# **Regular Session**

# **May 9, 2016**

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

# An agenda for the regular session meeting for May 9, 2016 for the City of Stockton, Missouri was posted pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.020 on May 5, 2016.

### Call regular session to order/Roll call

Mayor Norell called the regular session meeting to order at 5:58 p.m. and the City Clerk took roll call. Council members present were Barbara Pate, Larry Koch, Mary Anne Manring and Gary Johnson. It was determined a quorum was present. Attending City Staff were Peter Lee, City Attorney, Vanessa Harper, City Clerk and Raymond Heryford, City Superintendent as well as Building Inspector/Code Enforcer, John Wilson.

**Invocation**

Invocation was given by Mayor Norell.

**Visitors**

-**Doug Bradshaw with Click Computers** requested permission to mount antennas for providing internet service on two of the City’s water towers. Bradshaw was hoping to have the antennas installed by mid July and confirmed no welding would be necessary to set the six radials on each tower which might cause some minor paint scaring. He acknowledged Windstream was difficult to compete with in town however his internet service would be faster and less expensive than Windstream for those located out of town. Koch motioned, seconded by Johnson, carried; to grant Bradshaw’s request to attach internet service antennas to two of the City’s water towers. Unanimously approved.

-**Bongo’s Aubrey Foster** complained to Council about his $42.00 water/sewer bill (the required minimum) for only using a few gallons a month. Council’s consensus was the $42.00 was a reasonable fee for making the service available and suggested Foster disconnect his service if his was not using it. Mr. Foster was satisfied with the response.

-**Leonard Hopkins with VFW Post 05525** congratulated Madame Mayor on her recent election as well as the other newly elected officials. He went on to express his concern over the recent excessive water usage at the VFW located at 808 West Street. Hopkins explained the usage amount was not consistent with the VFW’s history and was adamant the meter had lied. Pate questioned if water could have been accessed from outside the building without anyone knowing; Hopkins said it was unlikely. Council recommended Heryford monitor the meter daily for any substantial fluctuations.

**Minutes**

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

## Bills

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

-Regarding the status of a local commercial trash collector not having the required credentials to operate within the City limits yet continues to pick up trash; Lee has filed municipal charges and is going to follow-up by inviting the business owner to discuss his lack of insurance with the Council at the next scheduled board meeting on May 23. Lee asked he continued to be notified when West Polk is spotted picking up trash in town.

- Lee recommended Council approve the posted bill 16-495 amending the City’s current procurement code to encompass “cooperative procurement” in order to allow for the Visu-sewer

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improvements. Heryford will prepare for the recently approved renovation of Owl Haven by marking the areas for Scott Smith to repair as soon as possible. Koch questioned whether the Visu-sewer repairs could be tested for efficiency and Heryford assured him they could and added the down spouts and sump pumps still hooked to the sewer system in that area would also need to be addressed.

-Mayor Norell reported the request for city hall cleaning bids ad had been in the paper and those interested had until May 20 to submit their bid.

-Lee reported the reason the City had not received their $32,000.00 settlement for the treatment plant was because two insurance companies were feuding over who was going to pay. Lee thought he should have the settlement funds by the end of this week.

-Council revisited the dog tethering and determined there was no easy solutions to limiting tethering dogs and not having dogs running at large. Mayor Norell suggested forming a committee comprised of board members and concerned residents to research the topic and make suggestions. Koch suggested determining how many actual cases of tethering residents were concerned about. No decision was made.

**SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

- Bill number 16-494 to be Ordinance 494 an ordinance amending Section 500.080 of the Stockton City Code regarding building permit fees to include a $15.00 fee for the construction of a fence, installation of a storm shelter, or placement of a portable shed or other outbuilding was read for the first time. Pate motioned, seconded by Manring, carried; to accept the first reading of Bill No. 16-494 to be Ordinance 494. Approved with the following votes: Johnson, Pate, Manring, Koch: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

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-Bill number 16-495 to be Ordinance 495 an ordinance amending Section 130.160 of the Stockton City Code regarding cooperative procurement administered by the Division of Purchasing, Office of Administration of the State of Missouri was read for the first time. Manring motioned, seconded by Johnson, carried; to accept the first reading of Bill No. 16-495 to be Ordinance 495. Approved with the following votes: Johnson, Pate, Manring, Koch: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

- Bill number 16-495 to be Ordinance 495 an ordinance amending Section 130.160 of the Stockton City Code regarding cooperative procurement administered by the Division of Purchasing, Office of Administration of the State of Missouri was read for the second and final time. Johnson motioned, seconded by Manring, carried; to accept the second and final reading of Bill No. 16-495 to be Ordinance 495. Approved with the following votes: Johnson, Pate, Manring, Koch: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

-Mayor Norell reported plans for the 2016 Fireworks were progressing nicely and reviewed a map of the dam area with designated handicapped parking areas highlighted. The Mayor reiterated the need for volunteers for the upcoming event.

