

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
September 20, 2016

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 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

Jim Garnett	Craig Irwin
Brian Phillips	Terry Agnew
Mike Irick	Gayle Cook
Gayle Stark	Carolyn Jett

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were City Administrator Casey Koehn, City Clerk Corey Snead, City Attorney Tom Addleman, Public Works Director Trent Diehl, Police Chief Randy Beshore, and Code Officer Brian Boyd.

OTHER GUESTS

Gayle Alexander, Douglas Pickard, Jim Ogle, Julie McPike, Kay Caskey and Peggy Buhr

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Phillips seconded by Irwin to approve the minutes of the regular session of September 6, 2016, closed session of September 6, 2016 Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

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

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

DELETION/ADDITION TO AGENDA

To add Lee Anna Schowengerdt as a scheduled guest. Motion by Cook to add Lee Anna Schowengerdt to the agenda, seconded by Irwin. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Peggy Buhr

Peggy Buhr Director of the Bates County Museum came before council to talk about Freedom Frontier. Butler would be the pilot site for Freedom Frontier signage. Buhr talked about the benefits this project would bring to Butler in the future.

Doug Pickard

Pickard presented the plans to council for the Freedom Frontier signage. Bates County has four sites that would be on the signs Bates County Museum, Island

Mound, Poplar Heights Living History Farm and the statues around the County Courthouse. There would be eleven signs placed around the city giving directions to these sites. Julie McPike also spoke about the tourism it would bring to the city and county. The total cost of the project would be \$39,165.00, Freedom Frontier is asking that the city contribute \$2,000.00 to the total cost and putting up the signs in the city as a in kind contribution to the project. Motion was made by Cook for the city to contribute the \$2,000.00 and the installation of the signs by the city crews, seconded by Stark. Motion passed with the following votes 7-0-1. Phillips abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Lee Anna Schowengerdt

Executive Director from the Butler Chamber came before council to talk about the BBQ contest and Huckster's Day. That this year's festival went over very well and they were also pleased with the beer garden. Schowengerdt informed council that the date has already been set for next year for September 15-16 2017. Schowengerdt also asked council if the Chamber could once again have a beer garden for next year. Motion by Stark to allow the Butler Chamber of Commerce to have a beer garden again during the BBQ Championship and Huckster's Day September 15-16, 2017, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

COMMITTEES

Public Safety

Phillips reported on the Public Safety meeting that took place before council. That further review will need to take place about gravel driveways and what materials are needed and how they should be constructed. Phillips also reported that they are looking into having yearly inspections done on commercial building and rental properties. They will also be looking at time limits on large dumpsters in residential areas.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

**BILLS, ORDINANCES,
RESOLUTIONS, POLICES and
PROCLAMATION**

None

REPORTS

CITY CLERK

Reminded council of the Kaysinger annual dinner. Thanked Chamber for allowing Snead to judge the BBQ contest this year. That Huckster's Day was a wonderful event again this year.

POLICE CHIEF

Beshore informed council that two body cams had been purchased. They have put in for a grant for ten more body cams. That there was no issue at the beer garden during Huckster's Day.

CITY ATTORNEY

Still working with KK Real Estate and their lawyer about the property at 1 E. Dakota.

CITY ADMIN

Flag of Freedom

Adrian Hopper with MO Career Center in Nevada will be at the Chamber meeting this Thursday to present the City of Butler with the 'Flag of Freedom' award for their support of veterans and hiring them.

Community College

Koehn attended the Rich Hill School Board meeting on Sept 14th to speak about the community college.

Commercial/Community Land Trust

Koehn will be meeting with Joe Lauber on September 27th to discuss the possibility of a Commercial/Community Land Trust. These have been used in many areas as a way of revitalizing economic development.

Bates County Women's Forum

Koehn will be attending the Bates County Women's Forum on September 24th. Dr. Judy Smith will be speaking.

Electric City Downtown

Koehn would like to point out the new banners that we have hanging on the Square to help promote the newly formed organization, Electric City Downtown. Many thanks to the Electric Department for hanging them and also for helping with the hanging baskets in an effort to prepare the downtown for Huckster's Day.

PUBLIC WORKS

No Report

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Brian Boyd would like to thank everyone for hiring him as the new Code Enforcement Officer. He is still learning the different aspects of the job. He has written twenty code violations this week.

MAYOR

Like to thank the Chamber for having a great event last weekend.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

GARNETT

Nothing to Report.

PHILLIPS

Call for a public safety meeting before the next council meeting at 6:30 pm.

Good luck to Brian Boyd with his new position.

IRICK

Huckster's Day was wonderful and glad to see it grow.

STARK

Nothing to Report.

IRWIN

Nothing to Report.

AGNEW

That Freedom Frontier will be a good thing for the city.

COOK

The square looks great.

JETT

Want to thank all the volunteers that helped clean the square.

New Business

Abatement

Addleman reported that the city needed to abate two fines for Christin Radford and William Thomas totaling \$388.50. The people who owe the fines are deceased. Motion by Cook to abate the fines, seconded by Garnett. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Library Signs

Koehn presented that signs for the library need to be put up. The only sign for the library is on Delaware and Ft. Scott street. Koehn suggested that we put up signs for the library that have the universal library symbol on them. Motion by Jett to add more signage for the library around the city, seconded by Garnett. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Garnett to adjourn the regular session meeting and go into closed session. ACCORDANCE WITH RSMo 610.021, THE BOARD MAY GO INTO CLOSED SESSION DURING THIS MEETING TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF LITIGATION, LEGAL ACTIONS, AND/OR COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 610.021(1) AND/OR PERSONNEL UNDER SECTION 610.021(13) AND/OR EMPLOYEE UNDER SECTION 610.021(3)

Roll call vote.

Garnett – Aye Phillips – Aye Irick – Aye Stark – Aye Irwin – Aye Agnew – Aye Cook – Aye Jett - Aye

ATTEST

Mayor Don H. Malan

Corey Snead
City Clerk

