

**CITY OF BUTLER
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
January 18, 2011**

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 22 West Ohio with Mayor Malan presiding. The following Councilmen were present:

ROLL CALL

David Brown	Harold Weil
Brian Phillips	Jim Fisher
Thom Burg	Brian Boyd
Pat Simons	Doug Wix

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were Administrator Mark Arbuthnot, Police Chief Jim Garnett, Officer Denny Rich, Officer Jerret Wheatley, Public Works Director Trent Diehl, City Clerk Mary Jo Cook and Barb Scrogam.

OTHER GUESTS

Eugene Miller, Linn Nitsche and David Johnson.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Wix, second by Boyd to approve the minutes of the regular session of January 4, 2011. Motion passed unanimously with a show of hands. Motion by Boyd, second by Simons to approve the bills presented for payment, excluding Bates County Fire Safety presented for payment. Motion passed unanimously with a show of hands. Motion by Fisher, second by Brown to approve the bill from Bates County Fire Safety presented for payment. Motion passed unanimously with a show of hands with Wix abstaining. Motion by Phillips, second by Wix to approve travel and training. Motion passed unanimously with a show of hands.

COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee met on January 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. City Administrator Arbuthnot discussed the 2011-2012 budget with the committee members.

**MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD
PRIDE COMMITTEE**

Burg reported Code Enforcement Officer Rich has a new job description. Burg also reported Officer Rich is on top of things and stated Officer Rich did a good job on the parking study report.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
**PARK & RECREATION
COMMISSION**

The Park and Recreation Commission met on Thursday, January 6th at noon at City Hall. Items reviewed include work that had been performed at Scout Hall, walking trail, ball fields and at the pool. There was also discussion about the plan for improvements at Sunset Park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
**RESIDENTIAL
REDEVELOPMENT POLICY**

Consider approval of a Residential Redevelopment Policy that was presented at the last City Council meeting. This policy will be used as part of the Community Development Block Grant application for funding to pay for the demolition of unsafe structures. A list of potential unsafe structures was completed in October of 2010 by Fire Chief Jim Henry.

Motion by Simons, second by Burg to approve the Residential Redevelopment Policy. Motion passed unanimously with a show of hands.

**DRURY UNIVERSITY LETTER
OF AGREEMENT**

The City Council approved a Letter of Agreement at their December 21st meeting with Drury University for a class to provide assistance with a visioning process for the City. There needs to be discussion about the committee which will be formed to work with the class during the visioning process in developing a plan for the community. After some discussion it was decided if anyone is interested in serving on this committee they should contact Mayor Malan at Don's Tire and Service.

**REPORTS
CITY CLERK
ELECTION FILINGS**

City Clerk Mary Jo Cook reported the following have filled for the April 2011 election for Councilmen: Brian Phillips, Ward 1, Eugene Miller, Ward 1, Pat Simons, Ward 2, Harold Weil, Ward 3 and Doug Wix, Ward 4,

**POLICE CHIEF
GENERATOR**

Police Chief Garnett informed council a new generator has been purchased from Midwest Lumber.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR
PARKING STUDY**

The City Owned Facilities Committee met on January 4th to discuss parking regulations and parking in the front yard areas in front of residences. It was decided to have a study completed of the existing conditions that were in violation of the regulations. Code Enforcement Officer Denny Rich has completed the study.

WWTP TOUR

On Thursday, January 13th the Mayor, four Council members, City Administrator, Public Works/Utilities Director and a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator went on a tour with the engineers from the Larkin Group to look at the Paola, Kansas and Spring Hill, Kansas Wastewater Treatment Plants and their UV disinfection systems. The City Wastewater Treatment Plant has to install UV disinfection by 2013 under the requirements of the discharge permit that was issued in 2010 by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

GENERATOR

The backup 15 KW Generac generator at the Police Station has not been running properly for some time. The generator provides power to the building and the communication center in the event of a power outage. Police Chief Garnett had a mechanic check the generator and it was determined the engine would need to be replaced and the cost to do this was estimated at \$1,500 plus installation costs and a ninety day warranty. Checking into what a new 20 KW Generac generator would cost and the lowest price came from Midwest Lumber for \$4,589 with full warranty on the entire unit. The City Administrator authorized the purchase of the new generator. This will be paid out of the Police Department budget under building/grounds repair and maintenance.

**PROPERTY TAX
DISBURSEMENT**

The City received its first property tax disbursement this week in the amount of \$181,503.06 which is 74.23% of the \$244,500 that was budgeted. Railroad tax was received in the amount of \$2,335.12 which is 93.40% of the \$2,500 that was budgeted. Vehicle tax was received for a year to date total of \$12,169

which is 101.41% of the \$12,000 that was budgeted.

HEISE-MEYER

The City Administrator had a call from Dave Meyer on Monday, January 10th with Heise-Meyer the commercial real estate broker who is working to sell the Industrial Park property for the City. He indicated that the company they have been working with regarding the solar farm is still working on their plan to submit to the City for consideration. Also another associate with Heise-Meyer is working with a business prospect who may be interested in ten acres of property in the Industrial Park.

SOLAR FARM

The City Administrator had another meeting with Doug Nowlin with Summit Resources on Tuesday, January 11th to discuss a proposal he is working on with another company that is also interested in installing a solar farm in the Industrial Park. He indicated that he would schedule another meeting as things progress with the company and that he had also made contact with MoPEP staff about this proposal.

DON PIPPIN

Don Pippin, who works at the City Light Plant as an operator had a fire at his home early Tuesday morning this week which resulted in major damage to the structure.

MAYOR

Mayor Malan thanked all the councilmen for all the time and hard work they put into working on committees. Mayor Malan thanked City Administrator Arbuthnot for the hard work that goes into getting the budget ready. It is appreciated.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

BROWN

Brown-no complaints.

PHILLIPS

Phillips-thanked City Administrator Arbuthnot for the budget report and the hard work that goes into the preparation of this report. Phillips also complemented Officer Rich on the parking study report.

BURG

Burg-inquired if any grants are available for street repairs.

SIMONS

Simons-312 W. Ohio has a stove in the yard. 308 Dakota has a mattress in the yard. 301 N. High has lumber in the yard.

WEIL

Weil-no complaints

FISHER

Fisher-no complaints

BOYD

Boyd-no complaints

WIX

Wix- announced there will be a Finance meeting on February 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

**CBIZ BENEFITS AND
INSURANCE SERVICES**

Consider proposal for services from CBIZ Benefits and Insurance Services, Inc. Their proposal is to assist the City in submitting a request for proposals for medical, vision and dental plans for City employees and after receipt of the proposals they would also assist in evaluating them. They previously assisted the City with the City's medical plan from 2003 to 2007 and currently assist with the City's life plan coverage. Their fee of \$1500 to assist with the

proposal process would be waived if the City does not renew with Midwest Public Risk the current insurance provider. The City is completing its third year with Midwest Public Risk. Motion by Burg, second by Wix to approve proposal for services from CBIZ. Motion passed with Weil voting nay.

MEDIA

C.A. Moore thanked City Administrator Arbuthnot and Public Works Director Diehl for the City's assistance with his sewer issues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Wix, second by Brown to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously with a show of hands.

Mayor Don H. Malan

ATTEST

City Clerk Mary Jo Cook