

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
December 15th, 2015**

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 15th, 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, Victor Fugate, Jim Garnett, Elizabeth Ogg and Melvin Ewing

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Agnew to approve the minutes of the regular session and closed session of December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

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

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

**DELETION/ADDITION TO  
AGENDA**

None

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**

**Elizabeth Ogg – Kaysinger Basin  
Regional Planning Commission**

Ogg presented two agreements to city council for the salary of the Bates County Economic Developer Shayla Sparks. The first agreement would run through the remainder of the FY15-16, the second for the FY 16-17. The city would pay \$6,829.80 for the remaining of FY 15-16 and \$15,911.52 for FY

16-17. Bates County, Rich Hill and Adrian would be picking up the remaining portions. Motion by Starks to accept the two agreements as presented, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **Personnel**

Vermaas reported that the Personnel Committee met before council to talk about several issues. The first being retirement gifts for employees that retire with twenty or more years of service with the city. Vermaas made a motion that employees that retire with 20-30 years of service receive a two night stay at Big Cedar Lodge and \$10 per years of service placed on a Visa Gift Card. Employees with more than 30 years of service receive a three night stay at Big Cedar Lodge and \$10 per year of service placed on a Visa Gift Card, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

The second item that was discussed was recognition for Board and Commission members. That the City should recognize the individuals that serve on these boards and commissions especially since it is on a volunteer position. Motion by Vermaas to have a yearly reception to honor the members of the boards and commissions for the city, seconded by Phillips. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Vermaas also brought up about salary employees being able to cash in sick time. That this matter is being looked into further and will be brought back to council. Finally the chain of command appeals process needs to be updated especially for any employees that report directly to the City Administrator. Since the final appeal is handled by the City Administrator, that those employees should be able to appeal to the City Administrator then to the personnel committee and then finally City Council. Koehn will write up the new process and present it to council.

## **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **Park**

A request from the Butler Library to use the pool for a discount next season. This sparked discussion about putting a fee schedule in place for non-profits for use of the pool. The Commission will continue to discuss it. Koehn also stated that the Boy Scout Hall must be allowed to be used by anyone. Citizens may call City Hall to request a time and date to reserve Boy Scout Hall.

### **Zoning**

Koehn reported that variance for the property located at 1010 W Ft Scott St was approved. The variance was to allow placement of a new building as close to the property line on the North side to allow for proper parking in front of the building.

### **Planning**

Koehn reported that the Planning Commission meet on December 8<sup>th</sup> and discussed the Comprehensive Plan and the new development on I-49

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

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

None

**Reports**

**CITY CLERK**

Snead informed the council that five candidates have filled for City Councilmen. Potential candidates have until January 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm to file.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPER**

Vision Committee last week and went over the Comprehensive Plan. Sparks is working with several businesses in town to help expand next year. A company toured the old Thorco building and made an offer on the building, there is a possibility of a 100 new jobs if this all goes through.

**POLICE CHIEF**

Nothing to Report

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Nothing to Report

**CITY ADMIN**

**Demolition Project**

CDBG demolition project. We currently have 31 properties that have been demolished. Koehn is still waiting on court documentation for 211 N Olive. This could take at least 30 days. We will be moving forward with the property located at 407 W Ohio as soon as the contractor can get to it. We are also looking into using our remaining cash match to demo properties that were on the list in the beginning but had deed or lien issues.

**Airport**

Koehn met with officials from MoDOT and our engineers from Burns and McDonnell on Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am for a final walk through regarding the completion of the Airport project. The runway looks great and discussions were held regarding the upcoming drainage project that will begin next FY.

**New Business**

Koehn was contacted by a company that is interested in a vacant business in Butler. Koehn will be meeting with them this week to discuss job creation, EEZ and other specifics about their business and the building. Information is very vague at this time

**1 E. Dakota**

Koehn held a hearing on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am in City Hall regarding the collapsed building at 1 E. Dakota. Those present were Jim Henry, Jason Bennett, Jim Wheatley, Tom Addleman and Trent Diehl. Koehn will issue an order of abatement that allows the property owner 30 days. If not abated, the City will move forward with action.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Diehl reported to council that new water lines are needed North of

Orange Street. A bid of \$22,013.87 came in from Win Water's from Blue Springs. Diehl informed council that \$44,000.00 had been budget for water system improvements. Motion by Stark to accept the bid from Win Water's, seconded by Burg. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Gave report on updated nuisance problems in the city.

**MAYOR**

Wanted to thank all City Department's for all their hard work.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**VERMAAS**

The Christmas Parade was outstanding this year.

**PHILLIPS**

Thanked Spud Wellston for the reception last Friday.

**BURG**

We need to look and see if there are more houses we can take down.

**STARK**

Nothing to Report.

**IRWIN**

Nothing to Report.

**AGNEW**

Nothing to Report.

**COOK**

Nothing to Report

**JETT**

Wanted to know if the property went back to the property owner after the house has been taken down. Koehn responded that it does go back to the owner.

**New Business**

None

**ADJOURN**

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

**ATTEST**

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Mayor Don H. Malan

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Corey Snead  
City Clerk

