

**CITY OF BUTLER**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**October 6th, 2015**

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 6th, 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, Codes Officer Jim Wheatley, Public Works Director Trent Diehl, Police Chief Randy Beshore and City Attorney Tom Addleman.

**OTHER GUESTS**

Linn Nitsche, Charlotte Becker and Gayle Hayes

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Jett, seconded by Phillips to approve the minutes of the regular session of September 15th, 2015. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Agnew to approve the minutes of the closed session of September 15th, 2015. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

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

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

**DELETION/ADDITION TO AGENDA**

Remove Resolution 423 from the agenda. Motion by Stark to remove Resolution 423 from the agenda, seconded by Vermaas. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

To add a proclamation for Fire Prevention Week. Motion by Stark to add the proclamation to the agenda, seconded by Burg. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**

**Charlotte Becker**

Ms. Becker came before council to express her concerns about the speed limit on North Delaware. Ms. Becker is concerned that from Pine to Mill that people are speeding down Delaware street. Letters were also brought from neighbors also expressing the same concern. They would like to see more of a police presence on the street and children at play signs put up. Police Chief Beshore did state he would have officers sit on Delaware and count cars. He also encouraged people to report the matters to the police station when this happens. Ms Becker also brought a petition signed by residents that live on North Fulton. They would also like to see children at play sign placed on their street.

**5K Run**

The Butler Police Association and Get Fit Gym would like to sponsor a 5K Run on October 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 am. The run would start at the Butler Elementary School and go to South Park and back. The run would benefit the Elementary Library and other youth organizations. Motion by Phillips to allow the 5K Run on October 24<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Vermass. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**COMMITTEES**

None

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Koehn reported that the Zoning Board elected new officers and approved a variance for a fence at 408 N Delaware.

**Park**

Koehn reported that the Park Board met and talked about the improvements being done at the Skate Park. They will be having a movie in the park showing E.T.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

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

Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week October 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Stark to approve the proclamation for Fire Prevention Week, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**Reports**

**CITY CLERK**

Snead presented some options to council on the online bill payment service. He is still working on the situation and will update council when he has more information on prices. Snead also informed council that Bank Bids went out on October 5<sup>th</sup> for the city's bank accounts. Bids are due back on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Auditors will be at the next meeting to present this year's audit findings.

**POLICE CHIEF**

Police Department received a \$3,400.00 body armor grant.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

We have started issuing tickets on the collapsed building on Dakota street.

**CITY ADMIN**

**Demolition Project**

CDBG demolition project. We currently have 23 houses that have been demolished to date. The contractor has caught up to Liberty Utilities and the gas disconnects that need to be completed. Locates have been called in and demolition will resume again as soon as the utilities are disconnected.

**Missouri Main Street**

Koehn has started work on the MO Main Street Grant application. Koehn has stated in the past, this program, once fully implemented, will bring great revival to our Square. It is however a lot of work in the beginning and requires a financial commitment from the sponsoring organization which is the City. A multitude of volunteer hours are also required. We have to be fully committed to this for it to work. Koehn has begun reaching out to individuals in the community to spear head this with her and to also serve as potential board members.

**Billboard**

The final billboard drawings are in the packet and have been sent to MC Power for production.

**MML Conference**

Koehn attended the annual MML conference last month. One of the sessions Koehn attended was given by Mid-America Regional Council and the presenter spoke about solar energy and adopting code to accommodate residential solar and adopting (BMP) best management practices regarding solar. Koehn thinks that the City needs to start looking to the future when it comes to clean renewable energy and how we can financially start to implement solar energy into our utility infrastructure.

**Representative Pike**

Rep. Patricia Pike held a listening post on Wednesday Sept 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at the Pennell Restaurant. She spoke about MoDOT funding, Solar, the Right to Work issue, bills that she was sponsoring and many other legislative issues in the State. Pike and Koehn will be getting together soon to discuss the way ahead for the City of Butler and how she can help us to achieve our short and long term goals.

**McGuire Property**

Last meeting Council asked about the RR ties on the McGuire property. The Street Department contacted the owner about purchasing some of

them and the gentleman that owns the ties decided to donate 50 to the City. He also stated that he would have all ties removed within the next two weeks.

**Hotel Feasibility Study**

The Hotel feasibility study will be wrapping up very soon. I expect to have something to you at the next Council meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Diehl reported that a roof repair needs to be done on the city shop building. \$34,000.00 has been budgeted for the repair work; three bids came back for the job. R&K Construction for \$40,000.00, Powder Dry Construction for \$34,450.00 and Johnny Fennewald Construction for \$32, 987.90. Diehl made the recommendation to go with the low bid at \$32,987.90. Mayor Malan also suggested that we look into a spray foam material for the roof repair. Motion was made by Stark for Diehl to look into the spray foam material for the roof and make sure that it would work for what we are wanting. If the spray foam material was within budget to go ahead and proceed with it. If the spray foam could not be used to go ahead with the low bid that was presented, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Diehl reported that the Skate Park is in need of repair work. Four contractors had been contacted about the work, and only one response came back. Herrell Construction presented a bid of \$7,210.00. Diehl made a recommendation that we accept the bid from Herrell Construction. Motion was made by Phillips to accept the bid from Herrell Construction for the work at the Skate Park, seconded by Stark. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Wheatley gave report on the recent nuisance properties.

**MAYOR**

Very happy to see a lot of progress being made around town.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**VERMAAS**

Would like to see the city add another police officer to the force.

**PHILLIPS**

A Finance Committee meeting will be held October 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm.

**BURG**

Nothing to report.

**STARK**

Nothing to report

**IRWIN**

Nothing to report.

**AGNEW**

Nothing to report

**COOK**

Nothing to report.

**JETT**

Could we do something about the traffic on Country Club Drive during Halloween? Maybe have part of the street blocked or just be one way?

**New Business**

None

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, motion was made by Stark, seconded by Cook to adjourn the regular meeting and go into closed session TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF LITIGATION, LEGAL ACTIONS, AND/OR COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 610.021 (1),  
Roll call vote.  
Vermaas– Aye Phillips – Aye Burg – Aye Stark – Aye Irwin – Aye Agnew – Aye Cook – Aye Jett – Aye

ATTEST

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Mayor Don H. Malan

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Corey Snead  
City Clerk