# **Regular Session**

# **July 11, 2016**

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

# An agenda for the regular session meeting for July 11, 2016 for the City of Stockton, Missouri was posted pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.020 on July 8, 2016.

### Call regular session to order/Roll call

Mayor Norell called the regular session meeting to order at 4:29 p.m. and the City Clerk took roll call. Council members present were Larry Koch, Barbara Pate and Gary Johnson. Council woman Manring was absent. It was determined a quorum was present. Attending City Staff were Vanessa Harper, City Clerk and Raymond Heryford, City Superintendent as well as Building Inspector/Code Enforcer, John Wilson. City Attorney, Peter Lee was absent.

**Invocation**

Invocation was given by Mayor Norell.

**Visitors**

John Wilson Jr. was scheduled to address Council however decided he no longer needed to.

**Minutes**

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

## Bills

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

-Discussion continued on placing a stop sign at the intersection High and Oak. Pate stated speeding was an issue all over town and encouraged Sheriff Dwerlkotte to enforce speed limits and issue tickets. The Sheriff requested those witnessing speeders notify his department with make, model, color and possibly license plate number and his department would follow up. Topic was tabled.

- Mayor Norell reported Sheryl Sloan was getting closer to completion of the Welcome to Stockton sign and Sloan’s final bill would be $400.00 upon delivering of the sign however the City would still have to purchase the concrete and rebar to set the sign. “Home of the Tigers” is going to be incorporated into the sign added Pate.

-A lengthy discussion regarding Country Oak Estates step system fees and maintenance lead to a motion by Pate, with a second by Koch, carried; pending the legalities, to do away with the $8.00 fee charged to those Country Oak Estates’ residents with City maintained step systems therefore making the step system owner responsible for insuring and maintaining the step system from this point forward. Unanimously approved. Once the legalities are determined the City will notify residents of any changes going forward. Attending Country Oak Estates’ resident Dana Dawes requested Council consider a “sewer” rate reduction to those residents currently maintaining and insuring their own step system yet paying full sewer. Heryford contends the City takes in 95% of step system contents which is liquid therefore it would be difficult to justify a rate reduction. Per Pate’s suggestion, the topic was tabled for next meeting in order to determine how or where the City needed to go from this point.

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**SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

**-**Ordinance re-affirming Chapter 117 “as a combination” of approved handbook and Chapter 117 had to be postponed as Lee had not compiled the ordinance as of meeting date.

**Reports from Appointed Officials**

City Attorney: Absent.

Public works: Reported he was obtaining quotes on replacing the door on the 2009 Chevelet 2500; first and only quote so far was $1,559.56 from Johnson’s Paint and Auto. Mayor Norell stated the cost of repairing equipment vs. purchasing replacement equipment would be weighed when creating the City’s business plan.

Building Inspector: Requested on Lorin Smith’s behalf an additional 30 day extension to demolish and remove the derelict home at 600 Church giving Smith until August 29th to complete the project. Pate made clear the 30 day extension meant 30 days and not 31 days.

City Clerk: Harper corrected the amounts she had reported for the Ward Bridge part’s quotes at last Council meeting; HD Supply $5,525.24, Ferguson $5,640.00 and Winwater $6,079.78 instead of what was originally reported which was HD Supply $4,069.40, Ferguson $5,062.46 and Winwater $6,079.78 Despite the miscalculation HD Supply still had the lowest quote on the required parts at $5,525.24. Koch requested the eta of the parts which Harper reported should be later in the week.

**Reports from Appointed Boards**

Cemetery: Not present. Mayor Norell stated Dr. Snow was still working on getting students to input data into the cemetery database purchased last year.

Park Board: Not present. Mayor Norell reported previous park board president Joe Davis had dropped off a box of park board items for his successor and current park board member Rob Fisher would be getting members together for a meeting and to elect a new president.

Airport: Not present. The patch and seal project was still scheduled for sometime this upcoming fall according to Mayor Norell.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS**

Mayor Norell: Reported the City had paid Windstream over $7500.00 in lease payments for their current phone system which appeared to be overkill for current operations. According to our Windstream contact, the current system could not be purchase and therefore in an effort to reduce cost, Mayor Norell suggested the City bid out for a phone system more suitable to the City’s needs. Mayor Norell went on to report Windstream had been erroneously charging the City tax on the airport and park accounts.

-Regarding the City’s fireworks, Norell reported the Corp could handle the event and suggested each Council person as well as herself recruit one person from each of their respective districts to sit on a fireworks committee. The committee would gather information from residents and formulate a plan for next year’s fireworks. Chamber Director, Kelly Bass suggested drafting committee members outside of the City limits as well. Pate questioned if a contract existed regarding this year’s display since she had been informed A.M. Pyrotechnics was expecting the City to pay this year’s technicians for discharging the fireworks rather than like in previous years when A.M. Pyrotechnics was responsible for payment. Pate had also been told it was not necessary for the City to purchase the additional “special event” liability policy for $945.00 since A.M. Pyrotechnics carried their own liability insurance. Pate asked Harper to follow up. Koch added if the City was not able to produce a fireworks display with at least a $9,000.00 value next year it would be futile to even do a fireworks display. Pate encouraged Council to shop out pyrotechnics companies for next year’s display.

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In an effort to spruce up the City’s square, Mayor Norell asked Council to consider purchasing twelve new banners with an approximate cost of $960.00 which could be rotated during the different seasons. In addition to banners, Norell proposed replacing the existing shrubbery with cleaner more maintenance free perennials. The topic was tabled for next meeting.

-Koch motioned, Johnson seconded, carried; for the City to start mowing Brian’s Park rather than Mayor Norell. Unanimously approved.

-Mayor Norell requested on behalf of the local Amvets organization they be allowed to reschedule their “White Clover” event originally set for July 2nd to the weekend of the Walnut Festival however Council was concerned about traffic during that weekend. The Mayor will contact Amvets for an alternate date.

-Council approved Mayor Norell’s request to allow Deputy City Clerk, Celia Fischer to attend Council meetings with pay. According to Harper, in order to avoid the accumulation of unbudgeted comp time Fischer will plan on taking off part of the following Tuesdays after meetings

Pate: Had received some positive and a lot of negative feedback about the fireworks display on the dam but had heard the traffic flow went very well and asked why she had not been notified of today’s firework’s meeting with the Corp of Engineers. Per Emergency Management Director Arlo Rupke’s advice, Norell had requested only the chiefs be gathered for the fireworks meeting.

Johnson: Reported three houses in his neighborhood had been broken into and/or vandalized. According to Johnson’s neighbor who had been broken into three times; when he reported it to the sheriff’s department he was told there was nothing they could do. According to Sheriff Dwerlkotte, the neighbor’s account of the event was incorrect and the robberies were under investigation. Johnson added his neighbor Joe Hughes had also had items stolen. Deputy Clerk Fischer suggested forming neighborhood watch groups and working with the sheriff’s department to reduce crime. Bass also recommended putting together a FaceBook Page.

Manring: Absent.

Koch: Nothing for open or closed.

**Comments from the Public:**

-Sheriff Dwerlkotte advised the City to amend Ordinances 205.230 and 205.240 regarding the discharge of fireworks inside the City limits because they are conflicting.

**Adjourn Regular Session**

Pate motioned, seconded by Johnson, carried; to adjourn the regular session meeting at 6:26 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Koch, Pate and Johnson: Yes. None: No. Manring: Absent.

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk Mayor**