# **Regular Session**

# **February 24, 2020**

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

# An agenda for the regular session meeting for February 24, 2020 for the City of Stockton, Missouri was originally posted pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.020 on February 20, 2020.

### Call regular session to order/Roll call

Mayor Norell called the regular session meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. and the City Clerk took roll call. Council members present were Mark Frieze, MaryAnne Manring and Larry Koch. Council member, Barbara Pate was absent. It was determined a quorum was present. Attending staff were City Clerk, Vanessa Harper and City Superintendent, Raymond Heryford along with City Attorney, Peter Lee and Building Inspector/Code Enforcer, John Wilson.

**Pledge and Invocation**

After attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation was given by City Attorney, Peter Lee.

**Agenda Approved:**

Manring motioned, seconded by Frieze, carried; to approve the modified agenda adding discussion on barn quilts during Mayor communications and set for the February 24, 2020 City Council meeting. Unanimously approved.

**Visitors:**

Mayor Norell requested on behalf of Piett’s Café a Letter of Intent to issue a liquor license. Manring motioned, seconded by Koch, carried; granting a Letter of Intent to issue a retail liquor by the drink resort/restaurant liquor license including Sundays to Piett’s Cafe if all required paperwork and fees are submitted and they are granted the equivalent license by the state of Missouri. Unanimously approved.

**Minutes:**

Motion made by Koch, seconded by Frieze, carried; to approve the minutes as read for the previous regular Council meeting on February 10, 2020. Unanimously approved.

## Bills:

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

**Comments from the Public:**

Mayor Norell reminded attendees to hold questions that come up later in the meeting until the end in order to expedite proceedings.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Council requested Lee add language to the proposed bill limiting the use of steel containers number 20-563, allowing the Building Inspector to waive the $50.00 fee on a case by case basis. Lee will have the revised bill prepared for the next meeting scheduled for March 9.

# **Reports from Appointed Boards**

Park: Absent. Manring motioned, seconded by Frieze, carried; to waive fees for use of the west pavilion on March 21 for the City Clean Up. Unanimously approved.

Cemetery:  Marsha Cowan with the cemetery board reviewed the minutes from their February 11 meeting. The board decided it was not in the best interest of the City to extend credit for grave opening fees and offered suggestions to those who needed help paying them i.e. the Stockton Ministerial Alliance.

Lee explained regulations loosening restrictions on methods used to invest City’s perpetual funds had dwindled in state legislation.

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Airport: Mayor Norell reported MRVS’s Steve Anderson was working on building walls in the new hanger/pilots’ quarters.

Sheriff Department Liaison: Deputy Mike Bollinger reported City crime was down over the last few months.

# **SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

Mayor Norell read the American Legion Poppy Proclamation proclaiming May 23, 2020 as American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day.

**Reports from Appointed Officials**

City Attorney: Nothing for open or closed.

Public Works Supervisor: Thanked Council for use of the downstairs community building with fees waived for the Caplinger Fire Department fish fry event and reported a great turn out. Nothing for closed.

City Clerk: Nothing for open. Legal for closed.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcer: Nothing for open or closed.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS:**

**Pate:** Absent.

**Manring:**  Reported the streetlight in her neighborhood was still not working. Heryford will follow up. Nothing for closed.

**Koch:** Inquired whether the streetlight on Blake street was working and the status of the Craig Street demolition. Nothing for closed.

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

**MAYOR –COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Mayor Norell**:

Reported Agape would no longer be able to assist at the City recycling center and suggested the City hire someone part time to work the center. Manring emphasized the importance of keeping the facility open and motioned to investigate hiring someone in place of Agape, Frieze seconded, motion carried. Unanimously approved. Norell added the County commissioners were open to helping keep the recycling center open.

Per the Mayor’s request Frieze motioned, seconded by Manring, carried; to allow the Barn Quilters use of the downstairs community building either April 2 or 3 with fees waived. Unanimously approved.

Mayor Norell reintroduced the idea of a local dog park and mentioned that the local organization Furry Hearts had placed 296 dogs and 30 cats in 2019.

Mayor Norell reminded Council the first quarter art showing was scheduled for Thursday, February 27 at 4:30 p.m. and reiterated the gallery was made possible almost entirely by grants and donations and only a small annual budget of $400.00 was allocated by the City.

Nothing for closed.

**Convene into Close**

Manring motioned, seconded by Koch, carried; to close regular session and go into closed at 5:37 p.m. for legal. Approved with the following votes: Koch, Manring and Frieze: Yes. None: No. Pate: Absent.

**Reconvene Regular Session**

Manring motioned, seconded by Koch, carried; to close closed session and go back into regular session at 5:59 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Koch, Manring and Frieze: Yes. None: No. Pate: Absent.

No votes taken during closed session.

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**Reconvened Regular Session continued:**

After reconvening into regular session, Manring amended her earlier motion by motioning to investigate hiring someone six (6) hours per week to operate the City recycling center, Koch seconded the amended motion, motion carried. Unanimously approved. Lee noted this new part time position would need to be publicly posted and required the same background checks and drug testing as other positions. He also noted the issue of back pay would need to be addressed when the actual motion is made to fill the position.

**Adjourn Regular Session**

Manring motioned, seconded by Frieze, carried; to adjourn the reconvened regular session meeting at 6:22 p.m.

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

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk Mayor**