

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
AUGUST 3, 2009

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, August 3, 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 Mayor Schutte

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 Meeting who wished to address the Council.

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 20, 2009: (Tape A23-32)

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 20, 2009. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Minutes of July 20, 2009 passed and approved August 3, 2009.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A33-46)

Mayor Schutte stated that Item #4 should be changed to Ordinance #09-8-1 and Item #5 should be changed to Ordinance #09-8-2.

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

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Amended Agenda passed and approved August 3, 2009.

GOLF BOARD PRESENTATION: (Tape A47-469)

Mr. Gerald Edwards, representing the Excelsior Springs Golf Board, addressed the Council. Mr. Edwards stated that at the time the Golf Board was re-formed, the Council wanted them to consider whether to have a management company run the Golf Course, or to sell it. The Golf Board decided the best course of action was to keep the Golf Course as is. The Board

feels that if the City lets someone else run the Golf Course, the City will lose control.

Mr. Edwards stated the best test of the Golf Course is to consider the number of rounds played. He gave the following breakdown for the Council:

Rounds of golf: 21,600
Rounds of golf: 19,909
Rounds of golf: 20,400
Rounds of golf: 19,000 (down due to the economy)

Revenues show a loss this year. There is the same amount of tournaments, but play in general is down 30% due to the economy. Memberships are up – more local people are playing, but out of town players will not drive to the course. Expenses for the year 2008 were abnormal due to the high cost of fuel and fertilizer. Expenses for 2008 were \$860,000. Thanks to Capital Improvements and the City, they were able to put a new roof on the clubhouse. This fall and winter, cosmetic improvements will be made to the clubhouse. Four greens need replacing because they will not drain water. Restrooms are not female friendly and need work. The centralized watering system needs to be replaced. In his estimation, the best things about this City are its streets, downtown, walk paths and the golf course. A USGA official recently toured the Golf Course and he thought it was a Country Club by the way it looked, rather than a City owned Golf Course.

DISCUSSION – ANNUAL REPORT TO MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES: (Tape A470-867).

Chad Birdsong, Public Works Director, informed the Council that this is the City's Annual Report to Missouri Department of Natural Resources regarding storm water management and whether the City meets the EPA's requirements regarding storm water. Birdsong stated that the City needs to hire a full-time employee to oversee these requirements. Funds for storm water management are currently coming from the Water and Sewer Departments. The EPA suggests that the City should have its own storm water utility to keep track of its own operating costs.

Mayor Schutte advised Chad that the City needs to be aware of the Hancock Amendment when increasing tax levies.

Chad informed the Council that this will be a challenge, but the City will have to do this sometime in the future.

HOSPITAL R & E FUNDS: (Tape A868-903)

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

Councilman Parker made a motion authorizing the Director of Administrative Services to transfer \$187,697.00 from the Hospital R & E Fund to the Hospital Operating Account for the reimbursement of items as per the July 22, 2009 letter from the Hospital Board. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Transfer of Hospital R & E Funds to Operating passed and approved August 3, 2009.

ORDINANCE #09-8-1, 2006 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX WRITE-OFFS: (Tape A904-1014).

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Ordinance #09-8-1.

Again, Steve Marriott briefed the Council on this Ordinance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to place on Second Reading Ordinance #09-8-1, allowing the Finance Director to write off the sum of \$10,363.86 in delinquent personal property taxes. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Schutte read by title the Second Reading of Ordinance #09-8-1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve Ordinance #09-8-1, allowing the Finance Director to write off the sum of \$10,363.86 in delinquent personal property taxes. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #09-8-1 passed and approved August 3, 2009.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #09-8-2: (Tape A1015-1067).

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Ordinance #09-8-2.

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

Councilman Parker made a motion to place on Second Reading Appropriations Ordinance #09-8-2, in the amount of \$772,614.83. 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 #09-8-2.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #09-8-2, in the amount of \$772,614.83. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Appropriations Ordinance #09-8-2 passed and approved August 2, 2009.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL: (Tape A1068-1327).

City Manager Haugland:

On August 17, two extra sessions will be held in addition to the regular Council Meeting. At 5:00 PM, a General Fund budget work session will be held, at 6:00 PM the Regular Council Meeting will be held, and at the end of the regular meeting, a Public Officials Training Session will be held for about one hour. He has talked to John McClelland about this and will have further information for the Council. This training must be completed by the end of August.

There will be a MML meeting on September 4-7, 2009 at Tan-Tara. Asked the Council to look this over in the recent MML magazine and anyone interested in attending, let him know.

On August 24, the Council will have a five-year update on TIF. The Council will also need to hold a public hearing on the 2009 property tax levy.

On August 21, the City will have an Employee Appreciation breakfast. The City has several employees that need to be recognized.

On August 7, 8 and 9, 2009, the City will participate in the school shopping tax-free weekend.

Councilman Parker:

Wishes to recognize Tim Jarman, Director of the Golf Course, and members of the Golf Board...they both do a good job.

Councilman Fousek:

Praised the Golf Course...it is a beautiful facility, they all work very hard, and he likes to hide out there sometimes.

Mayor Schutte:

In the latest MML magazine, communities have been writing about all they have done. She thinks it is time for this City to toot its horn.

There will be a MARC Transportation Committee Meeting "Now and 2040".

On August 14 and 15, 2009, the "Fly-In" will be held.

Wishes to thank the "Standard" for their article on shopping locally.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Schutte adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:46 PM.

ATTEST:

CAROLYN SCHUTTE, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK

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