# **Regular Session**

# **July 24, 2017**

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

# An amended agenda for the regular session meeting for July 24, 2017 for the City of Stockton,

# Missouri was originally posted pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.020 on July 20, 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, City Attorney, Peter Lee and Raymond Heryford, City Superintendent as well Code Enforer/Building Inspector John Wilson.

**Invocation**

After attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation was given by alder person Barbara Pate.

**Visitors**

John Wilson Jr. recapped the recent Light the Lake event and summed up by saying it was a complete success with over 9,000 in attendance. Wilson thanked the City and the Park Board and requested they each be involved in making next year’s event scheduled for July 13th and 14th even better.

**Minutes**

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

## Bills

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Lee reviewed a number of avenues the City could take to issue temporary permits to discharge fireworks however is was decided it would be better for Mayor Norell to follow up with Tammie Adams representing Joe’s Cabins to get more information regarding their request to issue temporary permits to venue lessees. The topic was tabled for next meeting.

**SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

# Bids for a City’s drive by system/auto read system were opened however due to the monumental

Amount information a special separate meeting was set for Wednesday, August 2 at 1:00 to discuss the different systems and to compare numbers for each. The final bid acceptance is scheduled for the next regular meeting on August 14 at 6:00 pm.

-The following bids for City Hall cleaning were submitted and opened from the following local companies:

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| **Company Name:** | **Per Cleaning:** | **Extended to Bi-Weekly:** |
| **Powell Environmental** | **$60.00** | **$120.00** |
| **Pristine Cleaning** | **$100.00** | **$200.00** |

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After discussing the bids Manring motioned, seconded by Koch, carried; to accept Powell Environmental’s bid of $60.00 per cleaning or $120.00 bi-weekly. Unanimously approved.

**Reports from Appointed Officials**

City Attorney: Lee made the following comments:

-as long as recreational vehicles are parked on the owner’s property it is legal.

-if the City suspects a home is dangerous a letter needs to be sent to the owner in order to schedule a time to inspect the property.

-if a mobile home is vacant for more than 180 days a notice needs to be sent to owner that the mobile home needs to be removed and the meter needs to be pulled.

-in reference to the properties we continually have to mow the best course of action would be to file a judicial foreclosure.

-inoperable derelict vehicle nuisances are challenging to deal with according to our current nuisance ordinances as they deal with the issue after the nuisance has occurred; Lee suggested rewriting the ordinance to proactively address the issue of inoperable. Lee will have a proposal for a new ordinance at the next meeting.

-Lee had Legal for closed.

Public works: Nothing for open or closed.

City Clerk: Requested The Wall Memory book topic to be tabled until the next meeting to allow Harper to clarify some recently received information.

Manring motioned, Koch seconded, carried; to appoint Mayor Mary Norell as Stockton’s representative to the Kaysinger Basin Regional Planning Commission. Unanimously approved.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcer: Reported building permit fees had been collected from CMH, Hammons and the Cedar County Ambulance Board.

-After a lengthy discussion Johnson motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to grant Walter and Lavern cook a variance for construction done prior to Wilson being notified. Unanimously approved.

-Wilson suggested changing out and adding culverts the alley between Hayes and Chestnut to alleviate flooding during large rain events. No decision was made.

-Manring motioned, Pate seconded, carried; to place a “No Parking” sign at the alley of Hayes and Chestnut. Unanimously approved.

Sherriff Department Liaison: Deputy King reviewed citation reports for May and June. Mayor Norell inquired as to the vandal responsible for breaking a window at the park. King informed Council the individual was being investigated for number of events.

**Reports from Appointed Boards**

Cemetery: Not present.

Park Board: Park board president Rob Fischer reported the board was still reviewing options for upgrading the Community Building upstairs with a kitchenette and getting approval from the Historical Society to update the building.

-Mayor Norell reported the City Crew was painting and cleaning up at the park to prepare for the upcoming Black Walnut Festival.

-According to Fischer plans for adding lights along Walnut Street were being finalized; still no cost information to the City for adding lighting and electrical.

Airport: The runway patch and seal is scheduled to begin on August 14th.

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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS:**

**Mayor Norell**:

Mayor Norell asked council to approve her appointment of Hank Smith as fire chief. Pate motioned, Johnson seconded, carried; to approve Hank Smith for another year as the City’s Fire Chief. Unanimously approved.

-Mayor Norell recommended Council vote to update the building codes from the 2000 IBC Codes which were currently being used to the most current version of 2018. This will require purchasing new code books and should be included in next year’s budget.

-Norell reported she would be meeting with the Corp of Engineers along with Tri-State Water Resource Coalition to discuss the possibility of piping water out of Stockton Lake to areas like Joplin and Springfield to use as a source of drinking water and the effect it will have on the lake.

-Personnel for closed.

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

**Manring:** Manring requested meeting times be set for 6:00 p.m. starting in August 14.

**Koch:** Requested status of heating and air condition maintenance as well as spraying for bugs.

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

**Comments from the Public:**

-Mr. Walter Cook thanked the Council for considering his request to continue his construction projection.

-New to the area Richard Greene, expressed his appreciation for the Stockton area however was opposed to the new ambulance barn scheduled to be built near his new home. Even though they were sympathetic to Mr. Greene’s concerns Council felt they would be better directed to the Ambulance Board who actually dictates where the new barn is built.

**Convene into Close**

Pate motioned, seconded by Manring, carried; to close regular session and go into closed at 6:38 p.m. for legal and personnel. Approved with the following votes: Koch, Johnson, Pate and Manring: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**Reconvene Regular Session**

Manring motioned, Pate seconded, carried; to go back into regular session at 6:14 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Koch, Johnson, Pate and Manring: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

Council voted effective July 1 to discontinue charging Mr. Goodman for sewer since he was not currently connected to the City sewer system. No decisions for personnel were made.

**Adjourn Regular Session**

Manring motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to adjourn the regular session meeting at 7:13 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**

**Closed Session**

# **July 24, 2017**

The Stockton Board of Aldermen met in closed session on July 24, 2017 at 6:43 p.m. for the purpose of personnel.

Attending this portion of the meeting was Mayor Norell, council members Larry Koch, Gary Johnson, Barbara Pate and Mary Anne Manring. Also in attendance were City Clerk, Vanessa Harper and City Attorney, Peter Lee as well City Superintendent, Raymond Heryford.

**Legal:** Pate motioned, Manring seconded, carried; Effective July 1 billing, sewer charges for Mr. Goodman at 702 East Park Drive will be suspended due to the residence not currently connected to the City sewer system. Approved with the following votes: Johnson, Manring, Pate and Koch: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

-Heryford will notify the new owner he will have to be connected to City sewer ASAP.

**Personnel:** Discussion occurred regarding revamping methods for accruing sick and vacation time

**Real Estate**: No discussion.

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

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

7:13 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**