# **Regular Session**

# **July 13, 2015**

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

# An agenda for the regular session meeting for July 13, 2015 for the City of Stockton, Missouri was posted pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.020 on July 9, 2015.

### Call regular session to order/Roll call

Mayor Thompson called the regular session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the City Clerk took roll call. Council members present were Greg Fidler, Barbara Pate and Gary Johnson. Carla Page was absent. It was determined a quorum was present. Attending City Staff were Peter Lee, City Attorney, Vanessa Underwood, City Clerk and Building Inspector/Code Enforcer, Brandon Cahill along with Raymond Heryford, City Superintendent.

**Invocation**

Invocation was given by Alder Person Barbara Pate.

**Visitors**

**Sebastian Lombardo** requested to purchase approximately 50 feet of city property located behind his property on 210 W. Craig Street. Pate didn’t want to set a precedent of selling City property however the Mayor pointed out the property would not be used for anything else and Fidler agreed. Lombardo agreed to pay for an appraisal therefore Fidler motioned and Johnson seconded, carried; for the City to agree to sell “some” property to Lombardo once the property is flagged and appraised. Fidler, Johnson: Yes, Pate: No. Page: Absent.

**Don Hoskins** addressed Council regarding various unsightly properties within the City. One in particular located at 205 E Elm Street. This specific property is being renovated with a City issued building permit. Cahill with follow up to insure the renovation is completed within in the allotted time and will also follow up on the other properties Hoskins was concerned about.

**Minutes**

Motion made by Fidler, seconded by Pate, carried; to approve minutes as read. Unanimously approved.

## Bills

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

**SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

-Opened Surplus Equipment bids as follows: Travis Cargill bid on the 3000 Ford Tractor for $1500.00, the weed eater parts for $25.00, the chop saw for $25.00 and 6’ brush hog. George Pyle bid on the 3000 Ford for $1220.00, the 6’ brush hog for $320.00, $820.00 for the 631 and $20.00 for the finish mower. Raymond Jordan bid on the 3000 Ford tractor for $1262.00 and the $1262.00 for the 631. Fidler motioned, Pate seconded, carried; to accept all the highest bids submitted except for the 6’ brush hog which Fidler suggested the City repair and use. Unanimously approved.

- Bill number 15-486 to be Ordinance 486 an ordinance amending section 140.110 of the Stockton City Code regarding the cemetery perpetual fund was read for the first time. Pate motioned, seconded by Fidler, carried; to accept the first reading of Bill No. 15-486 to be Ordinance 486. Approved with the following votes: Pate, Fidler, and Johnson: Yes. None: No. Page: Absent.

- Bill number 15-486 to be Ordinance 486 an ordinance amending section 140.110 of the Stockton City Code regarding the cemetery perpetual fund was read for the second and final time. Johnson motioned,

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seconded by Pate, carried; to accept the second and final reading of Bill No. 15-486 to be Ordinance 486. Approved with the following votes: Pate, Fidler, and Johnson: Yes. None: No. Page: Absent.

Mayor Thompson suggested that going forward Underwood post both the original and the revised versions of the ordinance for the public to review.

**Reports from Appointed Officials**

City Attorney: Nothing for open, items for closed.

Public works: Reported he needed an engineer’s guidance on how to rectify the declining levels of oxygen in our treatment plant’s outflow. Fidler suggested contacting Kaysinger Basin for advice while Mayor Thompson recommended consulting with Greg Perkins. Heryford will contact Kaysinger.

Building Inspector/General Code Enforcer: Confirmed with Lee that a large lot located in the City could be divided into two smaller lots as long as the lots meet the City’s specifications.

City Clerk: Reported the direct deposit option information, Pate was in favor of setting up direct deposit however the Mayor was not. Fidler motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to set up internet service at the community building in order to monitor security cameras remotely from both city hall the and sheriff’s department. Unanimously approved. Pate motioned, Fidler seconded, carried; to purchase new uniforms for the City crew. Unanimously approved. Underwood updated Council on the status of the cemetery software project which she reported should kick off at the end of the week.

