# **Regular Session**

# **October 19, 2015**

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

# An agenda for the regular session meeting for October 19, 2015 for the City of Stockton, Missouri was posted pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.020 on October 15, 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 Mayor Thompson.

**Visitors**

No visitors.

**Minutes**

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

## Bills

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

**Comments from the Public**

Marlon Collins presented the Cedar County proposal of the 2016 Police contract and noted the proposal did include a 3% increase from this year. Mayor Thompson told Mr. Collins it would be up to the board whether to approve the contract and she would let him know their decision.

**SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

- Mayor Thompson made her annual appointment for the City Superintendent and City Attorney. Fidler motioned, Pate seconded, carried; to approve Mayor Thompson’s reappointment of Raymond Heryford as City Superintendent. Unanimously approved. Page motioned, Johnson seconded, carried; to re-elect Vanessa Underwood as City Clerk. Unanimously approved. Pate motioned, Fidler seconded, carried; to approve Mayor’s Thompson reappointment of Peter Lee as City Attorney for the upcoming fiscal year. Unanimously approved. Mayor Thompson had no appointment changes for the current park, cemetery and airport boards therefore. Page motioned, Pate seconded, carried; to leave Mayor Thompson’s appointments of the current park, cemetery and airport board as is. Unanimously approved.

-Mayor Thompson read the Buddy Poppy Proclamation setting aside November 7, 2015 as the VFW day for distributing Buddy Poppies as a symbol of appreciation for our honored dead.

- Bill number 15-491 to be Ordinance 491 an ordinance amending section 117.400 of the Stockton City code regarding the pay period for City Employees to run from Wednesday through Tuesday was read for the first time. Fidler motioned, seconded by Page, carried; to accept the first reading of Bill No. 15-491 to be Ordinance 491. Approved with the following votes: Pate, Fidler, Page and Johnson: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

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the second and final time. Fidler motioned, seconded by Page, carried; to accept the second and final reading of Bill No. 15-491 to be Ordinance 491. Approved with the following votes: Pate, Fidler, Page and Johnson: Yes. None: No. None: Absent. Underwood pointed out the new ordinance would accommodate implementing paying employees by direct deposit. Now payroll can be processed on Wednesday and payroll can be direct deposited on Friday.

**Reports from Appointed Officials**

City Attorney: Lee reviewed the “outside employment” verbiage included in the packet and various other comparisons between the approved employee manual and Sullivan’s proposal for updating Stockton’s City Code with the approved manual information.

-Pate motioned, Page seconded, carried; authorizing the Mayor to approve the abandonment, elimination and cancellation of plat designated as “Pfeifer Estates. Unanimously approved.

-Lee also reported the EDC/CDC had approved the City of Stockton for a 15 year loan at 1% up to $40,000.00

Public works: Heryford reported he needed a trailer with at least 7500 lb weight bearing axels to haul the new skid steer.

Building Inspector/General Code Enforcer: Cahill elaborated on Heryford’s request by presenting three bids for a replacement trailer; McKerry Trailers at $3999.00 with a $1000.00 trade in of our current trailer, Kodiak at $4500.00 with no trade in option, Foley Equipment at $5210.00 also with no trade in option. Fidler motioned, Page seconded, carried; to accept McCurry Trailer’s $3999.00 bid for a trailer with two 7500 lb and a $1000.00 trade-in credit on our current trailer. Unanimously approved.

City Clerk: Based on Heryford’s suggestion, the board instructed Underwood to give out the bathroom key to those who rent the West Pavilion rather than the City being responsible for unlocking the bathrooms for each event. Pate motioned, Fidler seconded, carried; to give the Optimist Club a $25.00 credit towards their upcoming rental of the Community Building because the bathrooms had not been unlocked at the West Pavilion during the Optimist Club’s last rental event. Unanimously approved. Underwood reported the Park camera’s were up and going and able to be viewed remotely from City Hall and the Sheriff’s department and that she had updated the City’s current version of accounting software to the 2016 version and also purchased an additional license for a total amount of $349.95, this will result in a $150.00 savings to the City in the long run. Page motioned, seconded by Johnson, carried; allowing Fischer and Underwood to attend the upcoming MRWA professional conference at Lake of the Ozarks. Unanimously approved

**Reports from Appointed Boards**

Cemetery: Not in attendance.

Park Board: Not in attendance.

Airport: Not in attendance.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS**

Mayor Thompson: nothing for open.

Fidler: Fider motioned, Johnson seconded, carried; to mount two “School Bus Stops Ahead” signs on Lee Hopkins Drive warning drivers. Unanimously approved.

Johnson: Asked about a spring or sink hole close to his house. Heryford confirmed it was a spring.

Pate: Thanked City crew for repairing and preserving a tree at the Park and had received calls about the dog letters Cahill had sent out requesting cooperation from residents to keep their dog’s barking to a minimum. Cahill explained that a number of residents had received the letters in a particular area of town.

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Page: Page had received a call from a concerned constituent about a speed bump that was in need of desperate repair behind the school. Heryford said he would follow-up ASAP.

**Convene into Close**

Fidler motioned, seconded by Page, carried; to close regular session and go into closed at 6:57 p.m. for legal. Approved with the following votes: Fidler, Johnson, Pate and Page: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**Reconvene Regular Session**

Pate motioned, Fidler seconded, carried; to go back into regular session at 7:07 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 Pate, carried; authorizing Mayor Thompson to counter the County ‘s 2016 Police contract proposal with the same total contract price as last year, in other words without the 3% increase the County had offered.

-Mayor Thompson remarked she was investigating a number of options regarding the “Welcome to Stockton” signs in order to save the City money including asking school officials to get permission from MoDOT to place the sign on school property. Otherwise, if the City request permission the sign is considered directional by MoDOT and will cost the City $200.00 for an original permit and $200.00 each following year to renew. Mayor Thompson was also pleased to pass along that a local business owner was planning to place a welcome sign on the east side of town at his own expense. This would therefore free up our second budgeted sign to go on the west side instead of the east side as originally planned.

**Adjourn Regular Session**

Fidler motioned, seconded by Page, carried; to adjourn the regular session meeting at 7:23 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Fidler, Johnson, Pate and Page: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk Mayor**

**Closed Session**

# **October 19, 2015**

The Stockton Board of Aldermen met in closed session on October 19, 2015 at 6:58 p.m. for the purpose of legal.

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 Underwood, Building Inspector, Brandon Cahill, City Superintendent, Raymond Heryford and City Attorney, Peter Lee.

**Legal:**

Council discussed the possibility of a local organization requesting a variance to lot size requirements and also continued their discussion on a water customer’s request to receive credit on their water/sewer bill in lieu of lost revenue due to their service being down because a water line was hit by MP NEXLEVEL, LLC. No votes were taken regarding either issue.

**Personnel:** No discussion.

**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

7:07 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Fidler, Johnson, Pate and Page: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk Mayor**