

CITY OF BUTLER
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
June 2nd, 2015

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 2nd, 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, Public Works Director Trent Diehl, City Attorney Tom Addleman, Police Chief Randy Beshore and Bates County Economic Developer Elizabeth Ogg.

OTHER GUESTS

Melvin Ewing, Gayle Hayes, Scott Long and Linn Nitsche

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Vermaas to approve the minutes of the regular session of May 19th, 2015. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Motion by Vermaas, seconded by Agnew to approve the minutes of the special session of May 26th, 2015. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

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

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

ADDITION TO AGENDA

To add Scott Long to the scheduled guest list. Motion by Burg to add Scott Long to the agenda, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Andrew Culbertson

Andrew Culbertson was a no show about his property at 206 N. Fulton.

Scott Long

Scott Long asked council for approval of the Bates County Fair Parade. The parade will be held on July 7th starting at 5:30 p.m. Motion by Burg to approve the Bates County Fair Parade, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

COMMITTEES

Phillips spoke about the Community Development Committee meeting that was held before council. Joe Lauber was at the meeting and spoke about Economic Development for Butler. Phillips also called for another meeting at 6:00 p.m. before the next council meeting.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Solar Farm Signs

Koehn presented two updated sign proposals for council. Koehn also presented the idea of having one of the signs be done on a billboard before you reach Butler. It would have several pictures of buildings of Butler and welcoming people to stop and enjoy the city as they travel down I-49. Motion by Burg to move forward with the billboards, seconded by Stark. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

CA Moore Memorial

Koehn presented a new idea on how to recognize CA Moore, by placing banners at each corner of the square. It was also discussed to add a plaque in front of the News Express and change the street name to CA Moore Square. Motion by Cook to place the banners around the square, have a plaque made honoring CA Moore and changing the street name to CA Moore Square, seconded by Phillips. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

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

Amend Resolution NO 418 &419

Amend Resolution NO 418 and 419 corporate authorization resolutions at Community First Bank for signers. Amend that City Clerk Corey Snead has authority to stop payments and account inquires on the City's bank accounts. Motion by Phillips to amend Resolution NO 418 and 419, seconded by Burg Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

REPORTS

CITY CLERK

The audit is currently in progress. Butler Music will be having a swap music festival and has invited all of council to attend.

Bates County Economic Developer

Georgetown University has a PACE program through the State of Missouri to help you get your house more energy efficient.

**CITY ADMIN
CDBG**

Koehn reported on the CDBG demolition project. As of today, TWELVE houses have been demolished. The contractor has legal possession of the demo properties until the project is complete. This means that no person shall enter the property without written consent of the contractor. We have had a few calls regarding persons entering the properties that were given consent by Council or other officials and this cannot happen. This is a violation.

Maple Senior Living

Maple Senior Living building closing was held on May 27th at Butler Abstract. The funds are currently in misc revenue. Koehn is working with the auditors to put it somewhere that will not allow it to be spent on general items. Council has time to decide if they want to just put it in General and Utility Funds or earmark it for something specific.

Feasibility Study

Koehn had a conference call with a market research firm regarding an I-49 feasibility study with Ogg last week. We would like to include both sides of I49 to start with. The study will allow us to see what businesses, restaurants and retail businesses our City would be able to support. It will tell us who is leaving Butler to shop and what they are shopping for. It will also tell us who is coming to Butler to shop and what they are shopping for. They will also be doing a hotel feasibility study for us.

Bates County Fair Board

The Bates County Fair Board is asking for a sponsorship/Fair share of the Fair this year. Each share is \$25.00 and the shareholders are recognized in the Fair book every year. Koehn recommends that City Council approve to support the Bates County Fair. Motion by Burg to buy four shares totaling \$100.00 to support the Fair, seconded by Vermaas. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Chamber

Koehn attended the Chamber luncheon on Thursday and showed business owners our idea regarding online advertising. Koehn wants to see all of the proceeds go to signage on the highway and the Chamber to further promote the local businesses. Lee Anna will be sending out a mass mailing to the Chamber members to get them on board with the idea.

Lions Club

Koehn attended Lions Club on Friday and spoke about many items including MO Main Street Communities, the old Wal-Mart building that is now owned by Farner-Bocken, a possible Econ Dev Sales Tax and growth on I-49.

½ Cent Sales Tax

Koehn presented a proposal for a ½ cent sales tax that would be on the November ballot. The money raised with the sales tax would go towards economic development for the city.

Code Enforcement

Wheatley gave his report on the most recent nuisances.

MAYOR

Presented the new City Council Committee assignments for 2015-2016. A full detailed list is attached.

COUNCIL MEMBERS**Vermaas**

Since Andrew Culbertson did not show up to council about his property that we move forward with making this a dangerous structure.

PHILLIPS

Nothing to report.

BURG

Nothing to report.

STARK

Had been receiving several complaints about the speed limit around South Park. That the limit needs to be increased from 15 MPH to 20 MPH. Police Chief Beshore stated that the limit was just decreased from 25 MPH to 15 MPH last year because of a concern for safety. Motion by Cook to increase the speed limit around South Park from 15 MPH to 20MPH, seconded by Stark. Motion was tied with a 4-4 vote Mayor Malan broke the tie with a nay vote, causing the motion to fail.

IRWIN

Nothing to report.

AGNEW

Nothing to report.

COOK

Nothing to report.

JETT

Nothing to report.

New Business

Feasibility Study

Koehn presented that a feasibility study should be done for the city. This would show what types of business along I-49 would be good. The cost of the study would be \$9,000.00, which money has already been allocated by Council for economic development. GSG would be the company conducting the study for the city. Motion by Phillips to move forward with the feasibility study along I-49, seconded by Vermaas. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST

Mayor Don H. Malan

Corey Snead
City Clerk

