

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
FEBRUARY 22, 2011

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, February 22, 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 Mike Boudreaux, Pastor of the 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, and Sonny Parker.

Absent: Councilman Jim Nelson

VISITORS: (Tape A24-56)

Pastor Mike Boundreaux commended all the City workers for doing a great job during the recent blizzard. Mike also informed the Council that May 5, 2011 will be the National Day of Prayer as proclaimed by the Ministerial Alliance.

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2011: (Tape A57-67).

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 7, 2011. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Minutes of February 7, 2011 passed and approved February 22, 2011.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A68-73).

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

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Agenda, as written, passed and approved February 22, 2011.

PRESENTATION OF AUDITORS – MCGLADREY & PULLEN: (Tape A74-324)

Steve Marriott, Director of Administrative Services, introduced Kristen Hughes, representing McGladrey & Pullen Auditing Firm, to the Council.

Kristin congratulated Steve Marriott on the audit of the City's financials for the fiscal year 2009/2010. Revenues have increased in General Fund Taxes \$350,000. Expenses have increased in Public Safety. The auditors are recommending that the City's GFOA certification be extended another year. They also reported that no compliance issues were found with any of the Grants.

RESOLUTION #862, PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENT: (Tape A325-354).

Councilman Fousek made a motion to approve Resolution #862, authorizing the appointment of Keith Bowen as Board Representative to the Parks and Recreation Board; said term to expire May 31, 2014. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution #862 passed and approved February 22, 2011.

RESOLUTION #863, PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES: (Tape A355-415).

Police Chief John McGovern briefed the Council on this purchase.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve Resolution #863, authorizing the Chief of Police to purchase three Crown Victoria police package vehicles at a cost of \$69,152.46 from Chuck Anderson Ford. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution #863 passed and approved February 22, 2011.

ORDINANCE #11-02-02, BUDGET AMENDMENT, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND: (Tape A416-664).

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

Steve Marriott briefed the Council on this Ordinance.

Mayor Schutte stated that she is against making budget amendments for Capital Improvements Fund without first taking these amendments to the Board for approval.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to place on Second Reading Ordinance #11-02-02, approving Budget Amendments to the Capital Improvements Fund and amending Ordinance #10-9-10. Motion was seconded by Mayor pro-Tem Buckman.

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

Nays: Schutte. Motion carried.

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

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve Ordinance #11-02-02, approving Budget Amendments to the Capital Improvements Fund and amending Ordinance #10-9-10. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

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

Nays: Schutte. Motion carried.

Ordinance #11-02-02 passed and approved February 22, 2011.

DISCUSSION – CONSIDER MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN SIGN AND BILLBOARD LICENSES AND PERMITS: (Tape A665-828)

Nick Pappas, Planning and Zoning Director, opened the discussion stating this is a discussion to consider signage, electronic and size.

Councilman Fousek asked what sort of sign sizes; how big. He was advised that the signs can be 48 across and 24 ft high.

ORDINANCE #11-02-03, ORDINANCE PLACING A MORATORIUM ON THE SUBMISSION, CONSIDERATION AND ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN SIGN AND BILLBOARD LICENSES AND PERMITS WITHIN THE CITY: (Tape A829-908)

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Ordinance #11-02-03.

Councilman Parker made a motion to place on Second Reading Ordinance #11-02-03, approving an ordinance placing a moratorium on the submission, consideration and issuance of certain sign and billboard licenses and permits with the City. Motion was seconded by Councilman Fousek.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Schutte read by title the Second Reading of Ordinance #11-02-03.

Councilman Parker made a motion to approve Ordinance #11-02-03, approving an ordinance placing a moratorium on the submission, consideration and issuance of certain sign and billboard licenses and permits within the City. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Ordinance #11-02-03 passed and approved February 22, 2011.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #11-02-04: (Tape A909-1001)

Mayor Schutte read by title the First Reading of Appropriations Ordinance #11-02-04.

Councilman Fousek made a motion to place on Second Reading Appropriations

Ordinance #11-02-04, in the amount of \$716,718.50. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Schutte read by title the Second Reading of Appropriations Ordinance #11-02-04.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #11-02-04, in the amount of \$716,718.50. Motion was seconded by Councilman Parker.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Appropriations Ordinance #11-02-04 passed and approved February 22, 2011.
REMARKS: CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL: (Tape A1002-1216)

City Manager Haugland:

Congratulates Gardner Capital, Inc. on receiving low-income housing tax credits for housing on Excelsior Street. This is a major milestone for redevelopment in the City. It will also mean a lot of construction; not only on Excelsior Street but with other projects they have in connection with the Excelsior Street project.

Would like to thank the Council for sending him to the Leadership Course. He feels that he learned a lot from the course.

Councilman Parker:

He is excited to think of Excelsior Street lined with new homes.

His congratulations to Steve Marriott on the successful audit of City financials.

Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman:

Excelsior Street will look great...he hopes they will take that smoking group with them.

Councilman Fousek:

Thinks the new grant is necessary to improve Excelsior Springs.

Wishes to thank Steve for all his hard work on the City's financials.

Thank all the City Staff who helped him get across to people that we need to have a pooper-scooper ordinance.

Mayor Schutte:

Ecstatic about the building project on Excelsior Street. The pictures in the paper were so good.

Wishes Molly McGovern well during her recovery from surgery. People do not appreciate what an asset Molly is to this community.

The City needs to have something in place regarding naming a street or road after a person. Congratulates Steve and his staff on the excellent audit. It takes a whole crew to accomplish this.

In regard to the Leadership course, it is important to send all members of the staff.

Recognize all the hard work and the outstanding job the Street Crew did during the recent blizzard.

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

Councilman Parker made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting and go into Closed Session, pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo. (1) Legal. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Buckman.

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

Nays: None, motion carried.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

ATTEST:

CAROLYN SCHUTTE, MAYOR

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK

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