# **Regular Session**

# **January 11, 2021**

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

# An agenda for the regular session meeting for January 11, 2021 for the City of Stockton, Missouri was originally posted pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.020 on January 7, 2021.

### Call regular session to order/Roll call

Mayor Hamby called the regular session meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. and the City Clerk took roll call. Council members present were MaryAnne Manring, Mark Frieze, Brent Wallen and Barbara Pate. It was determined a quorum was present. Attending staff were City Clerk, Vanessa Harper, City Attorney, Peter Lee, City Superintendent, Raymond Heryford and Building Inspector/Code Enforcer, John Wilson.

**Pledge and Invocation**

After attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation was given by alderperson, Barbara Pate.

**Modified Agenda Approved:**

Manring motioned, seconded by Frieze, carried; approving the agenda set for the January 11, 2021 City Council meeting with a modification to add discussion on a cemetery plot purchase discrepancy during the Cemetery portion of the meeting. Unanimously approved.

**Visitors:**

Robert Starbuck residing at 427 South Hwy J, requested a variance to Section 500.065 of the Stockton Municipal Code limiting the height of a front yard fence to 48” so that he could build a 6’ fence in his front yard to keep his dog in. Wallen motioned, seconded by Frieze, carried; to grant Starbuck a variance on Section 500.065 and allow him to build a 6’ fence in his front yard. Unanimously approved.

Nedra Fox along with Dan and Tiffany Bahr (Lance Fox was ill and opted not to attend) addressed Council regarding a recently received weed citation referencing City property contiguous to their property of which the Fox family had been allowed to use for several years. The Fox Family then presented Council with a proposition to purchase the referenced property for $10,382.00. The amount of which, had been established in a 1979 First Right of Refusal agreement between the City of Stockton and William A. Fox, who was recently deceased. Council’s consensus was to discuss the proposal in closed session with legal counsel before moving forward. Dan Bahr asked for leniency relative to the weed citation notice. No vote taken.

**Minutes:**

Motion made by Manring, seconded by Frieze, carried; to approve the minutes as read for the regular council meeting on December 14, 2020 as well as the emergency closed session meeting minutes from December 23, 2020. Unanimously approved.

## Bills:

Wallen motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to approve and pay bills as presented. Unanimously approved.

**Comments from the Public:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

# Regarding the City Hall lobby remodel, Frieze motioned, seconded by Manring, carried; to

approve the presented sketch as a general bid base for soliciting proposals to remodel the City Hall lobby. Unanimously approved.

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Concerning the City placing a streetlight on Ridgeline, Wallen had received verbal permission from the resident at 717 N. Ward to trench across their property however other affected residents had not been contacted. Therefore, Frieze motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to move forward with getting written permission from those residents affected. Unanimously approved.

Manring motioned, Frieze seconded, carried; to approve signing the 2021 Police Contract with Cedar County. Unanimously approved.

# **Reports from Appointed Boards**

Park: Absent. Manring motioned, Wallen seconded, carried; approving American Legion’s use of the downstairs community building for blood drives on January 8, April 2, June 28 and October 8 in 2021 with fees waived. Unanimously approved.

Cemetery:  Absent. Wallen motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to give two (2) plots to Loral Graves in the original section of the Stockton cemetery next to his parents to resolve a bookkeeping issue from 1985. Unanimously approved.

Airport: Absent. No votes taken.

Sheriff Department Liaison: Provided citation and arrest reports for October, November and December of 2020. No new information to share. No votes taken.

# **SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

No scheduled business.

**Reports from Appointed Officials**

City Attorney: Lee urged Council to review the City’s current drug free workplace policy in lieu of impending federal and state law changes which could potentially decriminalize marijuana use.

Lee also communicated the county prosecutor had agreed not to revoke Ramie Halbrook’s probation if he was in Stockton working to repair the properties off Craig Street. Therefore, Lee instructed Wilson to send out the citation letters ASAP to Halbrook’s attorney. Lee had real estate for closed. No votes taken.

Public Works Supervisor: Nothing for open or closed. No votes taken.

City Clerk: Nothing for open or closed. No votes taken

Building Inspector/Code Enforcer: 1) Informed Council Liberty Utilities would likely be presenting permission letters for the City to sign allowing Liberty to upgrade with LED bulbs when changing out streetlight bulbs. No vote taken. 2) Stated Liberty Utilities does require disconnects outside of the meters now. No votes taken.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS:**

**Pate:** Reminded Heryford Christmas lights needed to come down. Nothing for closed. No votes taken.

**Manring:**  Reminded Heryford the crosswalks behind the school needed to be painted. Nothing for closed. No votes taken.

**Wallen:**  Requested the recently dug trenches across Craig Street be filled again. Nothing for closed. No votes taken.

**Frieze:** Nothing for open or closed. No votes taken.

**MAYOR –COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Mayor Hamby**: Asked Council to narrow boot requirements for maintenance staff employees to be eligible for reimbursement by the City. Wallen recommended revisiting the topic after the Mayor and safety manager Wilson met with MIRMA on January 25.

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**Convene into Close**

Frieze motioned, seconded by Wallen, carried; to close regular session and go into closed at 5:55 p.m. for real estate discussion. Approved with the following votes: Frieze, Wallen, Pate and Manring: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**Reconvene Regular Session**

Manring motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to close closed session and go back into regular session at 6:10 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Frieze, Wallen, Pate and Manring: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

Hamby noted a new potential marijuana manufacturing business coming to Stockton which may hire a half dozen employees initially. No votes taken.

Manring motioned, seconded by Frieze, carried; to sell to Nedra Fox the city owned property directly north and contiguous to the Stockton Seed House property in the industrial park for $10,382.00 and give Fox 30 days to rectify any violations with no fines or penalties. Unanimously approved. Council’s decision was based on the Fox family’s, particularly William A. Fox’s, contribution to the community and that the property would be more useful to the Fox family. Frieze motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to notify Nedra Fox immediately of Council’s decision. Unanimously approved. Barbara Pate volunteered to call Nedra.

**Adjourn Regular Session**

Manring motioned, seconded by Wallen, carried; to adjourn the regular session meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Approved with the following votes: Wallen, Pate, Frieze and Manring: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk Mayor**