**Reports from Appointed Officials**

City Attorney: Nothing for open or closed.

Public works: Heryford reported he was continuing to get bids for street repairs however he was not optimistic with the current budget that roads could be adequately repaired. Mayor Norell mentioned the area of Vern and Clovis needed patched.

Building Inspector: Reported all of those scheduled for complaint hearings had mowed their properties and he would be sending out a second round of violation notices. Wilson asked Lee what the first step to condemning the property located at 600 Church Street should be seeing as according to City code it was

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uninhabitable. Lee instructed Wilson to send a certified letter informing the owner they had 30 days to start the required repairs or the City would be forced to initiate demolition proceedings.

City Clerk: Inquired if Lee had decided exactly what verbiage needed to be left in the City Code and not replaced with the 2011 approved employee handbook. Lee will check and report back.

**Reports from Appointed Boards**

Cemetery: Lee will put together an amendment to allow non-city residents to sit on the cemetery board.

Park Board: Joe Davis recommended the City complete the walking trails around farmer’s field and install culverts in the low lying areas of the trails which Heryford suggested holding off on until it was deemed necessary. Davis continued by reporting Daniels was near completion of the Community Building’s east room renovation and urged Council members to accept the appointment of high school student Kristy Bateman as student liaison to the Park Board. Council also discussed the benefits of appointing a local high school student to sit on the board. Pate felt it was best to present the opportunity to everyone rather than handpick a student. Manring motioned, seconded by Johnson, carried; to pursue a student representative to sit on the Council as a non-voting member to be determined by both Mayor Norell and Stockton School Superintendent Shannon Snow. Approved with the following votes: Manring and Johnson: Yes. Pate and Koch: No. None: Absent. Tie was broken with a yes vote by Mayor Norell. Motion passed. Davis also made mention of the 100 ton of gravel Kelly Wrenn donated to the Park for trail construction and maintenance. Council was very appreciative.

Airport: Manring motioned, Pate seconded, carried; to accept the airport board’s recommendations of Pepper (George) Burns and Josh Rarrick as newly appointed members of the airport board. Unanimously approved. The new members will take the place of recently resigned Ralph Rissmiller and Mary Norell. Mayor Norell reported airport fuel sales were up. Norell also reported MoDOT was proceeding with the patch and seal grant however their official recommendation was to do the much more costly overlay. Norell pointed out the City did not have the budget funds available for the overlay. It was mentioned “papi lights” were recommended for the north end runway.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS**

Mayor Norell: Mayor Norell read the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day Proclamation. Norell had investigated whether a speed sign was necessary on Hays street. Heryford pointed out the speed limit was 25 miles/hr unless otherwise posted. It was suggested to request patrol be ramped up in the area and to determine just how many speeders there were. Mayor Norell also regrettably reported the soccer goals on Farmer’s Field had been heavily damaged.

Pate: Was curious if the City could arrange to help those unable to get their yard waste to the dump, for instance the elderly, either by picking it up or enlisting the help of AGAPE and/or the Boy Scouts to do so. It was stated the picked up yard waste could be used for compost.

Johnson: Forwarded a complaint from a resident about the unsightly derelict cars sitting at 804 Locust Street. Mayor Norell used this as an example for a City Wide Beautification initiative. Cedar County Economic developer, Marge Vance pointed out if Stockton wanted businesses to locate here our City needed to be clean.

Manring: Had a patron inquire what was done with items picked up by Republic Services during the City Wide Clean up: recycled vs. landfill. Manring was assured items were recycled.

Koch: Nothing for open.

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**Comments from the Public:**  Pate made notice of a benefit being held Saturday night May 28 at the First Southern Baptist Church to raise money for Freddy Stockstill. Chamber’s Kelly Bass reported the Teen Anglers event would be held on Sunday, May 22 and 2500 people were expected to attend. In fact, lodging for the anglers and their families was in great demand. Bass mentioned the Chamber was planning an Art Fair on the square July 23rd featuring photography, ceramics and painting. Bass also stated it would be beneficial to have food trucks allowed in the area during the fair. Mayor Norell pointed out City Hall would also be featuring a new artist every month in the City Hall lobby.

No closed session.

**Adjourn Regular Session**

Pate motioned, seconded by Manring, carried; to adjourn the regular session meeting at 8:04 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Pate, Johnson, Manring and Koch: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk Mayor**