

**CITY OF BUTLER**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**October 20th, 2015**

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 20th, 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 -Absent	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 and City Attorney Tom Addleman.

**OTHER GUESTS**

Linn Nitsche, Gayle Hayes, Kris Stewart, Bret Everett, Bert Brooks, Mel Ewing, Dana McIntire, Emma McIntire, Rodger Cecil, Brenda Cecil and Mike Ragan

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Burg, seconded by Vermaas to approve the minutes of the regular session of October 6th, 2015. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Motion by Vermaas, seconded by Jett to approve the minutes of the closed session of October 6th, 2015. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

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

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

**DELETION/ADDITION TO AGENDA**

To add House of Hounds to the scheduled guest. Motion by Burg to add House of Hounds to the scheduled guest, seconded by Vermaas. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**Approval of Audit 14-15**

Dana McIntire from Trout Beeman presented the 2014-2015 audit to the city. The city received a clean audit the highest level that could be awarded. McIntire pointed out key points in the audit to the council and stated that the

city was healthy financially. Motion by Vermaas to approve the 2014-2015 audit, seconded by Burg. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**

**Lynch Livestock**

Kris Stewart and Brett Everett presented a presentation to the city council about Lynch Livestock. Lynch Livestock has acquired the old Ghere Sale Barn and will be putting in a pig transportation station. They wanted council to be aware of the operation and that this would not be a hog farm. That the pigs and sows would only be at the transportation station 24-48 hours before moving on. That the station would be kept very clean to prevent any type of odor. That there would be no more than 100 animals at the station at one time and this would also keep any odor down. Brett Everett would be overseeing the day to day operations and assured council that if there were any problems they would be handling them immediately.

**House of Hounds**

Bert Brooks from House of Hounds came before council to give an update on the new shelter. They had a grand opening on October 17<sup>th</sup> and have been at full capacity every day. Brooks also reported that they have passed all their inspections by the state. They have received tons of support and volunteers from the community. So far four adoptions have been done with several more in the works.

**COMMITTEES**

**Finance**

Stark reported that the Finance Committee met before council to go over the audit with Dana McIntire from Trout Beeman.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Airport**

Vermaas reported that the Airport Commission met but could not conduct any business because lack of quorum.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

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

**BILL NO. 2015-11\_ORDINANCE NO. 1008  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE CHAPTER 16.  
NUISANCES, ARTICLE I, SECTION 16-4. NUISANCE OF THE  
CITY OF BUTLER, MISSOURI**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Bill NO 2015-11 Ordinance NO 1008**

Motion by Jett, seconded by Vermaas for the first reading by title only of  
**BILL NO. 2015-11 ORDINANCE NO. 1008**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE CHAPTER 16.  
NUISANCES, ARTICLE I, SECTION 16-4. NUISANCE OF THE**

## CITY OF BUTLER, MISSOURI

Motion passed with the following votes:

Brad Vermaas-Aye	Craig Irwin-Aye
Brian Phillips-Absent	Terry Agnew-Aye
Thom Burg-Aye	Gayle Cook-Aye
Gayle Stark-Aye	Carolyn Jett -Aye

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

#### Bill NO 2015-11 Ordinance NO 1008

Motion by Jett, seconded by Stark for the second reading by title only of  
**BILL NO. 2015-11 ORDINANCE NO. 1008**

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE CHAPTER 16. NUISANCES, ARTICLE I, SECTION 16-4. NUISANCE OF THE CITY OF BUTLER, MISSOURI**

Motion passed with the following votes:

Brad Vermaas-Aye	Craig Irwin-Aye
Brian Phillips-Absent	Terry Agnew-Aye
Thom Burg-Aye	Gayle Cook-Aye
Gayle Stark-Aye	Carolyn Jett -Aye

### Adoption

#### Bill No 2015-11 Ordinance NO 1008

Motion by Vermaas, seconded by Burg to adopt  
**BILL NO. 2015-11 ORDINANCE NO. 1008**

Motion passed with the following votes:

Brad Vermaas-Aye	Craig Irwin-Aye
Brian Phillips-Absent	Terry Agnew-Aye
Thom Burg-Aye	Gayle Cook-Aye
Gayle Stark-Aye	Carolyn Jett -Aye

### Reports

#### **CITY CLERK**

Snead reported that he is still working with the City Attorney on the Senior Taxi agreement. Snead also reported that the online bill payment system for utilities is still being worked on currently. The signs came in for the Purple Heart City. Butler became a Purple Heart City back in September 2014. We will need recommendations on where to place the signs.

#### **POLICE CHIEF**

Nothing to Report

#### **CITY ATTORNEY**

Nothing to Report

#### **CITY ADMIN**

**Demolition Project** CDBG demolition project. We currently have 24 houses that have been demolished to date.

**Missouri Main Street** Koehn started work on the MO Main Street Grant application. She has also 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 began reaching out to individuals in the community to spear head this with her and to also serve as potential board members. Koehn will be holding a meeting on Oct 21<sup>st</sup> to finalize the grant with community members/stakeholders.

**Billboard** The billboards have arrived and they look great. Trent will be gathering a crew to install them as soon as possible.

**Planning Commission** There will be a Planning Commission meeting and Public Hearing on Oct 27<sup>th</sup> to hear a request to rezone property at I-49 and Hwy 52 from R-2 to C-3.

**Hotel Feasibility Study** The Hotel feasibility study will be wrapping up very soon. Koehn expects to have something to Council at the next Council meeting. Koehn has had some complaints about the 2 hotels on the highway. Koehn has heard from business owners and those visiting our town for business and pleasure that we need a nice hotel. The lodging that we currently have causes people to stay either 30 mi north or 30 mi south, which takes away from our local businesses.

**PUBLIC WORKS** Nothing to report

**CODE ENFORCEMENT** Wheatley gave report on the recent nuisance properties.

**MAYOR** Glad to see more houses coming down. The mayor also read a letter to council from Paula Showengerdt.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
**VERMAAS** Good news about the audit. Also when will we have a new Economic Developer on board? Koehn did reply that interviews are happening this week.

**PHILLIPS** Nothing to report.

**BURG** Please read chapter 16 on nuisances.

**STARK** Nothing to report.

**IRWIN** Nothing to report.

**AGNEW** Nothing to report.

**COOK** Nothing to report.

**JETT** Nothing to report.

**New Business**

Change Order Form- Airport- The Grant is still open for the cross drains and sealcoat project to allow submittal for the repair of the PAPIs. This should be the final change order for the project and the final inspection should be scheduled as soon as the PAPIs are repaired and are in working order.

Motion by Jett to approve the change order form for the Airport in the amount of \$2,125.66, seconded by Vermaas. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**ADJOURN** There being no further business, motion was made by Stark, 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