**Reports from Appointed Boards**

Cemetery: Koch had nothing for Council.

Park Board: Joe Davis president of the park board reported he was getting bids for repairs to the community building’s east room as well as insulating bids. Davis reported the basketball courts had been painted and they would be sealed next week. He also mentioned a few options for solving the issue with the retaining wall located east of the park which the Mayor pointed out was not a safety hazard.

Airport: Norell with the airport board reported their board would be meeting on July 20th and the trees that needed removed would need tagged. Cahill reported the fiber optics company had left the airport entrance in torn up however Heryford was sure the company would correct the issue.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS**

Mayor Thompson: Ordinance 483 passed at the last meeting discourages residents from fostering dogs and should be rewritten to exclude those that are fostering dogs as well as grandfather in those residents who already have more than three dogs and or cats.

Fidler: Terrace Lane has a street light out, requested funds from the sale of surplus equipment go back into Heryford’s budget and requested additional bids be solicited for sidewalk repairs. Underwood will contact Empire about street light and will place the surplus sales into Heryford’s budget. Cahill will follow-up on getting additional sidewalk repair bids.

Johnson: Continuing to get complaints from Carol Wilkerson regarding Loren Smith’s property adjacent to hers. Cahill with follow up.

Pate: Received a number of complaints about the City’s fireworks show being so poor.

Page: Absent.

**Final Comments from the Public:**  Mr. Sampson with the Cedar County Republican respectively recommended Council present the first reading of an ordinance at one meeting and the second reading at next meeting while posting the proposed ordinance for the entire time. This would allow residents ample time to review and speak up at the proposed ordinance, especially an ordinance that resonates a great deal with residents as Ordinance 483. Council approved a resident living on Lee Hopkins Drive to blade down his ditch along Lee Hopkins Drive however Heryford was reluctant to give the go ahead to blade down

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the ditch along North Street because he did not know how deep the 2” water main was buried down. Lee confirmed Article III of the Stockton City Code prohibited fireworks on any other day other than July 4th.

**Convene into Close**

Pate motioned, seconded by Fidler, carried; to close regular session and go into closed at 7:45 p.m. for legal. Approved with the following votes: Fidler, Johnson and Pate: Yes. None: No. Page: Absent.

**Reconvene Regular Session**

Fidler motioned, Johnson seconded, carried; to go back into regular session at 8:09 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Fidler, Johnson and Pate: Yes. None: No. Page: Absent.

No votes were taken during closed session. It was mentioned the City should look into shooting their fireworks on top of the dam.

**Adjourn Regular Session**

Fidler motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to adjourn the regular session meeting at 8:13 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Fidler, Johnson and Pate: Yes. None: No. Page: Absent.

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk Mayor**

**Closed Session**

# **July 13, 2015**

The Stockton Board of Aldermen met in closed session on July 13, 2015 at 7:48 p.m. for the purpose of legal.

Attending this portion of the meeting was Mayor Patty Thompson, council members Greg Fidler, Gary Johnson and Barbara Pate. Page was absent. Also in attendance were City Clerk, Vanessa Underwood, Building Inspector, Brandon Cahill, City Superintendent, Raymond Heryford and City Attorney, Peter Lee.

**Legal:** Council agreed Mayor Thompson should contact A.M. Pyrotechnics to request one half of the City’s money back paid for this year’s show, a free show next year without signing another three year contract and that McMasters be allowed to approve shell selection prior to the show.

**Personnel:** Lee responded to Underwood’s question on how employees address Council in closed session which to first address any issues the employee might with their immediate supervisor and if that doesn’t satisfy the employee the next step is to have a meeting with the Mayor, the supervisor and the employee and if that still doesn’t pacify the employee, they can request to speak to Council in closed.

**Real Estate**: No discussion.

**Adjourn Close Session Back into Open Session:**

Motion from Fidler, Johnson seconded, carried; to adjourn closed session and go back into open at

8:09 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Fidler, Johnson and Pate: Yes. None: No. Page: Absent.

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk Mayor**