# **Regular Session**

# **April 11, 2016**

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

# An agenda for the regular session meeting for April 11, 2016 for the City of Stockton, Missouri was posted pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.020 on April 7, 2016.

### Call regular session to order/Roll call

Mayor Thompson called the regular session meeting to order at 6:02 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 Harper, City Clerk and Raymond Heryford, City Superintendent as well as Building Inspector/Code Enforcer, John Wilson.

**Invocation**

Invocation was given by Arlo Rupke with Cedar County EMD.

**Visitors**

No visitors scheduled.

**Minutes**

Motion made by Page, seconded by Fidler, carried; to approve minutes with correction. Unanimously approved.

## Bills

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

**Certify Election Results**

Pate motioned, seconded by Johnson, carried; to accept Cedar County Municipal Official Election

Results dated April 5th, 2016. Unanimously approved.

**Comments from the Public:**

-Arlo Rupke with Cedar County EMD informed new Board members of the NIMS (National Incident Management System) requirements in order to qualify for state or federal funding and the importance of disaster management. (NIMS 100,200,700 and 800 are the required classes and Rupke recommended taking 300 and 400 as well). Rupke also requested new board members update their profile information to obtain their EMD name badge.

-Marilyn Ellis with the American Legion Post #116 requested to sell poppies on the City Square on July 2, 2016. Pate motioned, Page seconded, carried; to allow American Legion Post #116 to sell poppies honoring our Country’s Veteran’s on July 2, 2016. Unanimously approved.

-Duke Smith requested to speak later in the meeting regarding mowing in the cemetery.

**Oath to newly appointed officials**

-The City Clerk swore in newly elected officials Mary Anne Manring taking over as South Ward alderperson, Larry Koch taking over the North Ward and Mary Norell as the new City of Stockton Mayor.

The meeting was turned over to the new board.

**SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

-Mayor Norell asked council to approve her re-appointment of Barbara Pate as Mayor Pro Tem. Johnson motioned, Manring seconded, carried; to approve Barbara Pate as Mayor Pro Tem. Unanimously

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approved. Mayor Norell then asked for the Board’s consent to re-appoint Hank Smith as Fire Chief. Pate motioned, seconded by Johnson, carried; to approve. Unanimously approved. The Mayor’s final appointment was Peter Lee as City Attorney. Koch motioned, Pate seconded, carried; to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Peter Lee as City Attorney. Unanimously approved.

-The following bids for mowing the Stockton Cemetery were opened and reviewed: **Paul Kleiss, JR** Bid Option 1(Bi-weekly) at $500.00 per mowing and Bid Option 2 (Weekly) at $500.00 per mowing, with each additional mowing being $500.00; **Carson’s Landscape & Design** Bid Option 1 at $500.00/mowing and Bid Option 2 at $500.00 with each additional mowing being $500.00. Discussion followed regarding the qualifications of each company. Pate motioned, Koch seconded, carried; to accept

Carson’s Landscape & Design’s bid. Unanimously approved. Pate reiterated mowing should not be done during a funeral and grass should not be blown onto the tombstones. Local resident Duke Smith requested the City owned lots be held to the same standards as other residents and requested weeds across the street from his property not be allowed to get 6’ tall again.

-Mayor Norell enlightened meeting attendees about the City’s membership with Kaysinger Basin Planning Commission and their vital role in obtaining grant funding and other subsidies. Manring motioned, Pate seconded, carried; to accept the Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission Resolution of Membership for the July 2016-17 fiscal year with annual dues of $400.18 and to appoint Mayor Mary Norell as the City of Stockton Kaysinger liaison. Unanimously approved.

**Reports from Appointed Officials**

City Attorney: Regarding the weeds ordinance, Lee pointed out that 7” inches high was the prohibited height for weeds/grass. **Mayor Norell and the Council will take the information on advisement and will discuss at a future date grass height for City owned property.** Lee also reiterated that court fees had substantially declined over the last ten years and presented a Court Fine schedule he used which was developed by Judge Reeves and had been adopted by Judge Pyle. According to Lee, the officer issuing the ticket determines whether it is filed as a state or municipal violation, however ultimately it is at the discretion of the prosecutor how the ticket is prosecuted. Mayor Norell will discuss the decline in fine revenue with Sheriff Dwerlkotte. One legal item for closed.

Public works: Pate motioned, Johnson seconded, carried; for Vic’s Plumbing to install a back flow prevention valve at the City’s fire department building for the dual purpose of repairing a leak and bringing the building’s water system up to DNR standards for an approximate cost of $900.00 Unanimously approved.

