Public Works Director Chad Birdsong advised the Council that Capital Improvements had approved \$225,000 for this project on March 10, 2009. City crews will begin work on this project this spring.

Councilman Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution #809, authorizing the use of the Capital Improvements Sales Tax for improvements to Powell Lake Park in the amount of \$88,894.20. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution #809 passed and approved March 16, 2009.

RESOLUTION #810, PURCHASE OF MOWING EQUIPMENT: (Tape A788-842)

Parks and Recreation Director Steve Zimmerman informed the Council that this is a budgeted item.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve Resolution #810, authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department to purchase mowing equipment in the amount of \$60,000.00 Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution #810 passed and approved March 16, 2009.

ORDINANCE #09-3-1, SPECIAL USE PERMIT, 554 S. KANSAS CITY AVE: (Tape A843-1017)

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Ordinance #09-3-1.

Frank Davis, Planning and Zoning Director, advised the Council that he recommends approval of this Ordinance pending all building and fire codes are met for this building.

Councilman Nelson made a motion to place on Second Reading Ordinance #09-3-1, authorizing a Special Use Permit for operation of a Bed and Breakfast at 554 S. Kansas City Avenue, pending all codes are met. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

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

Mayor Schutte read by title the Second Reading of Ordinance #09-3-1.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve Ordinance #09-3-1, authorizing a Special Use Permit for operation of a Bed and Breakfast at 554 S. Kansas City Avenue, pending all codes are met. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson.

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

Ordinance #09-3-1 passed and approved March 16, 2009.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #09-3-2: (Tape A1018-1092)

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Appropriations Ordinance #09-3-2.

The Mayor and Members of the Council went over the Appropriations Reports for questions.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to place on Second Reading Appropriations Ordinance #09-3-2, in the amount of \$561,446.55. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson.

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

Mayor Schutte read by title the Second Reading of Appropriations Ordinance #09-3-2.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #09-3-2, in the amount of \$561,446.55. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson.

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

Appropriations Ordinance #09-3-2 passed and approved March 16, 2009.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL: (Tape A1093-1520)

City Manager Haugland:

1. The final workshops on the City's Master Plan will be held on April 14 at the Elms Hotel from 11-1 and 5-7. A workshop on the City's Comprehensive Plan will be held on April 15.
2. If he can get Capital Improvements together, would like to have a special council meeting on the repair of the wall at the Hall of Waters before the Gatsby event. Possibly meeting at 8:00 AM, this Friday.

3. Will be out of the office March 26 to April 6 for knee surgery. Call him on his cell phone if you need him.
4. There will be a State-of-the-City luncheon on April 9, 2009.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman:

1. Two more businesses will be moving out of the downtown area soon.

Councilman Nelson:

1. Understands there is movement afoot to eliminate the historic tax credits. These are not the life blood of the City, but it certainly is a transfusion. Encourages all the Council and members of the community to contact Senator Stauffer and Representative Nance and express our concerns on this issue.

Councilman Fousek:

1. Agrees with Councilman Nelson...we must fight for tax credits to increase our economic strength. We must use every tool at our disposal...it is crucial to continue the historic tax credit.
2. Very glad our Mayor presented the Proclamation to Kim Simmon's family.

Mayor Schutte:

1. Like our former Mayor Nelson has said...Excelsior Springs refuses to participate in the recession. So far the City seems to be doing very well.
2. All of us will have a date on our tombstones giving a date of birth, "dash", and a date of death. It is what we do with that "dash" that makes a difference in our lives. Kim Simmons used that "dash" in her life.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Schutte adjourned the Regular Council meeting at 6:50 PM.

ATTEST:

CAROLYN SCHUTTE, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK