# **Regular Session**

# **January 9, 2017**

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

# An agenda for the regular session meeting for January 9, 2017 for the City of Stockton,

# Missouri was originally posted pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.020 on January 6, 2017.

### Call regular session to order/Roll call

Mayor Norell called the regular session meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and the City Clerk took roll call. Council members present were Mary Anne Manring, Barbara Pate and Larry Koch. Gary Johnson was absent. It was determined a quorum was present. Attending City Staff were Vanessa Harper, City Clerk, John Wilson, Building Inspector/Code Enforcer and Raymond Heryford, the City Superintendent. Student Representative Victor Arellano was also present.

**Invocation**

-Invocation was given by Peter Lee.

**Visitors**

-Arlo Rupke, Cedar County Emergency Management director reported he was nearing completion of Cedar County’s 340 page Emergency Operation Plan and would need Council to review and sign the finished document. Rupke also reported ID cards for City Council and staff needed to be updated and requested all those that are interested to sign up for the IRIS service.

-Bill Thornhill with Freedom of Road Riders requested use of the community building on January 28th with fees waived for a “The Wall that Heals” fundraising event. Pate motioned, Koch seconded, carried; to allow the Freedom of Road Riders use of the community building lower level with fees waived on January 28th for A Wall that Heals chili supper. Unanimously approved. Thornhill added the cost would be $5.00 per person and chili donations were welcome.

**Minutes**

Motion made by Manring, seconded by Pate, carried; to approve minutes as read. Unanimously approved.

## Bills

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

-No old business.

**SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

-No scheduled business

**Reports from Appointed Officials**

City Attorney: Lee will present ordinances for protestor’s permit once he has gotten input from the new sheriff. Discussion ensued regarding what area to make available to potential protestors. No decisions were made.

Public works: Heryford reported he was still working on getting an additional bid for installing a ground grid around Well #3 in order to reduce the likelihood the well would be struck by lightning.

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City Clerk: Manring motioned, Pate seconded, carried; to adjust this year’s budget allowing purchase of radios for the fire department totaling $9575.00. Unanimously approved. Harper pointed out that the $10,000.00 budgeted in the 2015-16 for radios was not spent and this adjustment would essentially be pulling these unspent funds to the current 2016-17 fiscal year.

-Pate motioned, seconded by Manring, carried; naming Mayor Norell as MRWA delegate and to vote on behalf of the City of Stockton water system during the 51st Annual Meeting of MRWA, Thursday, March 2, 2017. Unanimously approved.

-Pate motioned, Koch seconded, carried; to purchase two trash receptacles for the Stockton cemetery for $250.00 each from the Missouri Vocational Enterprises. Unanimously approved.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcer: Reminded Lee ordinances were needed regarding back flow prevention valves and fences respectively. Lee will have a next meeting.

Sheriff Department Liaison: Absent.

**Reports from Appointed Boards**

Cemetery: Absent.

Park Board: Absent. Meeting scheduled tentatively for the first Monday of February.

Airport: Mayor Norell reported MoDOT along with Lochner Engineers were scheduled to reevaluate the airport patch and seal project the following morning, January 10 at 8:30.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS:**

**Mayor Norell**: Updated Council on The Wall that Heals event and the 2017 Fireworks display. Koch motioned, Manring seconded, carried; to accept the letter drafted by Deputy Finance officer Dana Dawes seeking donations from City of Stockton supply vendors. Unanimously approved.

-Deputy City Clerk Celia Fischer inquired why the City Code only allowed residents to discharge fireworks on Independence Day considering there were at least two fireworks vendors within the city limits. It was explained the Code was geared towards limiting the potential for fires within the City as well as the safety of residents and their pets.

-Mayor Norell reviewed the 2016-17 Action Plan status to date;

-Reminded Council of the need for expanding tax abatements to potential new businesses like restaurants and retailers.

-Reported Art in Public Places had been implemented at City Hall

-Encouraged residents and Council to each do their part in making Stockton more beautiful especially since The Wall That Heals event would be coming to the area.

-Announced the new phone system had been installed and savings from the new system would be evident soon.

-Updated Council that much needed maintenance was being done at the City’s community building and of course the cemetery would be updated with trash receptacles.

-Mayor Norell also reported she had been educated on just how important the City’s volunteer fire department was as well as providing quality equipment to the much appreciated volunteers. Mayor Norell added the fire department was in need of tire chains for the trucks to use during inclement weather.

-Norell also reported new software for the WWTP had been purchased.

-Heryford confirmed the maintenance building did need a bathroom.

Mayor Norell reported the status of the Action Plan was good.

**Pate:** Nothing for open or closed. .

**Manring:** Nothing for open or closed.

**Koch:** Nothing for open or closed.

**Student Representative Arellano**: Nothing for open.

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**Comments from the Public:** Chamber of Commerce Kelly Bass complimented Council on their efforts to improve conditions for the Stockton Fire Department and its volunteers.

**Adjourn Regular Session**

Koch motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to adjourn the regular session meeting at 6:03 p.m.. Approved with the following votes: Manring, Koch and Pate: Yes. None: No. Johnson:Absent.

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk Mayor**