# **Regular Session**

# **March 11, 2024**

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

# An agenda for the City of Stockton, Missouri’s Board of Aldermen regular session meeting on March 11, 2024, was originally posted pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.020 on March 7, 2024.

### Call regular session to order/Roll Call

Mayor Cahill called the regular session meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and the City Clerk took roll call. Council members present were Mary Norell, Dean Higley, Barbara Pate and Mary Anne Manring. It was determined a quorum was present. Attending staff were City Attorney, Janae Graham, City Inspector/Code Enforcer, Tim McGinnis and City Clerk, Vanessa Harper.

**Pledge and Invocation**

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

**Agenda Approved**

Manring motioned, seconded by Higley, carried; to accept the amended agenda set for the March 11, 2024, regular session meeting moving Park Board discussion up in the meeting agenda to right after approving the agenda. Unanimously approved.

**Park:**  Becky Groff attended the meeting on behalf of the Park Board. The report and discussion was as follows: 1) Members of the Council, Park Board and Sertoma will schedule a time to meet and discuss the pending borders requested for the central park area. 2) Groff reported the contractor was planning to start the tennis court bathroom upgrades within the next week. 3) Harper published the bid request for the community building bathroom remodel 4) No final decision from Council yet on the Park Board’s proposed Fairy Garden.

-No votes taken.

**Visitors:**

**Audit Presentation:**

**Wayland Mueller, Manager with KPM CPAs & Advisors**, delivered the Council an unmodified opinion and a clean audit for the fiscal year ending September 30,2023. Mueller reviewed the audit findings along with the new GASB pronouncement Number 100, which define accounting standards for accounting changes and error correction and GASB Statement No #101 which gives updated guidance on compensated absences that are effective June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025, respectively. Mueller reviewed the auditor’s recommendations along with reviewing the new GASB’s as follows; develop a cybersecurity recovering plan, better track and bill for fees due to the City fire department, refine mileage tracking procedures by comparing the submitted mileage log to actual mileage usage and take a public work’s part inventory in September to better track supplies. Mr. Mueller thanked the City for their cooperation and transparency during the audit.

**-Larry Griffin and Glenn Burnaman with the American Legion Post 230**, presented their plan for a Stockton Community Flag Program fund raiser consisting of placing flags along main streets for 10 different holidays. Pate motioned, seconded by Higley, carried; allowing the American Legion Post 230 to move forward with their community flag program fund raiser. Unanimously approved.

**Minutes**

Motion made by Pate, seconded by Manring, carried; to approve the regular and closed session minutes for the regular meeting on February 26, 2024. Unanimously approved.

## Bills

Manring motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to approve and pay bills as presented from the period 2/27/2024 through 3/12/2024. Unanimously approved.

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**Comments from the Public:** Attendee Glenn Burnaman commented he thought the City was doing a good job.

**Sheriff Department Liaison:** Deputy Clay Jeffries was absent however he did provide a call summary and mileage report for Council’s review.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**-**Norell motioned, Higley seconded, carried; approving Mayor Cahill’s appointment of Linda Betlock and Rob Fischer to the Cemetery Board. Unanimously approved. Mayor Cahill explained he would be starting a Cemetery Board email thread between himself, Ms. Betlock and Mr. Fischer to schedule a cemetery board meeting.

# **Reports from Appointed Boards**

**Park:** Presented earlier in the meeting. No vote taken.

**Cemetery:**  Absent. No vote taken.

**Airport:**  Absent. No vote taken.

# **SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

-Council opened and reviewed the following **2024 Cemetery mowing bids as follows**:

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| **Mowing Contractor Name:** | **Weekly Mowing Bids:** |
| Carson’s Landscape | Weekly Amount $1,375.00 extra $1375.00 |
| Karen Davis | Weekly Amount $1,000.00 extra $800.00 |
| My Lawn Service | Weekly Amount $1,000.00 extra $900.00 |
| Terry Nichols | Weekly Amount $1,800.00 extra $1,800.00 |

Pate motioned, seconded by Higley, carried; to approve Karen Davis’s 2024 Cemetery mowing bid of $1,000.00 weekly and $800.00 for an extra mow pending proper documentation and proof of insurance. Unanimously approved.

-Council opened and reviewed the following **2024 City Cleaning bids as follows**:

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| **Mowing Contractor Name:** | **Monthly Cleaning Bids with City Supplies:** |
| Cole Hughes | $500.00 |
| Nolan and Karen Davis | $800.00 |
| Michele Burns | $300.00 |

Higley motioned, seconded by Norell, carried; to approve Michele Burns 2024 City monthly cleaning bid of $300.00 pending proper documentation and proof of insurance. Unanimously approved.

-Mayor Cahill read and signed the **American Legion Poppy Proclamation** proclaiming May 25, 2024, as American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day.

-Pate motioned, seconded by Norell, carried; approving adding a **$15.00 monthly stipend to Public Works** employees currently not getting a stipend on the basis that all public works employees are required to have their phones on hand to check for work orders on MaintainX. Unanimously approved.

-Pate motioned, seconded by Norell, carried; approving the updated **animal control fees as follows**:

First Time offenders - $25.00 pickup fee, second time offenders - $50 pickup fee, third time or more offenders pay a $75.00 pickup fee. For each night the offender stays in doggy jail a $25.00 per night stay will be applied excluding weekends and holidays. Unanimously approved.

**Reports from Appointed Officials:**

**City Attorney:**  Graham had the Cedar County Public Safety Contract as well as the Southwest Missouri Water Coalition for closed and in open re-enforced the auditor’s recommendation for developing a cybersecurity recovering plan and it’s importance in our ever changing cyber business world. No votes taken.

**City Superintendent:**  Absent. No votes taken.

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**City Clerk:**  Nothing for open, contracts, emergency management and liquor licenses for closed. No votes taken.

**Building Inspector/Code Enforcer:** Nothing for open or closed. No vote taken.

**Fire Chief Quarterly Report:**  Absent. No vote taken.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS:**

**MAYOR –COMMUNICATIONS:** Nothing for open or closed. No votes taken.

**Pate:** Nothing for open or closed. No votes taken.

**Manring****:** Suggested the City consider different nuisance regulations for undeveloped areas versus residential areas. Harper will follow up to see how other cities handle undeveloped areas. Nothing for closed. No votes taken.

**Dean Higley:**  Asked Graham what other options the city has of notifying the resident of a nuisance violation; Graham did explain there was a post in the newspaper requirement but confirmed employees could hand deliver the violation notice. However, Graham pointed out the resident could argue it was not received and that nuisance violation laws are very specific. It was determined through discussion that to legally notify in person a nuisance violation, the nuisance needed to be served by law enforcement. No votes taken.

**Mary Norell:**  Nothing for open. Real estate for closed. No votes taken.

**Convene into Closed:**

Manring motioned, seconded by Higley, carried; to close the regular session and go into closed session at 6:10 p.m. for legal and real estate. Approved with the following votes: Pate, Higley, Norell and Manring: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**Reconvene Regular Session**

Manring motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to close closed session and go back into regular session at 7:14 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Higley, Pate, Norell and Marning: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

No votes taken during the closed session.

**Adjourn Regular Session**

Manring motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to adjourn the regular session meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Approved with the following votes: Manring, Higley, Pate and Norell: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk Mayor**