

**CITY OF BUTLER
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 20, 2011**

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 20, 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-absent
Brian Phillips	Jim Fisher
Thom Burg	Brian Boyd
Pat Simons-absent	Doug Wix

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were City Administrator Mark Arbuthnot, Police Chief Boyd, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Wheatley, Public Works Director Trent Diehl and Barb Scrogam.

OTHER GUESTS

Jim Herrell, Jacob Herrell, Bob Conley, Eugene Miller, John Longworth, Gary Evans, Jeff Hall, James Roberts, Fire Chief Jim Henry, and Officer Denny Rich were also in attendance.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Burg, seconded by Fisher to approve the minutes of the regular session of December 6, 2011. Motion passed unanimously with a show of hands. Motion by Phillips, seconded by Wix 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 Phillips, seconded by Burg to approve the bill from Bates County Fire Safety presented for payment. Motion passed unanimously with a show of hands with Wix abstaining.

SCHEDULE GUESTS

**JAMES ROBERTS, GARY EVANS,
JOHN LONGWORTH, JEFF HALL
JIM HERRELL**

Mayor Malan presented certificates of appreciation to James Roberts for his donation towards the purchase of the new Ladder Truck also to Gary Evans, John Longworth, Jeff Hall, and Jim Herrell for volunteering their service and equipment to the Neighborhood Pride Commission. Joe Quigg, who was unable to attend, was also awarded a certificate

COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Wix reported the Finance Committee met December 20, 2011 at 6:00p.m. To discuss the 2012-2013 City budget. Due to running out of time the Finance Committee will continue to discuss the budget after the council meeting.

VISION COMMITTEE

Councilman Phillips reported the Visioning Committee and Drury University student visioning team held a public forum at the Butler High School on Thursday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. Approximately 50 people attended the forum. The Visioning Committee will be meeting in January to condense the information and bring a plan to council.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY

Councilman Burg reported the Neighborhood Advisory Commission did not meet December 19, 2011 due to the holiday season. Burg reported in the previous meeting Bob Conley was elected President of the Neighborhood Advisory Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 377

Consider a Resolution to approve a 2% low interest loan agreement in the

amount of \$165,613 with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for energy improvements to City facilities to reduce energy costs. Motion by Phillips to approve Resolution No 377, seconded by Wix. Motion passed unanimously with a show of hands

REPORT

CHIEF HENRY

Fire Chief Henry expressed his thanks to James Roberts for his generous donation. Chief Henry thanked Ash Grove Aggregates and Jeff Hall for picking up the truck in Monroe, Ohio and transporting it to Butler. Chief Henry stated he had received \$1,000.00 donations from Wal-Mart, Heiman Agri-Services in Rockville and Butler to equip the new fire truck.

CHIEF BOYD

Chief Boyd reported his previous position has not been filled. After speaking with City Administrator Arbuthnot, Chief Boyd will be moving ahead to fill the position which will be cost effective in helping to eliminate possible overtime. Chief Boyd reported Wal-Mart made a donation of \$1000.00 for the Dare Program.

ADMINISTRATOR ARBUTHNOT

The demolition and cleanup of the following properties has been completed by the City:

313 S. Main St. Cost of cleanup - \$3,462.50

704 W. Ft. Scott St. Cost of cleanup - \$5,816.34

These costs will be billed to the property owners and recorded as a special tax lien on the property.

Since the adoption of the Employee Suggestion Awards Program earlier this year the City Administrator has received and reviewed two Employee Suggestion Forms. One of the suggestions was that the City sells advertising space on the City web site to businesses to generate additional revenue. This suggestion was previously discussed with the City Council in 2010 and approved for implementation so it was not considered eligible for consideration. The other suggestion was for ways to reduce energy costs at the Light Plant. The suggestion was to cover ventilation fans in the winter months and to seal up cracks around windows and doors to reduce heat loss which would reduce the winter heating costs for the facility. These energy saving improvements had also been identified by McKinstry back in June and their evaluation showed a savings of approximately \$3,900 which is below the tangible benefit amount of \$5,000 that is required, so these were not eligible for consideration. Work has been started by the operators at the Light Plant to make these energy saving improvements.

Kencove Farm Fence, the company that the City Administrator had been working with on the possible purchase of the City Spec. Building, has indicated that they are no longer interested in the purchase of the building.

A meeting is being scheduled in early January with Solar Link US and MoPEP representatives regarding the proposed Solar Farm project for the Butler Industrial Park

CODE ENFORCEMENT

MAYOR

Code Enforcement Officer Wheatley gave his report to Mayor and Council.

Mayor Malan expressed his appreciation for all the donations and hard work from all the volunteers for the October 29, 2011 clean up. Mayor Malan stated Bob Conley was very instrumental in the cleanup efforts and will plan on doing a cleanup in the spring.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

BROWN

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PHILLIPS

Phillips-no complaints. Phillips thanked James Roberts for his generous donation for the fire truck.

BURG

Burg-thanked all the volunteers for their time and money.

SIMONS

Simons-absent

WEIL

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FISHER

Fisher-thanked James Roberts for the fire truck.

BOYD

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WIX

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NEW BUSINESS

WATER LINE EASEMENTS

Two contract proposals were provided to the City for a new Inmate Housing Contract with Bates County to be effective January 1, 2012. The current contract has a daily fee of \$35/day and has not been changed for seven years. One contract proposed a \$55/day fee which would have increased the fees substantially. The other contract would be charged on an hourly basis of \$1.75/hour which computes to \$42/day plus fees for inmate medical services if needed and will increase the fees by an estimated 35%. The hourly fee contract is recommended for approval. Motion by Wix to approve the \$1.75 hourly fee contract, seconded by Burg. Motion passed unanimously with a show of hands.

Consider a request by Bates County Sheriff, Chad Anderson for approval to place a radio antenna and equipment for their Communication Center on the City water tower and in the equipment building located on the southwest corner of the intersection at Chestnut St. and Mechanic St. There will not be any problems with the proposed installation and all costs would be paid by the Sheriff. Motion by Brown to approve the placement of a radio antenna and equipment on City water tower with all cost paid by the Sheriff, seconded by Phillips. Motion passed unanimously with a show of hands.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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