

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MAY 4, 2009

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, May 4, 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 Doug Richey, Pastor of Pisgah Baptist 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 and Jim Nelson.

Absent: Councilman Sonny Parker

VISITORS: (Tape A45-60)

Pastor Doug Richey stated that Mike Boudreaux wished to remind the Council that there will be a National Day of Prayer on Thursday morning at 7:00 AM, at the Elms Hotel.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 16, 2009, MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 20, 2009 AND MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING ON APRIL 23, 2009: (Tape A61-90)

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting on April 16, 2009, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on April 20, 2009, and the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting on April 23, 2009. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Minutes of April 16, April 20 and April 23, 2009 passed and approved May 4, 2009.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A91-102)

Mayor Schutte advised that she wished to move Item #3, Board Appointments, to Item #1.

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

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Amended Agenda passed and approved May 4, 2009.

RESOLUTION #815, PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS: (Tape A103-193)

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve Resolution #815 to appoint Joyce Green, Theresa Henson and Sharon Powell to the Excelsior Springs Parks and Recreation Board; said terms to expire May 31, 2012. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Joyce Green, Theresa Henson and Sharon Powell appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board on May 4, 2009. The "Oath" was administered to Joyce, Theresa and Sharon by the City Clerk and each was presented with a "Certificate of Appointment".

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION PRESENTATION: (Tape A194-533)

Ms. Betty Bissell, representing the Historic Preservation Commission, addressed the Council. Betty stated that Councilmen Fousek and Nelson were Council liaison members to the Commission. The Commission will be bringing to the Council soon an Ordinance for a city-wide expansion of the district and it will be enough to keep the city busy for 10 or 15 years. There will be design guidelines and four public meetings for property owners to have input. This happens to be National Historic Preservation month and the district has a lot going on...it is a great Commission. Everyone on the Commission shares a love for all the old properties. Their goal is to change property owner's mindset from ownership to stewardship.

Mayor Schutte stated she would like to challenge the Board to find alternate members to start learning all the material connected to Historic Preservation. Councilman Nelson suggested that the next Historic Preservation award might be given to the commemorative building for the old Lithia well at Saratoga and Benton...it will need to be acknowledged.

KIWANIS CLUB PRESENTATION: (Tape A534-712)

Ms. Christie Shull, representing the Excelsior Springs Kiwanis Club, addressed the Council. She stated that the Kiwanis Club has been in Excelsior Springs for 84 years. Some of their projects has been children of the world, the After-Prom affair, the Chamber Auction, supporting a Scout Troop and their annual musical. This year their musical will be "Oklahoma". Rehearsals have been going on for six weeks. It will be held on June 12 and 13, and June 19 and 20. Adults will be \$10, Seniors will be \$8. They are currently looking for additional sponsors. They encourage everyone to come out and see this musical.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman stated he has not ever missed one of these shows and they are awesome.

RESOLUTION #816, HOSPITAL BOARD APPOINTMENT: (Tape A715-741)

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve Resolution #816, to appoint William E. Thomas to the Excelsior Springs Hospital Board; said term to expire September 30, 2013. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

William E. Thomas appointed to the Hospital Board on May 4, 2009.

RESOLUTION #817, RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH EASTERN CLAY CO
AMBULANCE DISTRICT: (Tape A742-789)

Kent Cantrell, Fire Department Chief, briefed the Council on this Resolution.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve Resolution #817, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Eastern Clay County Ambulance District to provide advanced life support ambulance services to Eastern Clay County Ambulance District. Motion was seconded

by Councilman Nelson.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution #817 passed and approved May 4, 2009.

RESOLUTION #818, STORM WARNING SIRENS: (Tape A790-868)

Once again, Chief Cantrell briefed the Council on this Resolution.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve Resolution #818, authorizing the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with Blue Valley Public Safety for the purchase of storm sirens, associated hardware and costs of installation funded by Capital Improvements Sales Tax, not to exceed \$80,000 for phase one of the project. Motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution #818 passed and approved May 4, 2009.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL REFUSE CONTRACT AMENDMENT: (Tape A869-1766)

Public Works Director Chad Birdsong informed the Council and members of the public present of an upcoming forum on proposed changes in refuse for trash carts, curbside recycling and yard waste drop off site, to be held at the Excelsior Springs City Hospital Meeting Room on Monday, May 11 at 6:00 PM. He stated that the total billed to customers each month will increase from \$11.91 to \$16.55. A city ordinance will be brought to the Council on May 18 regarding this matter.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #09-5-1: (Tape A1777-1848)

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Appropriations Ordinance #09-5-1.

Members of the Council went over the Appropriations reports for questions from the Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to place on Second Reading Appropriations Ordinance #09-5-1, in the amount of \$655,612.82. 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 #09-5-1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #09-5-1, in the amount of \$655,612.82. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Appropriations Ordinance #09-5-1 passed and approved May 4, 2009.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL: (Tape A1849-A2000, B1-B59)

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman:

1. Toured the new Hospital addition over the weekend and it is awesome.

Councilman Nelson:

1. Totally agrees with Buckman about the Hospital. He toured the new addition and as he has said before, we have the most under-appreciated addition to our Hospital in this part of the state. Sally Nance and her Staff should be commended many times over.

Councilman Fousek:

1. Has seen the Hospital from the inside, as a patient, and he was sure glad to be there. The addition is a vast improvement.

Mayor Schutte:

1. Ditto the Hospital. There are many good things going on.
2. Regarding the Boards and Commissions, would like to have a variety of people serve on the Boards.
3. There will be a community fire, tornado and catastrophic event drill in June in order to coordinate emergency services.
4. Would like to form a “Friends of the Hall of Waters” Group to pay attention to the building. We should ask the community who would like to service on this group.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Schutte adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 7:04 PM.

ATTEST:

CAROLYN SCHUTTE, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK