

CITY OF BUTLER
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
December 1st, 2015

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 1st, 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, Police Chief Randy Beshore, Bates County Economic Developer Shayla Sparks and City Attorney Tom Addleman.

OTHER GUESTS

Linn Nitsche, Gayle Alexander, Tiffany Blaser and Melvin Ewing

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Vermaas to approve the minutes of the regular session of November 17th, 2015. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

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

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

DELETION/ADDITION TO AGENDA

None

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Tiffany Blaser – Girls Scout Troop 1426

Blaser came before City Council asking for the use of Boy Scout Hall for regular meetings. The Girl Scouts have been meeting at the Old High School, but have out grown that space and currently has issues with heat for the

building. The Girl Scouts meet every other Monday and would not conflict with any other group using the building. Motion by Burg to allow the Girl Scouts to use the Boy Scout Hall for meetings, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

COMMITTEES

None

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

Resolution NO 423 - AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BUTLER AND THE MISSOURI MAIN STREET PROGRAM FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MISSOURI MAIN STREET CONNECTION MISSOURI MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Motion by Burg to approve Resolution NO 423 agreement with the Missouri Main Street program, seconded by Vermaas. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Reports

CITY CLERK

Snead also informed the council that starting on December 15th at 8:00 am candidates may start filing for the April election. The filing period is from December 15th – January 19th.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPER

Working on Comprehensive Plan for the City.

POLICE CHIEF

Nothing to Report

CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing to Report

CITY ADMIN

Santa House

Butler Chamber has asked that the Santa House be placed on the square this year, due to the rain. The courthouse lawn is currently too wet to place the house on it. Motion by Burg to allow the Santa House to be placed on the square this year, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Demolition Project

CDBG demolition project. We currently have 31 houses that have been demolished to date.

Hotel Feasibility Study

Koehn placed the final draft of the market study brochure in the packet.

Budget for FY 16-17

Koehn will be holding meetings with the department heads the first week in December to get input for their particular departments.

Donation of Time

It has been brought to Koehn's attention that some employees would like to donate more time to others for purposes of shared leave. Koehn is asking that City Council amend the personnel policy to say: In extenuating circumstances, the City Administrator, on a case by case basis, may approve the donation of additional vacation/sick time as long as the minimum leave balance requirements are met. The City Council would approve any requests made that pertain to the City Administrator. It has also been brought to Koehn's attention that employees walk away from sick leave when retiring. Koehn would like for Council to think about changing this along with leaving a running balance for hourly employees to donate. Sick leave is currently paid out to all employees at the end of the year. Salary employees should not be able to take advantage of this due to the nature of the salary schedule and requirements

PUBLIC WORKS

No Report

CODE ENFORCEMENT

No Report.

MAYOR

The city is looking better and pleased with the progress that is being made. It looks much better since the old Miller Greenhouse has been taken down.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

VERMAAS

Vermaas suggested that we look into getting signs to show the emergency routes. It is important that the citizens know the routes.

PHILLIPS

The access to Scout Hall needs to be looked into. Anyone can check out a key from the Police Department. Thank Gayle Alexander for attending the council meetings and taking an interest in city business.

BURG

That we need to look at putting signs up on streets that do not allow eighteen wheelers.

STARK

Reported that the fire hydrant at North and Prospect is not working.

IRWIN

Nothing to Report.

AGNEW

That more of the building at 1 E. Dakota has fallen. The light post around the square need to be painted. Koehn responded that a paint color will be picked so the project can be started. Agnew also asked about the C.A. Moore signs that are supposed to go up? Koehn stated that they are still being worked on and brackets are being made. That the Street Department is doing a good job on cleaning out the ditches and drains from all the leaves.

COOK

Nothing to Report.

JETT

Nothing to Report

New Business

November 3rd Election Certification

The election results from the November 3rd election needed to be certified by the City Council. ½ cent Sales Tax for Economic Development 43 – Yes 159 – No. Motion by Phillips to certify the November 3rd results, seconded by Stark. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Stark to adjourn the meeting and go into closed session. **IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSMo 610.021, THE BOARD MAY GO INTO CLOSED SESSION DURING THIS MEETING TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF LITIGATION, LEGAL ACTIONS, AND/OR COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 610.021**

Roll Call Vote

Vermaas – Aye Burg – Aye Irwin – Aye Cook – Aye

Phillips – Aye Stark – Aye Agnew – Aye Jett – Aye

ATTEST

Mayor Don H. Malan

Corey Snead
City Clerk