

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF EXCELSIOR SPRINGS
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI
AUGUST 15, 2011

The City Council of the City of Excelsior Springs, Missouri met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, August 15, 2011 in the Council Chambers of the Hall of Waters Building. The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Chad Taylor.

The opening prayer was given by Mike Boudreaux, Pastor of the Crescent Lake Christian Center.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor

Roll Call of Members: Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Chad Taylor,
And Councilmen Brent McElwee and Jim Nelson.

Absent: Mayor Ambrose Buckman & Councilwoman Carolyn Schutte

VISITORS:

There were no visitors at this meeting who wished to address the Council.

MINUTES OF BUDGET WORK SESSIONS ON AUGUST 1, 2011 AND AUGUST 8, 2011, AND MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 1, 2011: (Tape A34-58)

Councilman Nelson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Budget Work Sessions on August 1 and August 8, 2011, and the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on August 1, 2011. Motion was seconded by Councilman McElwee.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Nelson, McElwee, Taylor

Nays: None, motion carried.

Minutes of August 1 and 8, 2011 passed and approved August 15, 2011.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA: (Tape A59-70)

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

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: McElwee, Nelson, Taylor

Nays: None, motion carried.

Agenda, as printed, passed and approved August 15, 2011.

AMEREN MISSOURI PRESENTATION: (Tape A71-463)

Mike Edwards, Customer Service Advisor for Ameren Missouri, gave his annual presentation to the Council. Mike stated that their name was officially changed to “Ameren Missouri” in October, 2010. In September of 2010 they asked for a 11% rate increase. On July 14, 2011 the rate was approved at 7.1% and took effect on July 31, 2011. The residential rate was increased 9.2%, meaning an average bill increase of \$8.00, and the commercial rate was increased to 5.2%. Mike further explained to the Council Ameren’s effort toward reliability, energy efficiency, smart grid, environmental clean air, renewable initiatives, waste reduction and reuse, and the company giving back to the community.

PARKS AND RECREATION ANNUAL REPORT: (Tape A464-1127)

Katie Noyd, Parks and Recreation Director, gave their annual report to the Council. She listed all the Parks and Amenities, Shelter and Community Center Reservations, participation in Sports, participation in Activities/Events, Projects and Accomplishments, improvements to the walking trail on Siloam Mountain, installation of new swing sets at six different parks, listed recommendations for improving Parks and Recreation Programs and Facilities, planned programs for use of Parks and Facilities, and explained Parks and Recreation Financial status.

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor informed Katie that she had brought the Parks and Recreation Department a long way in a short period of time. This is exciting news for all departments and he plans to be more active in the Parks and Recreation Board.

Councilman Nelson stated he totally agreed and echoes Chad’s comments.

Joyce Green, Parks and Recreation Board Member, stated they now have someone great at the top. She stated that it is a joy and exciting to work with Katie. She also stated that Board Members are a diversified group of people...some have expertise in plants, some in sports, and some in money. She states “Yeah for Katie”.

RESOLUTION #883, 2011 ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECT: (Tape A1128-1324)

Chad Birdsong, Public Works Director, briefed the Council on this project.

Councilman Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution #883 for funding of the 2011 asphalt overlay project in the amount not to exceed \$570,509.00. Motion was seconded by
Nays: None, motions carried

Councilman McElwee.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Nelson, McElwee, Taylor

Nays: None, motion carried.

Resolution #883 passed and approved August 15, 2011.

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE #11-08-08: (Tape A1325-1419)

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor read by title the First Reading of Appropriations Ordinance #11-08-08.

Members of the Council went over the Appropriations Reports for questions to Steve Marriott.

Councilman Nelson made a motion to take to Second Reading Appropriations Ordinance #11-08-08, in the amount of \$696,658.64. Motion was seconded by Councilman McElwee.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: McElwee, Nelson, Taylor

Nays: None, motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor read by title the Second Reading of Appropriations Ordinance #11-08-08.

Councilman Nelson made a motion to approve Appropriations Ordinance #11-08-08, in the amount of \$696,658.64. Motion was seconded by Councilman McElwee.

Roll Call of Votes: Ayes: Nelson, McElwee, Taylor

Nays: None, motion carried.

Appropriations Ordinance #11-08-08 passed and approved, August 15, 2011.

REMARKS – CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL: (Tape A1420-1552)

City Manager Haugland:

Remind Council of Employee Appreciation Breakfast on August 26, 2011 at 7:00 AM.
Received a nice letter from the City of Joplin thanking our City for help after the tornado.
Chad Birdsong took a crew of men with heavy equipment to Joplin to help clean up after the tornado.

Congratulations to Jim Nelson, and his wife Ginger, and to Brent McElwee for receiving awards from the Missouri Main Street organization.

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor:

Congratulations to the Downtown Excelsior Partnership and to all who have taken an interest in our downtown.

Please remember to pray for Mayor Buckman and Councilwoman Carolyn Schutte.

With no further business at hand, Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:45 PM.

ATTEST:

CHAD TAYLOR, MAYOR PRO-TEM

FRANCES SMITH, CITY CLERK

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