# **Regular Session**

# **June 8, 2015**

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

# An agenda for the regular session meeting for June 8, 2015 for the City of Stockton, Missouri was posted pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.020 on June 4, 2015.

### Call regular session to order/Roll call

Mayor Thompson called the regular session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the City Clerk took roll call. Council members present were Greg Fidler, Barbara Pate, Gary Johnson and Carla Page. It was determined a quorum was present. Attending City Staff were Peter Lee, City Attorney, Vanessa Underwood, City Clerk and Building Inspector/Code Enforcer, Brandon Cahill along with Raymond Heryford, City Superintendent.

**Invocation**

Invocation was given by Beau Norman with Church on the Hill.

**Visitors**

-Stockton resident Michelle Pfeifer requested Council allow Blake Street to dead end at Oak Street due to safety concerns for her residence as well as students walking to and from school. Mayor Thompson asked Pfeifer to allow Council to review the materials she had brought as visual aids before making their final decision and Pfeifer agreed.

-John Baxter along with other members of the Stockton Lake Sertoma Club requested Council allow Walnut Street to be partially closed during the Walnut Festival to allow for more vendor stations from September 22nd through September 27th. as well as partially closing North Street during the parade. The Sertoma Club also asked Council to allow them to place a permanent steel walk bridge over the town branch at no cost to the City. Other topics included the Community Building, Security and handicap parking. Fidler motioned, Page seconded, carried; for the Sertoma Club to move forward on the project of installing an ADA approved steel walk bridge. Unanimously approved. Due to the urgency of the matter, Council decided to meet for an emergency meeting on Tuesday June 12th at 11:00 a.m. at the Stockton City Park to determine the optimal location for the bridge. The consensus of the Council was to allow Heryford to research the project and make suggestions on the bridge location. Page suggested to the Sertoma group that a flyer including a map of the park and its festivities be created to help Walnut Festival attendees navigate.

**Minutes**

Motion made by Fidler, seconded by Pate, carried; to approve minutes with corrections. Unanimously approved.

## Bills

Motion made by Page, seconded by Fidler, carried; to approve and pay bills as presented. Unanimously approved.

**SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

-Bids for airport hay mowing were scheduled to be opened however no bids were submitted. Cahill requested he be allowed to obtain bids for brush hogging and/or renting equipment to brush hog the airport and other areas of the city. Mayor Thompson instructed Underwood to add reviewing mowing or renting mowing equipment bids to the emergency meeting agenda.

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**Reports from Appointed Officials**

City Attorney: Lee presented a revised pit bull ordinance to post for public review and had two brief things for closed. Page motioned, Pate seconded, carried; to adopt the water service reconnection policy

presented by Peter Lee. Unanimously approved. Lee instructed Underwood to post the surplus ordinance.

Public works: Heryford presented a list of streets he was getting estimates on for much needed repairs in order to determine if the cost were manageable for this year’s budget. The list included the following: Worley, James, Higgins, Pine, Elm and Crestview’s. In summary, if the repairs can be done, Stockton’s streets would be repaired from South Street (39 Highway) to Locust Street.

Building Inspector/General Code Enforcer: Addressed Council with the Extreme Tour’s use of the park on June 28th. Johnson motioned, Page seconded, carried; to waive fees for the Extreme Tour’s use of the park, sponsored by Church on the Hill on June 28. Unanimously approved. Pate motioned, Fidler seconded, carried; to shut Walnut Street off on June 28 from noon to 8 p.m. for the Extreme Tour sponsored by Church on the Hill. Unanimously approved.

City Clerk: Page motioned, Fidler seconded, carried; to reinvest perpetual care certificates of deposits maturing at Simmons Bank on June 13 and June 18 for a combined total of $86,551.80 less $8,000.00 for cemetery software expenses with Edward Jones at a rate of .50% for one year. Unanimously approved. Other rate bids were from Simmons Bank and Mid Missouri Bank that both bid at a one year rate of .25. Page motioned, Fidler seconded, carried; to allow the Posse organization group to host their Kids Day event at the west end of the park on July 18 with fees waived. Unanimously approved. Underwood pointed out a bid letter from Haynes in the packets.

