# **Regular Session**

# **March 27, 2017**

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

# An amended agenda for the regular session meeting for March 27, 2017 for the City of Stockton,

# Missouri was originally posted pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.020 on March 24, 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, Barbara Pate and Larry Koch. It was determined a quorum was present. Attending City Staff were Vanessa Harper, City Clerk, John Wilson, Building Inspector/Code Enforcer, City Attorney, Peter Lee and Raymond Heryford, City Superintendent. Student Representative Victor Arellano was absent.

**Invocation**

- After attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation was given by Jonathon Beckett with the Stockton Assembly of God Church.

**Visitors**

-No visitors.

**Minutes**

Motion made by Pate, seconded by Koch, carried; to approve minutes as written. Unanimously approved.

## Bills

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

-No old business discussed.

**SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

- The following bids for mowing the Stockton Cemetery were opened and reviewed: **Paul Kleiss, JR** Bid Option 1(Bi-weekly) at $485.00 per mowing and Bid Option 2 (Weekly) at $485.00 per mowing, with each additional mowing being $485.00; **Jacquelyn Jennings** Bid Option 1 $2450.00 with additional mowing at $1,225.00 and **Carson’s Landscape & Design** Bid Option 1 at $500.00/mowing and Bid Option 2 at $500.00 with each additional mowing being $500.00. Discussion followed regarding the qualifications of each company. Koch motioned, no second, motion failed to go with the lowest bidder PJ Kleiss at $485.00 for Bid Option 1 and Bid Option 2. Johnson thought for $15.00 extra per mowing it was better to go with who we had used in the past and knew would do a good job. Johnson motioned, Manning seconded, carried; to accept Carson’s Landscape & Design’s bid. Johnson, Pate, Manring –Yes; Koch – No; motion passed. Council awarded Carson Landscape the job based on his prior work performance for the City.

- Bill Number 17-519 to be Ordinance 519 creating Section 700.185 of the Stockton City Code regarding seasonal service; for residents whose occupancy is seasonal in nature, or who experience extended periods of time where they are absent from their residence due to employment a fee of $25.00 will be charged for the third and subsequent request to have water turned on and off was read for the first time. Pate motioned, seconded by Manring, carried; to approve the first reading of Bill Number 17-519 to be

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Ordinance 519. Approved with the following votes: Johnson, Manring, Koch, Pate: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

- Bill Number 17-519 to be Ordinance 519 creating Section 700.185 of the Stockton City Code regarding seasonal service was read for the second and final time. Manring motioned, seconded by Koch, to approve the second and final reading of Bill Number 17-519 to be Ordinance 519. Approved with the following votes: Johnson, Manring, Koch, and Pate: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

-Bill Number 17-520, to be Ordinance 520 amending Section 705.300 of the Code of the City of the Stockton regarding backflow prevention devices pertaining to the City water supply was read for the first time. Johnson motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to approve the first reading of Bill Number 17-520 to be Ordinance 520. Approved with the following votes: Johnson, Manring, Koch, Pate: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

-Bill Number 17-520, to be Ordinance 520 amending Section 705.300 of the Code of the City of the Stockton regarding backflow prevention devices pertaining to the City water supply was read for the second and final time. Manring motioned, seconded by Johnson, carried; to approve the second and final reading of Bill Number 17-520 to be Ordinance 520. Approved with the following votes: Johnson, Manring, Koch, Pate: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

- Bill Number 17-521, to be Ordinance 521 amending Section 500.080 of the Code of the City of the Stockton amending fees pertaining to fences, signs, portable sheds or other outbuildings to a $25.00 permit fee was read for the first time. Pate motioned, seconded by Manring, carried; to approve the first reading of Bill Number 17-521 to be Ordinance 521. Approved with the following votes: Johnson, Manring, Koch, Pate: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

-Bill Number 17-521, to be Ordinance 521 amending Section 500.080 of the Code of the City of the Stockton amending fees pertaining to fences, signs, portable sheds or other outbuildings to a $25.00 permit fee was read for the second and final time. Koch motioned, seconded by Johnson, carried; to approve the second and final reading of Bill Number 17-521 to be Ordinance 521. Approved with the following votes: Johnson, Manring, Koch, Pate: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

-Bill Number 17-522, to be Ordinance 522 amending Section 210.022 of the Code of the City of the Stockton requiring receipt of proof the animal has a current rabies vaccination and payment of the fee therefore was read for the first time. Pate motioned, seconded by Johnson, carried; to approve the first reading of Bill Number 17-522 to be Ordinance 522. Approved with the following votes: Johnson, Manring, Koch, and Pate: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

-Bill Number 17-522, to be Ordinance 522 amending Section 210.022 of the Code of the City of the Stockton requiring receipt of proof the animal has a current rabies vaccination and payment of the fee therefore was read for the second and final time. Johnson motioned, seconded by Manring, carried; to approve the second and final reading of Bill Number 17-522 to be Ordinance 522. Approved with the following votes: Johnson, Manring, Koch, Pate: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

- Mayor Norell read the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day Proclamation declaring May 27, 2017 as American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day.

