

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS  
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI  
JANUARY 18, 2011

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, January 18, 2011 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 Fire Chief Kent Cantrell.

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 Council Meeting who wished to address the Council.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 16, 2010, AND MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 20, 2010: (Tape A34-65)

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting, held on December 16, 2010. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Minutes of December 16, 2010 passed and approved January 18, 2011.

Councilman Nelson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 20, 2010. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Minutes of December 20, 2010 passed and approved January 18, 2011.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A66-72)

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 January 18, 2011.

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE: (Tape A73-1108)

Matt Hartwig, Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Community Center, addressed the Council.

Matt stated that it has been a pleasure to work with the Community Center Steering Committee. They have identified several properties and have talked to the owners. Those properties are:

The Anderson Family Property; this property is approved in the City's Master Plan.  
The Bill Hightower Property; located on 69 Highway and Baldwin Street.  
The Cemetery Property; belongs to the City.  
The Ameren Property; located near the Pasta Plant.

The Committee has several questions as to where the funding will come from and who will operate it...will it be the YMCA, the Parks & Recreation Department, or contracted out. How will the City pay for the Center...will it be through a sales tax. The Council needs to think about funding, sites, and how will the City pay for it.

Matt stated the Community Center will need meeting rooms and it will be used to replace the Senior Center. He has lived in this City since 1992 and this has been something everyone has talked about. Matt stated that "it can be done". At least 6 to 10 acres will be needed for the complex.

Matt asked if the Committee needs to raise 2 or 3 million to get it started, how do they go about it. North Kansas City pays Gladstone to use their swim facilities. Meeting Rooms could be charged a fee, to create revenue to help run the facility. Memberships could be charged a fee for use of the fitness facilities. No one in the MRVC has a swim program... maybe those schools could reimburse us for the use of ours. The Steering Committee estimates that it will take eight million to build the complex and \$750,000 to \$800,000 to maintain it.

Matt requests direction from the Council on sites and funding, then the Committee can determine actual costs for each site. The Committee needs to know exactly what the Council wants.

Mayor Schutte advised Matt that the Council needs to have discussions on this and will get back to the Committee.

ORDINANCE #11-01-01, TO PLACE ON BALLOT, APRIL 5, 2011, A ONE-HALF CENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SALES TAX: (Tape A1109-1252)

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Ordinance #11-01-01.

Mayor Schutte stated that if the Sales Tax passes, the City will hire an Economic Development Director to look into industrial development for the City.

Councilman Nelson made a motion to place on Second Reading Ordinance #11-01-01, to place on the ballot for consideration by vote at the election April 5, 2011 of a one-half cent Economic Development Sales Tax. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

~~Mayor Schutte read by title the Second Reading of Ordinance #11-01-01.~~

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve Ordinance #11-01-01, to place on the ballot for consideration by vote at the election April 5, 2011 of a one-half cent Economic Development Sales Tax. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Ordinance #11-01-01 passed and approved January 18, 2011.

APPROVAL OF HOSPITAL R & E FUNDS: (Tape A1253-1305)

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion authorizing the Director of Administrative Services to transfer \$638,328.00 from the Hospital R & E Fund to the Hospital Operating Account for the reimbursement of items as per the January 4, 2011 letter from the Hospital Board. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Hospital R & E Funds Transfer passed and approved January 18, 2011.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #11-01-02: (Tape A1306-1370)

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Appropriations Ordinance #11-01-02.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to place on Second Reading Appropriations Ordinance #11-01-02, in the amount of \$1,707,932.99. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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 #11-01-02.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #11-01-02, in the amount of \$1,707,932.99. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Appropriations Ordinance #11-01-02 passed and approved January 18, 2011.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL: (Tape A1371-1554)

City Manager Haugland:

He and Steve Marriott had meetings with Griffey Insurance during the past week and were advised of the effect the current legislation is having on health insurance rates; rates raised from 15 to 45%. However, they were advised by Mr. Griffey that the City will have the exact plan as last year at the same cost as last year. This is due to the City's Wellness Program which has kept utilization down; so the cost is down. This is a great benefit to the City. Only Ambrose Buckman, Sonny Parker, and Chad Taylor have signed up for the Council seats. Only those three names will be on the ballot.

Councilman Parker:

Commended Matt Hartwig and the Steering Committee for a job well done. They are committed to this project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman:

You have to get people interested in something like the Community Center; otherwise it will never go anywhere.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Schutte asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting and go into "Closed" Session.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting and go into Closed Session, pursuant to RSMo. Section 610.021 (3) Personnel. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

   Nays: None, motion carried.

Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

ATTEST:

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CAROLYN SCHUTTE, MAYOR

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FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK

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