

CITY OF BUTLER
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
June 16th, 2015

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 16th, 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

David Watts, Jayne Sisk, Rayne Chantel, Charlotte Becker, Jeff Sefton, Jim Nixon, Gayle Hayes and Hayden Phillips.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Burg, seconded by Phillips to approve the minutes of the regular session of June 2nd, 2015. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

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

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

ADDITION TO AGENDA

None

SCHEDULED GUESTS
Rayne Chantel

Ms. Chantel came before Council to talk about the issues at 404 N Delaware. It was reported that a box truck continues to be parked on the street in front of the house for several days without being moved. It was also brought forth that a trash dumpster has set in the yard for several weeks without being dumped. Finally it was also talked about several vehicles that the owners have blocking the alley way next to the property. Codes Enforcement officer did state that tickets had been written for several violations already. That he would check

into the dumpster matter as well and that the property will be looked at for further code violations.

Jeff Sefton

Jeff Sefton from Butler Music talked with Council about a Music Swap Meet he will be having on Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. He hopes that this will bring people up to the square and also increase traffic into his business. He is possibly looking into closing down on a day to day bases and just doing business on the internet.

Jim Nixon

Mr. Nixon talked with Council about buildings that his company Diebolt Lumber and Supply build. He asked Council if his company could be considered for any future buildings that the city might build.

COMMITTEES

Community Development

Phillips spoke about the Community Development Committee meeting that was held before Council. The committee is going through the document that Joe Lauber had presented last time and listening to recommendation by Koehn on how to proceed with the economic development of the city. Phillips also called for another meeting at 6:00 p.m. before the next council meeting.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Airport

Vermaas gave report of the last Airport meeting. Even though quorum was not met they did still talk about the possibility of an AG business operation and the repair to the papi lights. The beacon is still not working and will have to be looked into again on repairing.

Neighborhood Advisory

Burg report on the last Neighborhood Advisory meeting, even though quorum was not met. They discussed several nuisance properties in the community and the probability of starting the condemnation process on a few others.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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

None

REPORTS

CITY CLERK

The auditors have finished their onsite visit and should be back in a few weeks with the final report.

Bates County Economic Developer

Ogg was appointed to the MO Rural Development Board. She also went over the Disaster Related Land Use Plan with the City Council.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Beshore presented the City Council with two options on purchasing a used patrol car from either the Kansas Highway Patrol or Missouri Highway Patrol. The patrol car from the Kansas Highway Patrol would be cheaper

costing \$16,800 and would come equipped besides putting in a radio. Motion by Burg to purchase the used patrol car from the Kansas Highway Patrol for \$16,800, seconded by Vermaas. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands

CITY ADMIN

Koehn requested that council go into closed session after the meeting to discuss real estate transaction with the City Attorney.

Senior Taxi

Paul Smith, the Manager of the Senior Taxi, announced he would be leaving at the end of the month. Koehn asked if anyone knows somebody that would be willing to help with the Senior Taxi to call the Senior Center. Motion by Stark to get a plaque for Paul for his years of dedication and service to the taxi program, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands

CDBG

Currently we have thirteen houses down and the process is going smoothly. We will have to start the condemnation process if we want to see the former Miller's Greenhouse demolished.

C.A. Moore Square

Koehn visited with Ann Moore last week about the naming of the square and the plaque. Ann thought the plaque should be placed in front of City Hall. Koehn also passed around designs for the signs. Motion by Stark to go forward with the design for the C.A. Moore Square signs and have them purchased, seconded by Irwin. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands

Website

Koehn is getting several responses about businesses wanting to be on the City's website. The Chamber is also getting a good response rate as well. Koehn also wants to reach out to other businesses when it is time to renew business license.

Solar Farm Billboards

Arial shots are in the process of being taken for the new billboard signs.

Cobblestone Hotel

The Mayor, Koehn and other City Representatives met with the Cobblestone Hotel Rep. this week. They went out and looked at potential hotel sites.

Labor Study

Koehn suggested that the city look into having a Labor Study done. This would interview people who are leaving Butler and why. What kind of business we should bring to Butler.

Secretary of State

Koehn was asked by the Secretary of State's office to be on a state wide records board for the next two years. This board helps set the standards for record keeping.

½ cent Sales Tax

Koehn urged Council to move forward with the ½ cent sales tax for Economic Development. This would go out for a vote to the people on the November ballot. There are many things that can be done with this money to help the economic development of the city. Motion by Burg to move forward with

getting the ½ cent sales tax for economic development on the November ballot, seconded by Phillips. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Code Enforcement

Presented the current nuisance properties in the city.

MAYOR

Nothing to report.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

VERMAAS

The Police Department was real professional during the police chase the other night. That we need to look into an ordinance on how long a dumpster can sit on a property.

PHILLIPS

Nothing

BURG

That we need to use some money for Butler clean-up to help with the codes. Motion by Burg to use 10% of the funds from the Maple Senior Living sale to help with the clean-up of houses or the condemnation process in Butler. That we also make sure that we can legally spend taxpayer dollars like this, seconded by Phillips. Motion passed with a 7-1 vote.

STARK

Nothing to report.

IRWIN

Nothing to report.

AGNEW

Nothing to report.

COOK

Nothing to report.

JETT

Jett asked the question of why lifejackets cannot be worn at the Aquatics Center. Diehl responded that it was a safety issue and a policy that had been in place for some time. That certain lifejackets can be harmful if a person is drowning. Jett also inquired on whose responsibility it was to keep the water ways on properties mowed and upkeep? Diehl responded back that it would be the property owner's responsibility to keep them clean.

New Business

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion was made by Stark, seconded by Phillips to adjourn the regular meeting and go into closed session for REAL

ESTATE UNDER SECTION 610.021 (2). Roll call vote.
Vermaas – Aye Phillips – Aye Burg – Aye Stark – Aye Irwin – Aye
Agnew – Aye Cook – Aye Jett - Aye

Mayor Don H. Malan

ATTEST

Corey Snead
City Clerk