

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
June 7th, 2016

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 7th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 22 West Ohio with Mayor Malan presiding. The following Councilmen were present:

Mayor Malan opened the meeting with a moment of silence to remember former Ward 1 Councilman Brad Vermaas who lost his battle with cancer last week.

ROLL CALL

Jim Garnett	Craig Irwin
Brian Phillips	Terry Agnew
Victor Fugate	Gayle Cook
Gayle Stark	Carolyn Jett

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were City Administrator Casey Koehn, City Clerk Corey Snead, City Attorney Tom Addleman, Police Chief Randy Beshore, Bates County Economic Developer Shayla Sparks and Interim Code Officer Linn Nitsche.

OTHER GUESTS

Gayle Alexander, Melvin Ewing, Arnold Hannah, Bob Surber, Susan Anderson and Gary Anderson

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Agnew to approve the minutes of the regular session of May 17th, 2016 Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Motion by Phillips, seconded by Jett 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

To add Gary Anderson and the Butler Chamber to the schedule guest. Motion by Garnett to add Gary Anderson and the Butler Chamber, seconded by Fugate. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

SCHEDULED GUESTS

Susan Anderson

Anderson came before council to ask for approval for a 5K run by the Bates County Saddle Club. The 5K would be held on June 18th, 2016 last year two thousand dollars was raised for breast cancer mammograms. Motion by Stark to approve the 5K run for the Saddle Club, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Bob Surber

Surber came before council about a Tractor Cruise night that would start in Adrian and would make its way to Butler. Surber wanted to make sure that he could get the assistance of the Police Department to help at the intersections. The Tractor Cruise would take place on August 6th, 2016 they would leave Adrian at 8:30 am. They would have 30-40 tractors in the cruise. Motion by Phillips to allow the Tractor Cruise pending they work with both county and city law enforcement, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Gary Anderson

Anderson came before council to ask for permission for a Tent Revival to be held at South Park. God Ways Ministries would be hosting the revival July 1-7 from 6:30-9:30 pm each night. They are requesting that a 40x60 tent also be set up at the park for the revival. Motion by Cook to allow for the revival July 1-7 at South Park, seconded by Stark. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Butler Chamber

Lee Anna Schowengerdt from the Butler Chamber came before council asking permission for a beer garden during the BBQ Championship on September 16 & 17. Chamber would have to get a picnic license and show they have proper insurance for the beer garden. They will also need a letter from the city stating they can have the event on city property. Motion by Cook to allow for the beer garden during the BBQ Championship, seconded by Fugate. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

COMMITTEES

None

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Zoning Board

Koehn reported that a variance was given to 207 S. High for a gravel driveway. Koehn also reported that there is more variances coming about gravel driveways and we will need to look into this matter further.

Park and Recreation

Koehn reported that the Park and Recreation met and discussed a youth mentoring program that could possibly happen at the end of the summer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

Resolution NO 426

Resolution NO 426 Corporate authorization resolution at Citizens Bank for signers. Motion by Jett to approve Resolution NO 426 to add Casey Koehn and Don Malan as signers at Citizens Bank, seconded by Garnett. Motion passed

unanimously by a show of hands.

REPORTS

CITY CLERK

Audit will begin on June 13th.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPER

In the process of organizing a meeting with the Superintendent's of area schools about the possibility of a community college. Working on Project 20 for an Agricultural Manufacture. Working on the Legacy Fountain Project.

POLICE CHIEF

Nothing to Report

CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing to Report

CITY ADMIN

1 E. Dakota

Green Deconstruction has begun work on the demo of 1 E Dakota with the removal of asbestos and the majority of the west half of the building. West Central Community Action Agency has been contacted about the demolition in order for them to prepare for the exposure of their west wall.

New Owner on the Square

We have a new building owner on the Square. Koehn would like to thank Kay and Kelly Wells for their years of business ownership on the Butler Square. Although, they are not closing up shop, they are leaving the Square to work from home. Koehn has been talking with the new owner about the possibilities for the building. Koehn has also had some interest in other buildings on the Square from out of state prospects. The Econ Developer and Koehn will be working closely with potential buyers.

Freedom's Frontier

Koehn will be meeting with representatives from Freedom's Frontier next week. They have developed a proposed directional signage system for their partner sites in Bates Co. A good portion of the directional signage is proposed to be located within the city limits of Butler. We will be discussing changes or revisions that might be needed if the signage system is placed in Butler.

Broadband

Koehn has been working with the Econ Developer to bring broadband to Butler. She has met with two possible companies one of which has fiber running parallel with Butler to the east and would be accessible for us.

MO Career Center

City staff met with MO Career Center about job placement for possible employment for the city and also youth employment. Talked about the possibility of a youth camp this summer and using the career center to fill employment for us. The Parks and Recreation Commission is

onboard with the idea and would like to see if a short pilot camp would be feasible at the end of the summer.

PUBLIC WORKS

Nothing to Report

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Have had 100 properties clean up nuisance violations so far. Still working on other properties that he has not had any response from.

MAYOR

Glad to see the progress being made on getting the collapsed building down.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

GARNETT

Nothing to Report

PHILLIPS

Thanked Linn Nitsche for all his hard work on code violations. Thanked the ladies downstairs for all their hard work with utilities especially on shut off days.

FUGATE

Something needs to be done about the trees on Dakota that are in the power lines.

STARK

Had received several complaints about the pool checking bags as they enter the facility.

IRWIN

Nothing to Report.

AGNEW

Wanted to know when the Skate Park would be finished? Koehn reposted that it still needed to be sandblasted and painted still. Motion by Stark to make this a top priority of the Parks Department to get this project finished, seconded by Agnew. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

COOK

The cemetery looked wonderful during the Memorial Day weekend. It was good to see the community get behind the Chandlers.

JET

Nothing to Report.

New Business

No New Business

ADJOURN

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

Mayor Don H. Malan

ATTEST

Corey Snead
City Clerk