

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
July 19th, 2016

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 19th, 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:

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 and Interim Code Officer Linn Nitsche.

OTHER GUESTS

Gayle Alexander, Anthony Salle, Carolynn Hilbus and Edith Dilley

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Phillips seconded by Agnew to approve the minutes of the regular session of July 5th, 2016 Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

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

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

DELETION/ADDITION TO AGENDA

None

SCHEDULED GUESTS

None

COMMITTEES

None

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Park Board

Koehn gave the report that the Park Board met on July 7th to discuss many

items including infield work, concession stands at the ball fields, summer camps for next year.

Zoning Board

Koehn gave the report for the Zoning Board. A variance for a gravel driveway to an existing structure and variance for a new garage and side yard requirements was discussed at the last meeting.

Neighborhood Advisory

Nitsche gave the report that they will be meeting with the Code Officer from Harrisonville. They are also seeing more houses that need to be demo.

Planning Commission

Koehn gave the report for the Planning Commission. They met on July 12th to discuss many items including the community college effort and enacting new ordinance for a minimum square footage requirement for newly constructed homes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

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

None

REPORTS

CITY CLERK

Bids went out to five different CPA firms for audit bids for the next three years.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPER

No Report

POLICE CHIEF

No Report

CITY ATTORNEY

No Report

CITY ADMIN

Missouri Main Street

MO Main Street met on July 6th to elect the board of directors and adopt the bylaws. We also listed potential citizens that we believe would be great assets for the 4 committees that the organization has created. Lisa Brown, Carolyn Jett, Shayla Sparks and Koehn will be attending the annual MO Main Street conference in Washington, MO next week.

Community College

Koehn has scheduled a meeting for July 20th with the school board members, the superintendents and other key stakeholders in the County to discuss the

community college initiative. Dr. Kirk Nooks with MCC along with his staff will be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions or concerns that the members will have. Our goal is to have all school districts put the initiative on the November ballot for approval. We have been spending most of our time researching the long term economic impact that a college has on a region.

Kaboom Grant

The city did not receive the Kaboom grant for the park and fountain idea at 1 E Dakota.

Vacant Homes

We are currently seeing a lot of vacant homes in Butler and we need to look at an ordinance concerning this issue. We might consider if a house sits for two years it's consider vacant.

Tax Sale

Koehn has suggested that we stop waiting three years to move forward on a tax sale on a property we have abated. That we can go ahead on year one and put the property up for sale. Motion by Phillips to go forward on putting properties up on year one instead of waiting three years for the tax sale, seconded by Jett. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands

PUBLIC WORKS

Nothing to Report

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Wants to put a new procedure in place for grass nuisance. Grass needs to be at seven inches or lower for a property, if the grass is above seven inches the following would happen. First time a letter would be sent stating you have three days to cut the grass. If a second violation occurs a letter and a ticket of \$75 is sent to the property owner. If a third violation occurs a letter and a ticket of \$150 is sent to the property owner. The hope is that people will see that we are being serious about keeping lawns mowed. A motion was made by Garnett to move forward with the new grass nuisance First time a letter would be sent stating you have three days to cut the grass. If a second violation occurs a letter and a ticket of \$75 is sent to the property owner. If a third violation occurs a letter and a ticket of \$150 is sent to the property owner, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

MAYOR

Appreciate all the hard work the departments are during especially in the heat.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

GARNETT

Nothing to Report

PHILLIPS

That we need to move forward with annexation in Butler. The current video that is going around on social media is something that the city does not need to be associated with or with the person who produces the video.

FUGATE

Due to circumstances beyond his control with his work, Victor Fugate had to

resign from city council effective immediately.

STARK

620 W. Ohio looks like a used car lot. The corner Pine and Orange has a sign that is blocking the view of traffic. It needs to be moved before someone gets hurt.

IRWIN

Nothing to Report.

AGNEW

Nothing to Report

COOK

Brush pile pick up after the storm was a good idea.

JET

Glad Main Street is open once again.

New Business

No New Business

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Stark to adjourn the regular session meeting and go into closed session. 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.

Garnett– Aye Phillips – Aye Fugate – Aye Stark – Aye Irwin – Aye Agnew – Aye Cook – Aye Jett - Aye

Mayor Don H. Malan

ATTEST

Corey Snead
City Clerk