# **Regular Session**

# **February 13, 2017**

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

# An agenda for the regular session meeting for February 13, 2017 for the City of Stockton,

# Missouri was originally posted pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.020 on February 9, 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, Gary Johnson and Larry Koch. Barbara Pate was scheduled to arrive later. 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 Jim Coffer at the Stockton United Methodist Church.

**Visitors**

-Donald Hoskins suggested the City charge customers for the trash service only if they use at least 100 gallons otherwise they don’t have to pay for the service. Hoskins also expressed his concern regarding upkeep and continuing renovation of a vacant property on Elm St. Code Enforcement officer John Wilson was up to speed on the renovation project and was confident it was within the code guidelines. Mayor Norell assured Hoskins the City would continue to monitor the situation.

-Owner of Bongo’s Bistro requested a letter of intent to issue a resort/restaurant liquor by the drink license to present to the State. Manring motioned, Koch seconded, carried; to issue Aubrey Foster dba Bongo’s Bistro a letter of intent to issue a resort/restaurant liquor by the drink license. Unanimously approved. Foster added the new Bongo’s would be a tea room with antiques and lunch.

**Minutes**

Motion made by Johnson, seconded by Koch, carried; to approve minutes as read. Unanimously approved.

## Bills

Motion made by Manring, seconded by Koch, carried; to approve and pay bills as presented. Unanimously approved. Harper with Heryford’s help elaborated on the urgency of a Central Power payment for $4,156.41 to repair the waste water treatment plant generator before last month’s predicted inclement weather.

**OLD BUSINESS**

-No old business.

**SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

-No scheduled business.

**Reports from Appointed Officials**

City Attorney: Nothing for open or closed.

Public works: Koch motioned, seconded by Johnson, carried; to accept Ron’s Electric quote of $1,600.00 to install a ground grid around Well 3#. Unanimously approved.

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City Clerk: Requested Council allow a temporary freeze on selling cemetery plots in the First, Second and Third additions to insure plots currently showing available were in actuality available to sell. Council agreed. Heryford added he would contact Pyle to survey the Sixth Addition so it could be available for cremation burial.

-After discussion regarding chronic turn on and off request versus seasonal customers; Manring motioned, Koch seconded, carried; to charge residents a$25.00 service charge for each turn on or turn off request over the two annual courtesy turn on and off requests the City provides at no charge. Unanimously approved.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcer: Wilson reported building in the City was starting to pick up and he predicted a busy building summer. Wilson requested he be allowed to purchase a camera for taking inspection pictures if he was unable to correct the issue with his City phone camera which Council concurred was a reasonable request. Wilson informed Council tickets to win a 2014 Harley Davidson motorcycle would be going on sale soon for only $20.00 per ticket and net proceeds from the tickets sold would be donated to Vietnam Veteran Memorial Fund.

-Wilson forwarded a local developers request to run a 4” sewer line from the main to her recently constructed property on Valley Lane. Heryford will contact the developer for more details.

Sheriff Department Liaison: Deputy King reported his department had been focusing on defusing vandalism in the City Park and had removed individuals from the Park after hours in an effort to do so.

King’s department had logged 55 City calls in February for a variety of offenses. Mayor Norell reported she had received positive feedback recently regarding the sheriff’s department performance. King suggested the City install a flashing light behind the school to slow down traffic and allow officers to write tickets for speeding in a school zone rather than just regular ticket.

**Reports from Appointed Boards**

Cemetery: Not present.

Park Board: Not present. Mayor Norell the repainting the community building project had begun.

Airport: Not present.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS:**

**Mayor Norell**: Pointed out painting the waste water treatment plant clarifiers was next on the list of objectives to complete according to the 2016-17 fiscal year Action Plan and a St. Louis based company would be in town soon to give the City a quote.

-Mayor Norell led discussion on the imperative nature of repairing City streets and what streets should be fixed first. Consensus was Surf Street; Heryford will research the cost of replacing the 6” line that runs along Surf Street.

- The Mayor presented a sample of the memorial wreaths being presented to those Vietnam fallen soldiers during The Wall That Heals event. The wreaths were crafted by Deputy Finance Officer Dana Dawes on her own time.

-Mayor confirmed all four Council members and their spouses would be attending the Chamber Banquet along with herself.

-Mayor Norell reviewed recently drafted Personnel Best Practices with Council.

**Pate:** (arrived at 5:16) The issue of the residential lift stations the City was currently maintaining needed to be addressed as soon as possible according to Pate in order to insure the City was not left paying to maintain the stations indefinitely. Pate also inquired why Deputy City Clerk Celia Fischer was attending; Harper explained Council had approved her to do so some time ago and Fischer was not being paid overtime or receiving comp time for attending the meetings. Mayor Norell added she felt it was important for the City Hall staff to all be on the same page and attending the meetings helped to provide that.

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**Manring:** Asked Heryford to check on the intersection of Pine and Blake and why there wasn’t a stop or yield sign in that location. Manring requested clarification on acceptable and non acceptable recycling items. Harper will get more information.

**Koch:** Passed along a resident’s query whether the speed limit would be dropped down to 35 once the City Limit signs are pushed out which Norell explained MoDOT would make that determination once

they complete their study. Koch informed Heryford a tree that had fallen on the gravel lane behind the county barn needed to be removed and the west pavilion light was still out. Heryford will follow up.

**Johnson:** Passed along an inquiry of whether the 808 Sunset lift station was even necessary since the respective resident no longer had a basement bathroom. Heryford will check into it.

**Student Representative Arellano**: Reminded Council and attendees school board was meeting this week and one of the topics being discussed was the four day school week. He also asked if a street light could be installed on Maplewood and 39 to better illuminate the intersection between Enriques and Hot Spot.

**Comments from the Public:** None.

**Convene into Close**

Manring motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to close regular session and go into closed at 6:11 p.m. for personnel and real estate. Approved with the following votes: Koch, Johnson, Pate and Manring: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**Reconvene Regular Session**

Manring motioned, Johnson seconded, carried; to go back into regular session at 6:37 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Koch, Johnson, Pate and Manring: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

-After reconvening open session, Pate motioned, seconded by Manring, carried; to grant pay raises as follows based on recent licenses obtained along with raising Edward Gettys .50/hr for successfully completing his 90 day probation period. Increases would be retroactive to dates certificate were issued and probation was completed. Approved with the following votes: Koch, Johnson, Pate and Manring: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

Employee Licensed Obtained Pay Raise per Hour:

Jeremy Rogers DSI $1.00

Justin Sorgen DSII $2.00 (tested for two licenses at once)

Kris Stoval C(waste water) $1.00

-During closed session Council voted to correct a real estate deed issue as well.

**Adjourn Regular Session**

Manring motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to adjourn the regular session meeting at 6:46 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Koch, Johnson, Pate and Manring: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk Mayor**

**Closed Session**

# **February 13, 2017**

The Stockton Board of Aldermen met in closed session on February 13, 2017 at 6:21 p.m. for the purpose of personnel and real estate.

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

**Legal:** No discussion.

**Personnel:** MayorNorell reported Katie White had abandoned her job with the City of Stockton. According to Harper, White had claimed she had been injured initially on City time back in 2015 however the worker’s compensation insurance company had denied her claim. No further communication was required.

**Real Estate**: Manring motioned, Pate seconded, carried; to correct an error in deed records when land previously owned by the village of Caplinger was deeded back to the City of Stockton who later resold the property however it was not properly recorded. Approved with the following votes: Koch, Johnson, Pate and Manring: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

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

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

6:37 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Koch, Johnson, Pate and Manring: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**ATTEST:**

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