

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS  
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI  
MARCH 15, 2010

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, March 15, 2010 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 David 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, 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 ON MARCH 1, 2010: (Tape A29-36)

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 1, 2010. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Minutes of March 1, 2010 passed and approved March 15, 2010.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A37-43)

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

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Agenda, as printed, passed and approved March 15, 2010.

UPDATE – KENT CANTRELL, FIRE CHIEF: (Tape A44-175)

The Fire Department has finished updating the city's storm warning sirens. These sirens were tested last Thursday and all went well. This update was paid for 100% by Capital Improvements.

The Fire Department is formulating a RFQ for a Strategic Planner for the Fire Department in connection with the City's Master Plan. This Planner will find gaps in the Fire Department's

operations and identify and make plans for the future of the Department. The Fire Department's new software has been operational since March 1, 2010. Part of this is in connection with the Strategic Planning. Things are going well with the Fire Department and Chief Cantrell thanks the Council for their support.

UPDATE – JOHN MCGOVERN, POLICE CHIEF: (Tape A176-333)

The Police Department updated the Council on repair of the water leak that has been affecting the detention cells, booking room, and associated hallways on the lower level of the Police building. The department did preliminary exploration of the problem by having a company that specializes in waterproofing technologies look at the situation. Their solution would be a \$100,000.00 project and could be more if they run into unforeseen problems and would still leave us with the dirt in the plaza area, which seems to be the source of the original problem.

The Police Department made a presentation to the Capital Improvements Authority concerning the water leak problem. They approved funding for an architect to look at the problem and develop a solution. Reed Architects was selected and has developed a solution. Items to be replaced or repaired include concrete repair to the caps on the walls around the plaza area, repair deck area, install a pre-cast paver decking on a pedestal system on all flat surfaces, replace steps and handrails, install new lettering, and add a flagpole.

The project is currently out to bid with a bid opening scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>. Bids will be presented to the Capital Improvements Authority at their next meeting following the bid opening to seek their approval to fund the project. We expect the project to be approximately \$100,000.00.

UPDATE – CHAD BIRDSONG, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR: (Tape A334-580)

McCleary Road, allocated \$15,900 additional funds to finish the cemetery improvements.

Marietta Bridge, construction is complete, looking at \$182,000 surplus of funds from Transportation Trust.

Miscellaneous Street Maintenance Fund, Allocated \$5,900 to bring the balance back to \$25,000 for 2010.

Street Sign Replacement Program, allocated \$6,998 to replenish the fund back up to \$10,000. They are in one year or two of a six-year plan to replace all signs in town.

2010 Overlay Project, allocated up to \$500,000 for this project. Projecting around 6,500 tons of asphalt to be laid.

Miscellaneous Concrete Repairs, allocated up to \$100,000 for repairs this year.

Tiger Drive Culvert Replacement Project, allocated up to \$100,000 for this project.

UPDATE – TOM WALL, UTILITIES DIRECTOR: (Tape A581-916)

Tom Wall was unable to attend. Devery Hunt, Public Works Administrative Assistant, read a report to the Council from Mr. Wall. The report is an overall assessment and includes ratings of Poor, Fair, Good, and Excellent to reflect the condition, viability, reliability, and performance of the five elements of the Utilities Department.

The Water Supply rating is "Good"; all 6 wells are operational but the production capacity of some has diminished significantly. Revenues are as expected and wholesale city/districts account for approximately 33% of production. The average of treated bulk water sales is 55K gallons, and an accumulative total of 21K gallons of raw water from the water treatment plant were sold to the local bottler.

The Water Treatment rating is "Good"; we will be required to meet new groundwater

disinfection and monitoring requirements effective May 1, 2010.

The Water Distribution & Storage System rating is "Fair"; we continue to experience low flow and/or low pressure concerns in several areas of the City. Most caused by outgrown, undersized City water lines, bottlenecks created by inconsistently sized segments of water lines, and deteriorating City and private lines. Several programs and projects have been proposed, planned, and/or implemented.

Both the sewer collection system and the wastewater treatment plant are in dire need of financial, operational, and administrative attention. The City has received a letter of Warning from MoDNR for violation of the ammonia discharge limit, and a Notice of Violation for failure to meet BOD and TSS permit discharge limits. These Notices require "official" responses and/or corrective actions. All violations pose no concern to the public but impact the "quality" of the water in the receiving stream or for condition of the collection system.

The Wastewater Collection System rating is "Poor"; the severity of the Infiltration & Inflow problem in the Collection System continues to grow and requires immediate corrective actions to avoid catastrophic failures, continued detrimental impact to the treatment process, and continued receipt of Notices of Violation. Collection lines and manholes need repaired or replaced, lift stations need improvements, and new collection lines and/or lift stations need to be constructed to all provision of service to those not currently served.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant rating is "Poor"; the City must construct a new mechanical, active, wastewater treatment plant to enable the operations to meet all regulatory compliance and permit limit requirements. In the consulting Engineer's Final Assessment and report on the "Pilot" project that failed, they reiterate their original recommendation of constructing a mechanical plant. A Utility Rate Study will be completed within the week. This Study will be used as a tool to identify the rate structure required to meet financial obligations needed to get our systems into compliance with regulatory requirements. A presentation of the Rate Study will be done in a Work Session on Friday, March 26, 2010 at 7:30 am in the Hall of Waters Council Chambers.

UPDATE – NICK PAPPAS, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ZONING: (Tape A917-1235).

The Historic Preservation Commission is 50% done with the creation of the citywide Historic Preservation & Revitalization Plan. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at 6:00 PM to review work and make changes. The public is invited.

Two additional districts will soon be recommended for local historic designation – The Elms District and the Boarding Home District. The Commission will update 1994 historic surveys, create a description of boundaries, hold a public meeting, and adopt recommendations for Council action.

Some addresses will need to be changed in the downtown area. The planning & Zoning Department is working with the Fire Department on the issue.

The city map has been revised and is available online

Construction on the Hall of Waters terrace will begin in late April/early May. The city is currently reviewing engineered drawings.

The City is making a selection for locations of the way-finding signs.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #10-3-4: (Tape A1236-1316)

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Appropriations Ordinance #10-3-4.

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

Councilman Fousek made a motion to take to Second Reading Appropriations Ordinance #10-3-4, in the amount of \$775,316.83. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

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

Abstain: Parker  
Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Schutte read by title the Second Reading of Appropriations Ordinance #10-3-4.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #10-3-4, in the amount of \$775,316.83. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Appropriations Ordinance #10-3-4 passed and approved March 15, 2010.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL: (Tape A1317-A1500, B1-B52).

City Manager Haugland:

Attended several meetings with surrounding areas regarding the Enhanced Enterprise Zone; Clay County, Mosby, and Prathersville. He is still working with Prathersville. There will be a Public Hearing with the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board in the Hall of Waters Council Chambers on March 29, 2010 at 3:00 PM to adopt a map.

Councilman Parker:

Thanked all departments for their updates. There are a lot of things going on and it is good to find out about them.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman:

Asked about vacant buildings such as the Royal Hotel and Wyman School. The City Manager stated the developer is no longer interested in Wyman School and the owner is trying to sell it.

Councilman Nelson:

There are third floor windows out at 211 E. Excelsior Street. He would like to see them boarded up.

Mayor Schutte:

Thanked the departments for their updates.

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

ATTEST:

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CAROLYN SCHUTTE, MAYOR

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FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK

