

**CITY OF BUTLER**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**December 2, 2014**

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 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	Terry Agnew
Thom Burg	
Gayle Stark	Kyle Dubray-absent

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Others present were City Clerk Casey Koehn, Police Chief Randy Beshore, Public Works Director Trent Diehl and Code Enforcement Officer Jim Wheatley.

**OTHER GUESTS**

Jon Dudley and Linn Nitsche were also in attendance.

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Brown to approve the minutes of the regular session and the closed session of November 18. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Motion by Brown seconded by Phillips to approve the bills presented for payment. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Brown to approve training for Fire Chief Jim Henry. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**  
**PARK AND REC**

Stark reported that the Park and Rec Commission is requesting to begin construction on Sunset Park. Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Brown to approve request. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

The Park and Rec Commission also requested \$2,000 for dirt for Comets field and to use anything leftover for REA field. Motion was made by Stark seconded by Agnew to approve the request. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SENIOR TAXI**

Koehn spoke with the Senior Taxi drivers and was told that they will follow the policy that was set forth by City Council. The age requirement to be eligible to ride in the taxi is 60, no exceptions. The request that was made to allow an exception to this was denied by Paul Smith, the taxi supervisor.

**REPORTS**

**CITY CLERK  
CDBG DEMO**

Koehn reported on the CDBG demo project. She enlisted the help of City staff to get the demo project moving in the right direction. Corey contacted the Recorder of Deeds office to request deeds for 4 houses which were received the next day. Koehn sent those on to CDBG. Of the 11 houses that owe back property taxes, 2 have paid (receipts were sent to CDBG), 2 certified letters were sent, Corey contacted 1 property owner, Jim Wheatley knocked on 4 doors and made 1 phone call. These property owners have said that they will come in and pay. One house is still titled in a deceased man's name and she is waiting on the word back from the lien holder. One person is interested in purchasing this property. The interested party agreed to pay the taxes if he could purchase it. Koehn did some research on Missouri case.net and found the attorneys of record on the 2 houses that currently have liens attached to them. One firm has agreed to send a letter to allow us to demo the house which was received on Tuesday November 25, 2014. Koehn is still negotiating with the second one. She called ALM Environmental (the company that received the contract for the asbestos removal) to check on the status of the start date for the removal process. She was told that the 10 day notification would be sent out Wednesday November 26, 2014. Because the contract price for the removal came in at over \$25,000, CDBG requires a surety bond. This requirement was not in the original scope of the bid. Kaysinger is working on a change order to pay for the surety bond. We now have 17 houses ready for asbestos removal and 5 houses that are ready for demo. CDBG has agreed to begin the asbestos removal as soon as the contractor is bonded and ready.

**SOLAR SHADES FOR THE PARKS**

Mike Taranto of Solar Shade USA contacted Koehn a month ago regarding Solar Shades in the some of the City Parks. She and Trent Diehl met with Mike Taranto on Thursday Nov 20<sup>th</sup> to tour the City of Butler Parks. They started at North Park then moved on to South Park, Tingler Park, Sunset Park and Douglas Park. They determined that shelters were most needed at Sunset Park, North Park and South Park. She is looking at what was budgeted for shelters at Sunset Park and North Park and might be able to purchase some play equipment by way of saving money from erecting both shelters. North Park is in need of new equipment. Mike will be bringing designs and fabrics to choose from and they will decide where to go from there. Along with providing shelter from the sun, the structures will be very colorful and bring a distinct design element to the City Parks.

**HIGH SEWER RATES**

Koehn reported that she is in the process of researching the high sewer rates. In the last packet, the justification behind the increase in the rates and the

ordinance that approved the rates was included. Koehn and Diehl are working on a clear concise history of the rates going back to 1999 and the EPA regulations that were placed on the City in the past and the regulations that are to come.

**FIRE RESCUE TRUCK**

The City has placed an ad in the paper requesting bids for one medium duty rescue apparatus for the Butler Fire Department. There was \$140,000.00 for this item. Once bids are back, the Fire Chief will bring them to Council to request to purchase the truck and then go out for bid to finance the truck.

**MAYOR**

Mayor Malan stated that he would like to see South Park renamed in memory of C.A. Moore. He asked that Koehn and Diehl research the history of the park and let Council know. Motion was made by Burg, seconded by Phillips to begin the process of researching the history in order to rename the park. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**BROWN**

Brown had nothing to report.

**PHILLIPS**

Phillips called a Personnel Committee meeting at 6:30 prior to the next Council meeting to discuss the Senior Taxi.

**BURG**

Burg had nothing to report.

**STARK**

Stark had nothing to report.

**WEIL**

Weil had nothing to report.

**AGNEW**

Agnew had nothing to report.

**DUBRAY**

Dubray was absent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2 USED MOWERS FOR PARKS**

Diehl requested to purchase 2 used mowers for the Park Dept. There was \$15,500.00 budgeted for the purchase of one new mower. After some research, the recommendation from Scott Bitner is to purchase 2 used Scag mowers. The bids are included in the packet. Motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Burg to purchase the 2 used mowers. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting

**ATTEST**

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Casey Koehn  
City Clerk

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Mayor Don H. Malan