

CITY OF BUTLER
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
November 17th, 2015

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 17th, 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, Police Chief Randy Beshore, Bates County Economic Developer Shayla Sparks and City Attorney Tom Addleman

OTHER GUESTS

Linn Nitsche, Gayle Alexander, Russell Epperson, Victor Fugate, Dave Payne and Mel Ewing.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Burg to approve the minutes of the regular session of November 3rd, 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 Stark, seconded by Agnew to approve the training request presented. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

DELETION/ADDITION TO AGENDA

The Mayor asked to add the appointments Paul Jett and Bernie Sieleman to the Airport Commission. Motion by Phillips to accept Paul Jett and Bernie Sieleman to the Airport Commission, seconded by Stark. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

None

COMMITTEES

None

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Planning

Snead reported that at the last meeting the new Bates County Economic Developer Shayla Sparks was introduced to the commission. That work is still ongoing with the comprehensive plan.

Park and Recreation

Snead reported that the Parks and Recreation Board has requested that the prizes for the Home Holiday Lighting contest be 1st Place \$100, 2nd Place \$75 and 3rd Place \$50 that would come off their February electric bill. Motion by Burg to accept the prize amounts for the contest winners, seconded by Stark. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Malan opened the public hearing on rezoning of property at Hwy 52 and Interstate 49 from R-2 to C-3. Being that there was no speakers Mayor Malan closed the public hearing.

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

BILL NO 2015-12 ORD NO 1009 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF BUTLER, MISSOURI

1st Reading

Bill NO 2015-12 Ordinance NO 1009

Motion by Burg, seconded by Jett for the first reading by title only of
BILL NO. 2015-12 ORDINANCE NO. 1009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF BUTLER, MISSOURI

Motion passed with the following votes:

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

2nd Reading

Bill NO 2015-12 Ordinance NO 1009

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Burg for the second reading by title only of
BILL NO. 2015-12 ORDINANCE NO. 1009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF BUTLER, MISSOURI

Motion passed with the following votes:

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

Adoption

Bill No 2015-12 Ordinance NO 1009

Motion by Burg, seconded by Vermaas to adopt

BILL NO. 2015-12 ORDINANCE NO. 1009

Motion passed with the following votes:

Brad Vermaas-Aye

Brian Phillips-Aye

Thom Burg-Aye

Gayle Stark-Aye

Craig Irwin-Aye

Terry Agnew-Aye

Gayle Cook-Aye

Carolyn Jett -Aye

Reports

CITY CLERK

Snead reported that he had placed two proposals in the council packet for online payments. One from PSN and Tyler Technologies both companies can work with our current utility billing system. PSN would cost the city \$438 for a one time set up fee and \$778.80 in yearly fees. Tyler Technologies would cost the city \$800 for a one time set up fee and \$1,200.00 annual. Snead also stated that that PSN would charge the customers a 2.75% charge each time they used their credit card and Tyler Technologies would charge a \$1.25 flat rate per credit card transaction. Snead requested that the city go with Tyler Technologies on this bid even though they are higher. We currently use Tyler Technologies for our utility billing system and the transition would be easier. Snead also informed council that people still would get a bill in the mail and would not have to use the online system if they did not want to. This would be another means of how citizens could pay their bill. Motion by Phillips to go with the recommendation of Tyler Technologies for online payments, seconded by Vermaas. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Snead also reported that the Chamber had requested that the Christmas Lights be turned on during Ladies Night Out on November 23rd, and then be turned on for the holiday season starting on Thanksgiving Day. Motion by Stark to proceed with the Christmas Lights being turned on November 23rd and then again on Thanksgiving Day for the holiday season, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Snead also informed the council that starting on December 15th at 8:00 am candidates may start filing for the April election. Councilman Vermaas, Burg, Agnew and Cook would be up for re-election.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPER

Went over her current week of activities with the council. She also met with a Solar Company from Rich Hill that would like to attend the December 15th meeting to talk about solar energy.

POLICE CHIEF

Nothing to Report

CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing to Report

CITY ADMIN

Demolition Project

CDBG demolition project. We currently have 30 houses that have been demolished to date. Asbestos has been removed from Nursery and Olive and the house at 407 W Ohio will be coming down as well. We will be using our in kind cash match to pay for the demolition.

Missouri Main Street

Koehn reported that she received notification that we have been awarded the Missouri Main Street grant.

Billboard

The billboards are going up. We have all of them in now and Trent has his departments working on them.

Hotel Feasibility Study

Koehn is putting the final touches on the brochure for the Hotel feasibility study in order to distribute to potential builders. Koehn should have the final product by next Council meeting.

Budget for FY 16-17

Koehn has begun work on the FY 16-17 budget. Koehn will be holding meetings with the department heads the first week in December to get input for their particular departments. Koehn is getting solid numbers from MC Power for the installation of solar panels on the facilities that are served by Osage Valley. Koehn will be plugging preliminary numbers into the budget.

MPUA Meeting

Diehl and Koehn attended the MPUA meeting in Columbia on Nov 13th to discuss community solar projects

Gift Cards

Koehn informed the council that she has checked with the auditors and it will be ok if we do Visa Gift Cards again this year for the employees. Motion by Burg to go ahead with the Visa Gift Card for the employees, seconded by Stark. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Retirement Gift

Koehn asked council to be thinking about retirement gifts for employees. What type of gift should we be getting and for how many years of service.

PUBLIC WORKS

Diehl reported that the City had received a MPUA grant for \$42,000. The bid for the line services came in at \$53,365.00 from Kiowa Line Builders. Even though the bid is more than what we have for the grant, we did budget \$50,000 in line services this year and could use those funds to cover the remaining amount. Diehl recommended that we use this grant money for the project and

pay the remaining amount. Motion by Cook to go with the recommendation made by Diehl for the project, seconded by Phillips. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

No Report.

MAYOR

No Report.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

VERMAAS

Wanted to know if we had emergency routes in the city and if we did that they should be marked? Diehl responded that we did have emergency routes, but there are no signs. Vermaas suggested that we look into getting signs to show the emergency routes.

PHILLIPS

The Fire Department has been doing a wonderful job.

BURG

That we need to start looking into annexation.

STARK

Nothing to report.

IRWIN

Attended the Missouri Main Street Workshop last week.

AGNEW

Nothing to report.

COOK

Was anything being done about 1 E Dakota? Koehn responded that a hearing is being held on December 3rd.

JETT

Attended the Missouri Main Street Workshop last week.

New Business

None

ADJOURN

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

ATTEST

Mayor Don H. Malan

Corey Snead
City Clerk

