

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS  
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI  
APRIL 6, 2009

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, April 6, 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, Sonny Parker and Jim Nelson.

Absent: None

VISITORS:

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 16 AND MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 20, 2009: (Tape A33-44)

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 16 and the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on March 20, 2009. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

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

Minutes of March 16 and March 20, 2009 passed and approved April 6, 2009.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A45-53)

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

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

Agenda, as printed, passed and approved April 6, 2009.

HOUSING AUTHORITY PRESENTATION: (Tape A54-491)

Ms. Nancy Nolker, Director of the Housing Authority, addressed the Council. Nancy was quoting from the Housing Authority's Annual Report: They have 170 low-income units available within the city limits of Excelsior Springs, 70 at the Hi-Rise at 320 W. Excelsior, 50 at Saratoga Apartments on Broadway, and 50 on Northwind Drive, with average rental of \$191.35 per unit. They obtain \$457,715 operating subsidy from HUD and \$199,478 from Capital Funds Program Grant. Ten percent of the rental income is given to the City. There is a background check and a criminal check run on each tenant.

Councilman Fousek stated that Nancy goes to other cities and teaches them how to operate their Housing Authorities, and Nancy is a great benefit to this community.

Ms. Judy George, member of the Housing Authority Board, informed the Council that HUD is very fortunate to have Nancy.

OPTIMIST CLUB PRESENTATION: (Tape A492-818)

Mr. Joe Jones gave the presentation. He stated that the Optimist Club has been around since 1919 and the Excelsior Springs Club was chartered in 1960. They have 45 members and meet once a month in the Hospital Cafeteria. Some of their activities are dictionaries for all fourth graders each year, safety glow Halloween bags for kids at Halloween, they sponsor the "Just Say No" program for all fifth grade students, have a "Shoe Program" where shoes are given to students who can't afford them, have an Oratorical Contest, honor students of the month, athletes of the quarter and run a "Camp Quality" each year for kids diagnosed with cancer.

The Optimist Club was commended by the Council for all their good works.

HOSPITAL R & E FUNDS: (Tape A819-856)

Councilman Parker made a motion authorizing the Director of Administrative Services to transfer \$213,438.00 from the Hospital R & E Fund to the Hospital Operating Account for the reimbursement of items as per the March 24, 2009 letter from the Hospital Board. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Hospital R & E Funds transfer passed and approved April 6, 2009.

BANK DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT: (Tape A857-968)

Steve Marriott, Director of Administrative Services, briefed the Council on this agreement.

Councilman Parker made a motion to allow the City Manager and Director of Administrative Services to negotiate a depository agreement with National Bank of Kansas City for a period of two years. This agreement will expire on April 30, 2011. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Bank Depository Agreement passed and approved April 6, 2009.

RESOLUTION #812, PURCHASE OF WALK-BEHIND SAW: (Tape A969-1093)

Chad Birdsong, Public Works Director, briefed the Council on this purchase.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve Resolution #812, authorizing the Director of Public Works to purchase a Walk-Behind Concrete Saw in the amount of \$19,682.00 from Hertz Equipment. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution #812 passed and approved April 6, 2009.

RESOLUTION #813 – FUNDING OF THE 2009 ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECT: (Tape A1094-1201)

Once again, Chad Birdsong briefed the Council on this Resolution.

Councilman Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution #813, authorizing funding of the 2009 asphalt overlay project, not to exceed \$425,000.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution #813 passed and approved April 6, 2009.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #09-4-1: (Tape A1202-1253)

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Appropriations Ordinance #09-4-1.

Members of the Council went over the Appropriations Reports for questions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to place on Second Reading Ordinance #09-4-1, in the amount of \$790,097.35. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Schutte read by title the Second Reading of Appropriations Ordinance #09-4-1.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #09-4-1, in the amount of \$790,097.35. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Appropriations Ordinance #09-4-1 passed and approved April 6, 2009.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL: (Tape A1254-1524)

Councilman Parker:

1. This city's overlay program produces the best residential streets anywhere.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman:

1. Vote tomorrow
2. Congratulate Optimist Club – didn't know they had so many programs.
3. The Street Department takes care of their equipment.

Councilman Nelson:

1. The city's overlay is a fantastic program. The streets are well maintained. The City Street Crew maintains the streets and their equipment well.
2. Vote tomorrow.

Councilman Fousek:

1. Congratulates Chad Birdsong and his crew for a wonderful job on streets, water and sewer.
2. Next question is for Police Chief McGovern – would like to have a bike patrol this summer.
3. Vote tomorrow.

Mayor Schutte:

1. The City's Master Plan is coming along well and the overlay program is part of that, and the same way for the Capital Improvements programs – these programs are always needed as reflected in the Master Plan.

2. The MML sales tax deadline is June...will need an Ordinance for this to opt-out or opt-in.
3. Vote tomorrow.

Devry Hunt:

1. Administrative Assistant to Public Works, Devry Hunt, was given permission to speak by the Mayor. Devry advised the Council that the city received a letter today advising us that we will receive a new bus through the City's Stimulus Plan. She advised the Council that the City will not have to have matching funds for this bus. This information was very well received by the Council.

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

ATTEST:

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CAROLYN SCHUTTE, MAYOR

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FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK