# **Regular Session**

# **June 13, 2016**

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

# An agenda for the regular session meeting for June 13, 2016 for the City of Stockton, Missouri was posted pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.020 on June 13, 2016.

### 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 Larry Koch, Mary Anne Manring, Barbara Pate 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 Earl Croy from Church on the Hill.

**Visitors**

Chamber Director Kelly Bass requested Council’s permission and support for an “Art Fair on the Square” event to be held Saturday October 1, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Bass explained the art fair would encompass approximately 20 local artists (that are required to complete a small application and remit a nominal fee) including local students and the N.E.A.T. (Nature Education Art Trail) Group. Bass requested invitation only food vendors and possibly a winery be allowed to set up east of the square. Bass assured Council all City and County alcohol guidelines would be followed and asked for use of the park for parking. Mayor Norell urged Council to support this event to recognize artist in the Stockton Area. Bass explained the square was an underutilized yet beautiful area when Koch asked why the Chamber did not have the fair at the park. Manring motioned, Johnson seconded, carried; to allow the Chamber of Commerce to hold the “Art Fair on the Square” October 1, 2016 from 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Approved with the following votes: Manring, Pate and Johnson: Yes. Koch: No. None: Absent. Manring addressed concerns about the event being held so soon after the local Walnut Festival and pointed out this Art Fair would focus on art exclusively.

**Minutes**

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

## Bills

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

-Mayor Norell reported Visu-Sewer would begin their sleeving project Tuesday and had submitted a change order for approximately $26,000.00 for the Terrace Lane project. Pate motioned, Koch seconded, carried; to move ahead with the Terrace Lane project and accept Visu-Sewer’s $26,000.00 change order.

Unanimously approved.

-Lee had no information on the pending kennel code issue but would have the new code verbiage available at the next meeting; therefore the kennel topic had to be tabled for next meeting as well as the application approval/denial had to be pushed back. No decision was made. Pate stipulated the new Kennel Code should include consequences for noise and odor violations.

-Council’s consensus was to continue having 4:30 Council meetings as long as Koch pointed out it was convenient for the public to address the Council.

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**SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

-Trash bids submitted were as follows:

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| **Bidder Name:** | **Mthly – 1 Cart:** | | **Mthly – 2 Cart:** | | **Curbside Recycle:** | |
| **Contract Term:** | **1 yr** | **3 yr** | **1 yr** | **3 yr** | **1 yr** | **3 yr** |
| Republic Services-Current | $10.75 | $10.00 | $12.75 | $12.00 | $13.50 | $11.95 |
| WCA | Na | $10.44 | Na | $15.44 | Na | Na |
| DB Disposal LLC | $11.75 | $11.75 | $14.85 | $14.85 | Na | Na |
| Patriot Disposal | $9.00 | $10.00 | $11.00 | $12.00 | Na | Na |

-Each bidder provided additional information about their company and services. Item was tabled until next meeting allowing members to review the supplemental information and ask questions. No decision was made. Manring pointed out it was an important decision and “trash doesn’t go away”.

**Reports from Appointed Officials**

City Attorney: Lee will research the requirements for the suggested wine tasting as the “Art Fair on the Square” but recommended a very definitive area be designated for the tasting.

Public works: Heryford is still putting cost numbers together for the Ward Street repairs but expects the cost to come in under the $40,000.00 originally budgeted for street repair in the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Building Inspector: Wilson reported he was taking action on a recent groundhog scourge and would be obtaining from the Conservation Department a number of live traps. He asked Council’s guidance on what to do with the animal once it was trapped and the Council humanely instructed Wilson to set the animal free out of town. Wilson requested clarification on whether to send the complaint notice letters to both landlord and tenant; just landlord or just tenant. Consensus was to send to landlord with a courtesy copy to the tenant. Wilson also recommended the current “moving” permit be updated in order to expedite the current procedure to facilitate those wanting to move out dilapidated buildings. Pate motioned, Johnson seconded, carried; to allow the building inspector to make the decision whether a building could be transported by amending Section 40.400 and 40.430 of the Stockton City Code. Unanimously approved

City Clerk: Harper reported the City had received preliminary notification their Assistance to Fire Fighter Grant application had been approved however she was unable to get an official confirmation and amount as of yet.

**Reports from Appointed Boards**

Cemetery: Peggy Dawes asked who currently mowed the cemetery and where the funds were pulled to pay for it. Harper explained it was paid from the specific “cemetery fund” which included the interest earned from the perpetual fund and no part of the principal is used to pay operating expenses.

Park Board: Not present.

Airport: Mayor Norell reported fuel sales and flier traffic had increased at the airport. Heryford reported the mowing was done as well as pushing the brush down.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS**

Mayor Norell: Reported she had applied on the City’s behalf for the recycling “Keep America Beautiful” grant. Johnson motioned, Koch seconded, carried; to promote the City’s upcoming fireworks event on the local radio station’s “This Country” segment for a cost of $75.00. Unanimously approved.

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-Asked Council to consider annexing the highway portion for right now on 39 South and 32 West in a proactive effort to attract businesses to the Stockton area. Norell added that by annexing in the highway we show potential investors we are ready for their new businesses and passed on MoDOT’s recommendation to move the city limit sign south 200’ past Highway 215. Questions were raised to whether the City could accommodate new businesses water/sewer line needs if approached right away however the City is not obligated to set up services just because the highway has been annexed in. Manring motioned, Pate seconded, carried; for Mayor Norell to submit to MoDOT a formal letter requesting to voluntarily annex into the city limits of Stockton 39 North and South as well as 32 East and West. Unanimously approved

-Council gave Mayor Norell and Harper the go ahead to put together a preliminary business plan after which the entire Council and appointed officials could have a working meeting to work out the final details.

-Mayor Norell stressed her desire to see Stockton’s beautification efforts continue i.e. cleaning up streets and store fronts. Norell will follow up with MoDOT on their mowing schedule.

-Based on her many years in business, Mayor Norell recognized her propensity to make quick informed decisions but admitted she should have gotten the board’s initial approval to appoint this year’s student representative to City Council. In summary, Manring and Pate felt next year’s candidate should reside within the city limits of Stockton while Norell encouraged mentoring of all students regardless of where they resided.

-Mayor Norell asked to be brought up to speed on the “Welcome to Stockton” sign status including; who is building the sign, where is the sign, how much does the sign cost, was there a contract price for the sign. Pate will follow up with previous Mayor Patty Thompson for answers and report back. Heryford added he did have the sign post.

-The Mayor past along concerns of speeders on High street and whether a stop sign should be placed at Oak and High. Pate recommended asking the Sherriff’s department to address the issue since it was part of their contract to patrol for speeders.

Pate: Nothing for open.

Johnson: Reported an unsavory odor from commercial trash collector West Polk Sanitation’s trash truck when picking up trash at local businesses. It was reiterated West Polk did not have a current permit to collect trash in Stockton despite Lee’s efforts since January to contact the owner. Lee will research options.

Manring: Nothing for open.

Koch: Nothing for open.

**Comments from the Public:**

Peggy Dawes thought a four way stop was the best option for Oak and High.

**Adjourn Regular Session**

Pate motioned, seconded by Johnson, carried; to adjourn the regular session meeting at 7:00 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Manring, Koch, Pate and Johnson: Yes. None: No. None: Absent

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk Mayor**