**Reports from Appointed Officials**

City Attorney: Lee reported negotiations between local internet provider Doug Bradshaw and Anterior Communications owner had not gone well and apparently unlike what was first reported by Anterior Communications their system could possibly interfere with Bradshaw’s equipment/frequencies currently on our tower. Therefore the Anterior Communications project is on hold until the details can be worked out. On a similar note, Mayor Norell suggested setting up a time to meet with Verizon to discuss any plans they might have to use the City’s water towers or erect their own.

Public works: Heryford reported dog licensing was going well.

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City Clerk: After more information was given regarding additional lighting for the Maplewood and Ward Street intersection, Pate motioned, Manring motioned, carried; to resend an earlier motion made on February 27th to try a brighter bulb rather than installing a new light pole and then to have Empire install a

light pole south of the vet clinic across from Enriques in whatever area Heryford determines is acceptable. Unanimously approved.

-Harper reported the Sertoma Club would be addressing the Council on April 24th to request use of the park for the Walnut Festival however had also requested an open forum be arranged to insure everyone was on the same page regarding the festival. Council members could meet on the evening of April 17th. Harper will confirm with Sertoma Club.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcer: Wilson requested clarification on whether to send nuisance notices to both owner and renter. After a lengthy discussion, Council directed Wilson to send a certified notice to the owner and hang a door hanger for the renter.

-Wilson also reported a growing concern regarding the number of portable buildings that could be located on a single lot and recommended Council address the issue soon. The topic was tabled for a later date.

Sheriff Department Liaison: King reported there had been 11 citations and 10 arrest in the City of Stockton however few tickets had been issued on High Street. Wilson reported loitering on High Street and requested extra surveillance. King suggesting the soliciting could be considered a panhandling offense. Koch reminded King and Council of the neighborhood watch option.

-Local attendee John Wilson Jr. requested extra patrol on Sunset due to additional traffic from seasonal residents.

**Reports from Appointed Boards**

Cemetery: Marsha Cowan complimented Heryford on placement of the new trash containers in the cemetery and asked about the cremation area which Heryford had measured and was waiting for the County Surveyor to survey. Cowan requested permission to move forward with researching options for lighting the flag pole in the cemetery ie. Sun Solar out of Springfield.

Park Board: Per Robin Fisher’s request Pate motioned, Koch seconded, carried; to approve Chuck Schroeder Jr.’s appointment to the Park Board in order to assist with the security cameras in the park. Unanimously approved.

-Park Board president Robin Fisher requested and received permission to move forward with researching the cost of installing additional electrical services and lighting along Walnut Street with a projected cost of $2,000.00. Manring motioned, Pate seconded, carried; to proceed with obtaining Park improvement estimates for installing additional electrical and lighting in the park. Unanimously approved. Mayor Norell pointed out there were a number of other issues that needed to be addressed in the park; i.e. newer playground equipment and benches. She also suggested repurposing the pavilion north of the horseshoe pits and removing the horseshoe pits altogether and replacing with a dog park.

Airport: Pate motioned, Johnson seconded, carried; to concur with Lochner’s recommendation to award the construction contract to Bishops construction in the amount of $85,247.30 and authorize Mayor Norell to sign the contract once it is available. Unanimously approved.

-Manring motioned, Pate seconded, carried; to approve the construction inspection contract in the amount of $20,150.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign said contract. Unanimously approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS:**

**Mayor Norell**: Reviewed amendments to this year’s Action plan possibly requiring the City to increase water and sewer rates in order to properly update and maintain the water/sewer system i.e. replacing water meters in order to implement a drive by meter reading system. Mayor Norell instructed Harper to request a rate analysis from MRWA while she petition for qualifications from engineers in order to pull together a

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Five Year Plan for the City of Stockton. The Five Year Plan would address street upgrades and maintenance along with water/sewer infrastructure repairs and expansion.

-Mayor Norell reviewed water tracking procedures with Heryford’s assistance and pointed out the importance of assembling a list of those required to have backflow prevention devices inspected by

October 1. Norell informed Council the City staff would be accumulating a list of surplus to dispose of in the near future.

-Norell reported Dawes trip to Mena, Arkansas The Wall That Heals event had proven a great source of information towards organizing the City of Stockton’s event in May.

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

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

**Koch:** Norell informed Koch The Wall that Heals was right on track and two of the Country Oaks Estates residents had been contacted regarding accepting maintenance of their personal step systems.

**Johnson:** Suggested Council revisit the Kennel License ordinance to determine if the public’s best interest is being served. Heryford requested Council wait to review the ordinance until those approved last June were up to be reviewed.

-Personnel for closed.

**Student Representative Arellano**: Absent.

**Comments from the Public:**

-Local resident Charlie Daniels was assured it would be the City that would pay for the new meters if the drive by meter reading system was implemented.

**Adjourn Regular Session**

Pate motioned, seconded by Johnson, carried; to adjourn the regular session meeting at 6:21 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**