**Reports from Appointed Boards**

Cemetery: Johnson mentioned he personally had seen a stone in the cemetery that looked as though it had been moved or hit. Koch with the cemetery board asked about the software quality being purchased and inquired as to whether lots or sections were marked in the cemetery.

Park Board: Mayor Thompson reminded Park Board president Joe Davis that all volunteers needed to complete a waiver form.

Airport: Not in attendance however Cahill suggested Council explore the option of a pilot co-op group taking over the fuel sales portion of the airport. Mayor Thompson suggested waiting until the airport board was present before discussing the issue further.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS**

Mayor Thompson: The Mayor pointed out the University of Extension letter for those interested in being on the Cedar County Extension Council which governs the MU Extension Programs. She also pointed out the “Older Americans” proclamation in the packets read in May. Mayor Thompson updated Council with the amended schedule for the tornado sirens which is now on the 2nd Wednesday at 10:00. The sirens will sound for three minutes during testing. In the event of an actual emergency, the sirens will sound for three minutes on and three minutes off and continue to sound until the severe weather threat is over. Reported the flag at City Hall had been repaired.

Fidler: Sidewalks for closed.

Johnson: Nothing for open.

Pate: Requested that residents mow their grass away from the streets because she had received several complaints from residents regarding the issue.

Page: Asked if the other Council members had had a chance to review the handbook. They had not; therefore Page requested the topic be tabled for the next meeting.

**Final Comments from the Public:**  No final comments from the public.

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**Convene into Close**

Fidler motioned, seconded by Page, carried; to close regular session and go into closed at 7:55 p.m. for litigation and real estate. Approved with the following votes: Fidler, Johnson, Page and Pate: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**Reconvene Regular Session**

Fidler motioned, Page seconded, carried; to go back into regular session at 8:03 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Fidler, Johnson, Page and Pate: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

No votes were taken during closed session.

Mayor Thompson did share a letter with Council commending Dana Dawes for her extra effort in locating a relative’s stone in the Cemetery. Heryford pointed out a glitch with the treatment plant’s call-out system in notifying Heryford when the power flickers and the power comes back on but the waste water system does not re-restart. Council suggested also checking with Empire regarding the power glitches.

**Adjourn Regular Session**

Fidler motioned, seconded by Page, carried; to adjourn the regular session meeting at 8:03 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Fidler, Johnson, Page and Pate: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk Mayor**

**Closed Session**

# **June 8, 2015**

The Stockton Board of Aldermen met in closed session on June 8, 2015 at 7:55 p.m. for the purpose of litigation and real estate.

Attending this portion of the meeting was Mayor Patty Thompson, council members Greg Fidler, Gary Johnson, Carla Page and Barbara Pate. Also in attendance were City Clerk, Vanessa Underwood, Building Inspector, Brandon Cahill, City Superintendent, Raymond Heryford and City Attorney, Peter Lee.

**Legal:** Lee advised Council to refer to sidewalk repairs as “isolated” in nature and not as sidewalk replacements in order to avoid liability exposure. Lee also updated Council regarding the treatment plant litigation and thought the City could see some money soon.

**Personnel:** No personnel issues were discussed.

**Real Estate**: Mayor Thompson suggested a “For Sale” and/or “For Rent” sign be placed at the old Sheriffs building that the City recently took back over from the County’s Sheriff department. Lee reiterated that the Caplinger Park did not revert back to the City of Stockton after the Caplinger Park Board dissolves.

**Adjourn Close Session Back into Open Session:**

Motion from Fidler, Page seconded, carried; to adjourn closed session and go back into open at

8:03 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Fidler, Johnson, Page and Pate: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**ATTEST:**

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