

**CITY OF BUTLER**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**November 3rd, 2015**

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2015 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**

Brad Vermaas	Craig Irwin
Brian Phillips	Terry Agnew
Thom Burg	Gayle Cook
Gayle Stark	Carolyn Jett

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Others present were City Administrator Casey Koehn, City Clerk Corey Snead, Codes Officer Jim Wheatley, Public Works Director Trent Diehl, Police Chief Randy Beshore, Bates County Economic Developer Shayla Sparks and City Attorney Tom Addleman.

**OTHER GUESTS**

Linn Nitsche, Gayle Hayes, Elizabeth Ogg, Charles Rush, Bryant Rush and Mel Ewing.

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Vermaas, seconded by Burg to approve the minutes of the regular session of October 20th, 2015. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Motion by Burg, seconded by Agnew to approve the bills presented for payment. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Vermaas to approve the training request presented. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**DELETION/ADDITION TO AGENDA**

To add Charles Rush to the scheduled guest. Motion by Stark to add Charles Rush to the scheduled guest, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**

**Charles Rush**

Charles Rush wanted to come before council and explain more about the collapsed building at 1E Dakota. Mr. Rush is the one who insures the property and informed council. The adjuster could not see any cause of a natural

disaster that caused the collapse of the building. That the claim has been formally denied by the insurance company. Mr. rush wanted to give an update on the current information he had. He also stated he has not heard from the owner of the property.

**COMMITTEES**

None

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Planning**

Koehn reported that the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The Commission made a recommendation to rezone the 37 acres located at I-49 and 52 Hwy from R-2 to C-3. It will come before City Council on November 17<sup>th</sup> for final approval.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**BILLS, ORDINANCES,  
RESOLUTIONS, POLICES and  
PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**Reports**

**CITY CLERK**

Snead reported that he will have the final proposals for council on the online billing by next meeting. That during new business will be going over the bank bids received back. That January 12, 2016 he would like the members of council to serve dinner at the Community Café.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPER**

Elizabeth Ogg introduced the new Bates County Economic Developer Shayla Sparks. She is very excited to get going and cannot wait to meet everyone.

**POLICE CHIEF**

Nothing to Report

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Nothing to Report

**CITY ADMIN**

**Demolition Project**

CDBG demolition project. We currently have 27 houses that have been demolished to date.

**Missouri Main Street**

Koehn reported on Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, a group of MO Main Street Stakeholders met to finalize the grant application for the 2015 cycle. Koehn finished the final application and sent it to MO Main Street in Branson. Koehn received notification that the application was delivered on time. We will be notified of Main Street's decision by mid-November. To date, we have 26 people that have volunteered to either serve on the board or one of the committees that Main Street helps to form.

**Billboard**

The billboards have arrived and they look great. Trent will be gathering a crew to install them as soon as possible.

**Hotel Feasibility Study**

The Hotel feasibility study is complete and is being reviewed by a potential builder

**Budget for FY 16-17**

Koehn has begun work on the FY 16-17 budget. Koehn will be holding meetings with the department heads the first week in December to get input for their particular departments. Koehn is getting solid numbers from MC Power for the installation of solar panels on the facilities that are served by Osage Valley. Koehn will be plugging preliminary numbers into the budget.

**MPUA Meeting**

Diehl and Koehn will be attending the MPUA meeting in Columbia on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss community solar projects. As Koehn has said before, green renewable energy is at our back door and the City of Butler needs to start looking at this possibility more and more in order to keep rates from rising or even best case scenario, lowering rates for our citizens and especially our businesses.

**Cowboy Church**

Koehn informed council that she has given permission to Cowboy Church to use the Old High School Gym. The church is currently looking for a new place to worship.

**Dakota Street**

Koehn reported that Fire Chief Jim Henry has given the clear to open Dakota Street back open again. He recommends that we keep Main Street closed at this time until something further can be done with the building.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Nothing to report

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Wheatley gave report on the recent nuisance properties.

**MAYOR**

Read a thank you card from former Mayor Joe Fuller.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS  
VERMAAS**

Wanted to know is there something that can be done about the log pile? Koehn reported that there is no code violation with the log pile. Vermaas also asked about the situation the abandoned trailer park on Orange Street? Koehn reported that she is in talks with the property owner's lawyer.

**PHILLIPS**

When is the court date for Klumb? Addleman reported that it was on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**BURG**

That something needs to be done about the trailers that are sitting at the corner of Pine and High.

**STARK**

Nothing to report.

**IRWIN**

Nothing to report.

**AGNEW**

Nothing to report.

**COOK**

Halloween night that the cemetery was not locked.

**JETT**

Nothing to report.

New Business

**Bank Bids**

Snead reported that bank bids had been delivered to Adrian Bank, Security Bank, Citizens Bank and Community First Bank. Community First Bank was the only bank to submit a bid back to the city. The bid from Community First was to keep all current arrangements it has with the city. Motion by Phillips to accept the bid from Community First bank for a two year agreement, seconded by Vermaas. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**ADJOURN**

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

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Mayor Don H. Malan

ATTEST

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Corey Snead  
City Clerk