Building Inspector: In order to expedite the building process, Council’s consensus is for Wilson and Heryford to assign addresses to new buildings and then report to the Mayor who can present the new addresses to the Council. Wilson reported he had been approached by a potential condominium builder interested in building in the Stockton area. However our current fire department did not have the capability to effectively put out a condominium fire and therefore would have to be updated**. Mayor Norell instructed Harper to put together the numbers for modifying our current department.** In response to Wilson’s need to expedite instances of issuing permits for building demolition or moving, Mayor Norell suggested pulling together a special meeting. Harper added the Council could be contacted for approval and then the decision could be reported at the next regularly scheduled meeting. **Lee will put together an ordinance setting the fence, mobile storage and storm shelter building permit fees at $15.00 for next meeting**.

City Clerk: Nothing for open, one real estate item for closed.

**Reports from Appointed Boards**

Cemetery: Not in attendance. Koch made known the Cemetery Board’s need for members.

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Park Board: Manring motioned, Pate seconded, carried; to approve the additional expenditures for framing in and sheet rocking the community building’s east room of $2500.00 bringing the total cost up to $4000.00 for the repair. Unanimously approved. Davis informed Council the Park would be receiving another 100 ton donation of gravel and recommended the City match that amount in order to complete the walking trails in the park. Pate motioned, seconded by Johnson, carried; to purchase an additional 100 ton of gravel at approximately $7.75/ton. Unanimously approved. City will be responsible for

transporting the gravel. Davis reported the Park Board also recommended purchasing a dehumidifier for the community building east room once the repairs were completed and the need arose. Davis also followed up from the previous meeting to see if the issues Sheriff Dwerlkotte was having accessing the surveillance park cameras had been rectified. Harper explained the cameras had been working the entire time and apparently it was a password issue the Sheriff was having.

Airport: Bill Seitz with the airport board also made known the necessity for new members seeing as Mayor Norell would have to surrender her position on the board. He also confirmed Joe Hughes had been added to the board at the last Council meeting. Seitz asked if anything had changed regarding the overlay which Harper reported had not.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS**

Mayor Norell: Norell had spoke to Rod Hendricks with the local Corp. of Engineers about assembling a meeting with all interested parties; the fire chief, Heryford, City officials, sheriff, newspaper, The Chamber etc to formulate a plan for promoting the 2016 Fireworks on the Dam Event. Heryford added this year the shells would go up to 6” but next year based on the most recent measurements shells could be as large as 12”. Kelly Bass, with the area’s Chamber of Commerce recommended getting local business owner’s input as well. Norell also encouraged the City to pursue a sidewalk grant later in the fall.

Pate: Nothing for open.

Johnson: Nothing for open.

Manring: Nothing for open.

Koch: Nothing for open.

**Convene into Close**

Pate motioned, seconded by Johnson, carried; to close regular session and go into closed at 7:33 p.m. for real estate and legal. Approved with the following votes: Pate, Johnson, Manring, Koch: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**Reconvene Regular Session**

Pate motioned, Johnson seconded, carried; to go back into regular session at 7:57 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Pate, Johnson, Manring and Koch: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

No votes were made during closed.

Mayor Norell informed Council of a resident requesting to change their address due to remodeling and changing the street in which their front entrance faced from Petty to Sac. It was determined the County would need to be notified. No decisions were made. The Mayor also reported a request by a resident to have a speed limit sign placed on Hays street to deter speeders, Heryford will investigate. Pate asked the status of the City Welcome Signs and Heryford reported the signs would require taller poles than first thought. Johnson had been asked if local children could paint the hydrants a color other that yellow however Heryford explained that all City’s hydrants had to be painted yellow. Heryford also reported he would be repairing Pate’s driveway that the City crew accidently washed out.

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**Adjourn Regular Session**

Johnson motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to adjourn the regular session meeting at 8:07 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Pate, Johnson, Manring and Koch: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk Mayor**

**Closed Session**

# **April 11, 2016**

The Stockton Board of Aldermen met in closed session on April 11, 2016 at 7:38 p.m. for the purpose of real estate and legal.

Attending this portion of the meeting was Mayor Norell, council members Barbara Pate, Gary Johnson, Mary Anne Manring and Larry Koch. Also in attendance were City Clerk, Vanessa Harper, City Superintendent, Raymond Heryford and City Attorney, Peter Lee along with Building Inspector, John Wilson.

**Legal:** Lee brought to the newest Council member’s attention two codes in particular to be aware of. One section is regarding procedures for accepting/not accepting bids and one is for determining dangerous buildings vs. nuisances. Wilson asked the options for a local resident whose plot was smaller than the current code regulation however wanted to put a larger mobile home or possibly build a building larger than the current code allowed. Lee suggested he come to the board and request a variance.

**Personnel:** No discussion.

**Real Estate**: Harper asked if the recent lease agreement made between the City and the Freedom of Road Riders Group allowed for subleasing. Lee’s answer was no.

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

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

7:57 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Pate, Johnson, Manring, Koch: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk Mayor**