

**CITY OF BUTLER**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**August 4th, 2015**

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 4th, 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 - Absent	Carolyn Jett

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Others present were City Administrator Casey Koehn, City Clerk Corey Snead, Police Chief Randy Beshore, Codes Officer Jim Wheatley, City Attorney Tom Addleman and Bates County Economic Developer Elizabeth Ogg.

**OTHER GUESTS**

Linn Nitsche, Jim Garnett, Gayle Hayes, Rodger Cecil, Brenda Cecil, Genevieve Burk, Bart Brooks and Shelli Bunn

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Burg to approve the minutes of the regular session of July 21st, 2015. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

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

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

**ADDITION TO AGENDA**

Resolution 421 a lease purchase agreement for the fire rescue truck added to the agenda. Motion by Burg to add the resolution to the agenda, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**

**Rodger Cecil and Genevieve Burk**

Rodger Cecil came before City Council to talk about a new program with House of Hounds a no kill shelter. Genevieve Burk stated that since February of this year 30 dogs have been saved from being euthanized and have been found new homes. She has been working with Cecil on making sure these animals find new homes. Cecil stated under the current set up, an animal is only given five days to be adopted and ten days to be picked up, if he knows who the owner is. Cecil and Burk hope the city can work with House of

Hounds to save these animals. Bart Brooks, the Executive Director of House of Hounds stated the organization is a 501c3 and looking to have a permanent home in Butler. That they are looking forward to working with Animal Control on finding new homes for the animals. House of Hounds is currently in the process of remodeling 10 S. Orange Street so it can be licensed by the state.

**COMMITTEES**

**Finance**

Phillips stated the Finance Committee met before council and discussed the 2015 property tax levy. That a public hearing would be held during next council meeting so it could be discussed before being voted on.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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

**Resolution 421**

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Butler, Missouri, authorizing the execution of a lease purchase agreement to finance the acquisition of a fire Rescue Truck. Motion by Phillips to adopt Resolution 421, seconded by Vermaass. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**Reports**

**CITY CLERK**

Snead reported that a Facebook page has gone up for City Hall. There are changes and updates to the website as well.

**Bates County Economic Developer**

Vision Committee will meet at 5:30 pm on Wednesday.

**POLICE CHIEF**

Nothing to report.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Nothing to report.

**CITY ADMIN**

**Employee Screening Services**

Mary Jo Cook and Koehn met with John Throckmorton from Employee Screening Services (the company that does the City's drug testing) on July 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss updating policy and scheduling training for CDL employees and supervisors. The tentative date for this training will be Oct 29<sup>th</sup> and the City will potentially be hosting the training for other cities to attend.

**Grant Workshop**

Koehn attended a Grant workshop on July 28<sup>th</sup> with 2 business owners on the Square. The workshop was partially funded by a grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office and the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. It was presented by

MO Main Street. A total of five 60/40 Matching Grants for assistance in establishing a Main Street Organization or Downtown Revitalization Program in their historic commercial district will be given. We received information on how to apply for the grant and what it covers. The Main Street program is a National organization and has been implemented in over 2000 communities across the country. It has been proven to be successful in the revitalization of the downtown districts in many cities.

**Driveway Regulations**

There had been discussion about the driveway regulations for storage units in town. It was decided to keep the current ordinance as it was and that storage units would be exempt.

**Dumpsters**

Addleman will be bringing forth a new ordinance about trash dumpsters and how often the need to be dumped and how long they can stay on a residential property.

**City of Adrian**

The City of Adrian has decided to move their dispatching services to Bates County effective Oct 1, 2015. They feel that the dispatching would be more streamlined given that the City of Adrian and Bates County use the same radio systems.

**Utility Policy**

The City has no way to police the policy on rental houses/inspections. Each rental property should be inspected before someone new moves in and has utilities turned on. However, if the utilities do not change names on the property there is no clear way to tell someone has moved out and into the property.

**Code Enforcement**

Wheatley gave report on the recent nuisance properties. He also informed Council he will be attending a FEMA Conference.

**MAYOR**

Appointed Betty Irwin to the Neighborhood Advisory Commission and David Kauffman to the Airport Commission. Motion by Burg to accept the appointments of Irwin and Kauffman, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**VERMAAS**

Nothing to report.

**PHILLIPS**

Did a ride along with the police department and they did an excellent job.

**BURG**

Not happy with the progress being made on the demolition of houses.

**STARK**

Nothing to report.

**IRWIN**

Nothing to report.

**AGNEW** Nothing to report.

**COOK** Nothing to report.

**JETT** Nothing to report.

**New Business**  
**Mowers for Cemetery**

The cemetery went out and got three bids from Young Sales, John Deere, and Midwest Lumber for a new lawn mower. Young Sales came back with a bid of \$8,866.96, John Deere had a bid of \$6,600.00, and Midwest Lumber had a bid of \$8,300.00. A recommendation was made to go with Midwest Lumber even though it was not the low bid because of the quality of the mower the cemetery would be getting. Plus the bid from Midwest Lumber was \$200 under the \$8,500 budgeted. A motion was made by Burg to accept the bid from Midwest Lumber and purchase the mower, seconded by Jett. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

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

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Mayor Don H. Malan

ATTEST

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Corey Snead  
City Clerk