

**CITY OF BUTLER
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 2, 2011**

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, Aug 2, 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-absent

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were City Administrator Mark Arbuthnot, City Clerk Casey Koehn, Public Works Director Trent Diehl, SGT Jerret Wheatley and Officer Jim Wheatley.

OTHER GUESTS

Eugene Miller, Darrell Cox, Howard Sherman, Linn Nitsche, John Daniel and Cyndee Byous were also in attendance.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Fisher, seconded by Brown to approve the minutes of the regular session of July 19, 2011. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Brown to approve the minutes of the closed session of July 28, 2011. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands. Motion by Boyd, seconded by Fisher to approve the bills presented for payment. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands. Motion by Burg, seconded by Weil to approve travel and training. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands. Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Burg to add Cindy Wainscott from Dr Minor's Office to scheduled guests. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands. Motion was made by Fisher seconded by Burg to add a closed session at end of meeting to discuss Police Chief interviews. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

HOWARD SHERMAN

Howard Sherman presented pictures to the Mayor and Council of lawns on North Main St outside city limits and how well kept they are. He commended the Mayor and Council for their efforts in trying to clean up the community.

DARRELL COX

Darrell Cox requested to be put on City water at his property at E. Oak St. Council informed him that he would need to be annexed into the City. Mr. Cox was not willing to be annexed into the City limits.

DR. MINOR'S OFFICE

Cindy Wainscott (Dr. Minor's Office) requested to have a customer appreciation day on the square on Aug 11, 2011 from 9am-5pm. They will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs. SGT Wheatley suggested blocking off five parking spots for the event. Motion was made by Simons, seconded by Phillips to allow Dr. Minor's Office to block off five parking spots on the East side of the square on Aug 11, 2011 from 9am-5pm for their customer appreciation day.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
POLICE PERSONNEL BOARD

Administrator Arbuthnot reported that the Police Personnel Board met on Thursday, July 21 to interview five applicants for the Chief of Police position and certified four of the applicants to the Mayor and the City Council for interviews. The Mayor and City Council conducted interviews with the applicants on Thursday, July 28 at City Hall.

REPORTS
CITY CLERK

City Clerk Koehn reported that she sent out requests for proposals to Community First Bank, Adrian Bank and Citizens Bank. The current depository contract with Community First expires August 31st.

POLICE CHIEF

SGT Wheatley reported on the current condition of the cars at the Police Department.

ADMINISTRATOR ARBUTHNOT
BATES CO REMAINS IN
MODOT'S SW DISTRICT

Administrator Arbuthnot reported that the restructuring of the MoDOT districts has been approved resulting in Bates County remaining in the Southwest District.

WASTE OIL HEATER GRANT
NOT APPROVED

The application for funding to purchase a waste oil heater for the use in the City vehicle/equipment maintenance shop was not approved. The submitted applications requested approximately \$140,000 in funding and only \$100,000 in funding was available.

OSAGE VALLEY RC&D GRANT
RIVER BANK STABILIZATION

He also reported that the \$15,000 in grant funding that was approved by the Osage Valley RC&D for the river bank stabilization work adjacent to the water intake pump station has a stipulation requiring that an engineering design study be completed by the City prior to completion of the proposed work. Inspection of the completed work will also be required by the engineer to assure compliance with the recommendations in the study.

Additional grant funding has been requested to pay for the engineering design study estimated to cost \$2,500. Kurt Higgins with Allgeier Martin & Associates is completing the engineering design study for the City.

He also reported that the Finance Committee will need to meet to discuss the Tax Levy.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

The City has been experiencing numerous water main breaks due to the dry weather conditions and the City Light Plant has been operating due to the heat.

MAYOR

Mayor Malan reported that he attended the annual Safety Village graduation. The Neighborhood Pride Commission met August 1. He commended Officer Wheatley on his job as Code's Officer. The Mayor also appointed the following citizens to the Butler Visioning Committee:

David Brown	Brian Phillips	Abby McGrew
Madyson Koehn	Alex Clover	Pam Hedger
Paige Neighbors	Jana Allen	Renee Burton
Tyler Green	Carl Simpson	Ron Dunlap
Terry Davis	Zach Craft	

BROWN

Nothing to report.

PHILLIPS

Phillips commended Officer Wheatley. He would like to see some changes to

the existing code and how it reads, particularly the time one is given to remove a mattress from a front yard.

BURG

Burg expressed his enthusiasm about Officer Wheatley. He would also like to see more houses torn down.

SIMONS

Simons asked about the brick that was torn off the square.

WEIL

Weil stated that citizens were asking if Wal-Mart was paying for sewer along with their water bill.

FISHER

Nothing to report.

BOYD

Boyd complimented Officer Wheatley on a job well done. He also stated that the community service program should be brought back as a means to help clean up the community.

CODES REPORT

Officer Jim Wheatley gave Council a report on what he has currently been working on since he took over as the Code Enforcement Officer.

NEW BUSINESS
DSWA AUDIT REPORT FOR FY
10/11

Cyndee Byous with DSWA presented the FY 10-11 audit. Motion was made by Simons seconded by Burg to accept the audit. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Motion was made by Simons, seconded by Brown to enter into closed session to discuss Police Chief applicants. Roll call:

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

Motion was made by Brown seconded by Boyd to come out of closed session. Roll call:

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

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

ATTEST:

Mayor Don H. Malan

City Clerk Casey Koehn