# **Regular Session**

# **January 25, 2016**

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

# An agenda for the regular session meeting for January 25, 2016 for the City of Stockton, Missouri was posted pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.020 on January 21, 2016.

### Call regular session to order/Roll call

Mayor Thompson called the regular session meeting to order at 6:03 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.

**Invocation**

Invocation was given by Lawrence Johnston of Stockton’s First Southern Baptist Church.

**Visitors**

Mary Morris presented her case limiting dog tethering to the hours between 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at which time the animal would be removed from the chain. Ms. Morris went on to elaborate on the drawbacks of tethering including resident’s safety and the negative reflection on the community not to mention it is unethical. Ms. Morris inquired if an ordinance was passed limiting tethering who would be responsible for enforcement of the law. Mayor Thompson responded the County Sheriff’s department would be responsible for enforcement and went on to explain that Council would review her information before making a decision.

**Minutes**

Motion made by Page, seconded by Fidler, carried; to approve minutes as read. Unanimously approved.

## Bills

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

**Comments from the Public**

Cedar County Economic Developer, Elva Weber, reviewed with Council her efforts since taking over as Cedar County’s EEZ director along with the new prospects for growth in the area.

**SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

No scheduled business.

**Reports from Appointed Officials**

City Attorney: Lee reported he was still working on an ordinance regarding “waiver of rights and guilty plea”. Lee had personnel and legal for closed.

Public works: Heryford reported Haynes was scheduled to repair some pump bearings at the plant and also informed Council the airport fuel pump/tank was scheduled to be delivered to the airport on Thursday. Heryford noted he had legal for closed.

City Clerk: Pate motioned, Fidler seconded, carried; to refund Jennifer White for sewer charges going back two years totaling $1309.07 seeing as Ms. White’s residence was on a septic system rather city sewer than. Unanimously approved. Pate motioned, seconded by Johnson, carried; to allow the Relay for Life team the use of the FFA pavilion in the park the last weekend in June with fees waived. Unanimously approved. After Council approved Corporate Business System’s copier lease at the last meeting it was brought to Harper’s attention that some of the numbers from bidders Corporate Business

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Systems and Lakeland Office Systems needed to be revised. Pate motioned, Page seconded, carried; to take the revised lowest lease bid from Lakeland Office Systems for the city hall copier totaling $6002.40 for the five month lease period. Unanimously approved. Harper reported to Council the budget had funds of $1700.00 remaining in training expense and requested to attend the MOCCFOA spring training which should total approximately $650.00 to participate in. Pate motioned, Page seconded, carried; to allow Harper (city clerk) to attend this year’s Spring Institute training in Columbia, MO. Unanimously approved. Harper had legal and personnel for closed.

**Reports from Appointed Boards**

Cemetery: Koch had nothing to report for the cemetery.

Park Board: Not in attendance.

Airport: Bill Seitz with the airport board expressed his concerns regarding communications between City Hall and the airport board and encouraged the City to keep them abreast of what was going on at the airport. Seitz also reminded Council of the upcoming patch and seal grant project for the airport runway.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS**

Mayor Thompson: Mayor Thompson reported she had attended the recent Sertoma Club banquet where the Sertoma Club had expressed to her their gratitude for all the City’s hard work and contributions during the Walnut Festival. She informed Council that she along with Heryford and Harper would be attending a free safety meeting put on by the Missouri Rural Services in February and to expect to see the budgeted sidewalks repairs on East Street begin in the spring. Mayor Thompson went on to congratulate her board for their completion of the required NIMS (National Incident Management Systems) courses necessary to qualify the City for federal money. The Mayor also suggested Council consider a memorial for local fallen police officer, Matt Chism. Thompson also had personnel for closed.

Fidler: Nothing for open.

Johnson: Nothing for open.

Pate: Nothing for open.

Page: Nothing for open.

**Convene into Close**

Fidler motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to close regular session and go into closed at 6:48 p.m. for personnel and legal. Approved with the following votes: Fidler, Johnson, Pate and Page: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**Reconvene Regular Session**

Fidler motioned, Page seconded, carried; to go back into regular session at 8:11 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Fidler, Johnson, Pate and Page: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

-After reconvening open session, Fidler motioned, seconded by Johnson, carried; to remove Ralph Rissmiller from the airport board effective immediately. Unanimously approved.

During closed session Council also voted to give raises to Heryford’s crew and add a new crew member as compensation for absorbing the recently resigned Cahill’s duties. The increases would be effective the following pay period beginning Wednesday January 27.

**Adjourn Regular Session**

Pate motioned, seconded by Fidler, carried; to adjourn the regular session meeting at 8:12 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Fidler, Johnson, Pate and Page: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

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**City Clerk Mayor**

**Closed Session**

# **January 25, 2016**

The Stockton Board of Aldermen met in closed session on January 25, 2016 at 6:52 p.m. for the purpose of legal and personnel.

Attending this portion of the meeting was Mayor Patty Thompson, council members Greg Fidler, Gary Johnson, Barbara Pate and Carla Page. Also in attendance were City Clerk, Vanessa Harper, City Superintendent, Raymond Heryford and City Attorney, Peter Lee along with plant operator Justin Sorgen and city crew heavy equipment operator John Wilson.

**Legal:** Council discussed the legal ramifications of the I & I issues the treatment plant experiences during high rain events. Council determined the importance of developing a plan of action to correct the issue by prioritizing the areas of most concern and getting the figures on what is would cost to repair them. Lee will prepare letter for paper reminding residence to disconnect their sump pump from the City sewer system. Lee will also contact the Sheriff’s department regarding the confusion about who, the County or the City, is responsible for enforcing animal cruelty laws.

**Personnel:** Lee will construct a letter to Ralph Rissmiller informing him that he has been removed from the airport board. Pate motioned, Johnson seconded, carried; approving the following pay increases for Heryford’s crew as compensation for absorbing the recently resigned duties of Brandon Cahill;

Heryford $1.00/hr pay increase, Sorgen $.50/hr pay increase, Stovall $.50/hr pay increase, White $.50/hr, Jones $.50/hr pay increase and Wilson $1.50 pay increase. Wilson will take over as building inspector/code enforcer and will receive a review in 90 days. Along with the pay increases Heryford will be allowed to hire an additional employee at $8.50/hr for his crew to aid with their increased job demands. The pay increases are effective Wednesday, January 27. Approved with the following votes: Fidler, Johnson, Pate and Page: Yes. None: No. None: Absent. Harper also reported to Council that the EEZ director, Elva Weber, was not regularly reporting to City Hall as originally planned. In fact, Ms. Weber had only been available at City Hall a few days since she took over her position and had cited the reason because City Hall was chilly.

**Real Estate**: No discussion.

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

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

8:11 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Fidler, Johnson, Pate and Page: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

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**City Clerk Mayor**