



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2016

7:00 pm

The following councilmembers were present with Mayor John McTaggart presiding:

Garrett Mellott Jason Gillam
Margaret Shriver Chuck Stites

The following staff members were present:

- Michael Webb, City Manager
- Mark Mathies, Police Chief
- Tim Whitham, Fire Chief
- Tony Burr, EMS Supervisor
- David Duckers, City Attorney
- Michelle Bounds, City Treasurer
- Zack Daniel, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk

APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2016

Councilmember Mellott made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 11 City Council session. Councilmember Shriver seconded. Mayor McTaggart requested a roll call vote, which was passed 3-0 with Councilmember Gillam abstaining.

STATEMENT OF BILLS PAID \$175,374.40

Councilmember Gillam made the motion to approve the statement of bills paid. Councilmember Stites seconded. Mayor McTaggart requested a roll call vote, which passed unanimously. (*note: unanimous votes for this evening are counted as 4-0 due to Councilmember Adams's absence*).

Prior to calling for requests or comments from the public, Mayor McTaggart announced that Fire Captain Van Bibber has issued a resident survey regarding community engagement as part of his Executive Fire Officer Program. Hard copies are available at City Hall and a version is also available online.

REQUESTS OR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Murrel Bland Wyatt, resident of Kansas City, KS, read a prepared statement on behalf of Business West Organization asking that the City Council maintain current property tax rates.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BHC RHODES ADDING OBSERVATION SERVICES FOR THE LTC SEWER PROJECT

City Manager Michael Webb summarized the process behind the development of the contract with BHC Rhodes to this point. What is proposed is to amend the amount of the contract by \$65,000 to cover the expenses associated with construction, inspection, and engineering. He noted that the project is already authorized and costs for the design portion have been less than what was anticipated.

Councilmember Stites made the motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an amended professional service agreement with BHC Rhodes for the LTC Sewer Project. Councilmember Gillam seconded the motion. Mayor McTaggart requested a roll call vote, which passed unanimously.



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ADVISORY REPORTS

CITY MANAGER

Mr. Webb provided an update on the four different grant applications the City has out currently. One is involved with improvements to K-32 and 104th St. There is another grant regarding building sidewalks into the City Park, which Mr. Webb posits is “on the bubble” for funding. Edwardsville Dr. work also appears that it will receive some funding, as it is relatively small compared to other grant applications. The 102nd St. project likely did not score high enough to be awarded funds. Mr. Webb also provided an update on Kansas Ave., including the culvert box that was recently poured, and the work done to tear down the old City Hall building.

Councilmember Stites asked where the City is at regarding the Quiet Zone Study and the K-32 Tri-City Plan. Mr. Webb commented that costs have always precluded the City from acting alone. Mr. Webb also noted there have been discussions about a Quiet Zone surrounding the private crossing at the sand plant as that area is already commercially zoned and might have other funding possibilities.

CHIEFS (POLICE & FIRE)

Police Chief Mathies made comments related to the increased situational awareness training the EPD has initiated. He also stated he appreciated the support of both the City Council and the City Manager for departmental activity at this time.

Fire Chief Whitham noted that EMS Supervisor Tony Burr is a finalist for the KEMSA EMS Supervisor of the Year award. The final announcement of the winner will be made August 13, 2016 at the group’s annual banquet. He also reminded the group of Cpt. Van Bibber and Supervisor Burr’s participation in the EFO program,

CITY ATTORNEY

No report provided.

COUNCIL AND MAYOR COMMENTS

Councilmember Stites reaffirmed his commitment to the Edwardsville Police Department and all of their public safety efforts. He also wished Supervisor Burr luck in his award nomination. He thanked Mr. Webb for the budget work sessions. Finally, he stated he is excited for continued discussions regarding the development on the north end.

Councilmember Shriver echoed Councilmember Stites’s comments regarding public safety employees. She also noted that she gets regular comments complimenting the Hotshot newsletter.

Councilmember Mellott stated his commitment to public safety agencies. He also stated that he would like to see some mechanism for municipalities to be alerted when significant changes will occur to property tax revenue. Mr. Webb noted that they have reached out to the County Appraiser on this issue and it will likely be included in a future LKM platform. Finally,



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Councilmember Mellott said he'd like to revisit the name for the proposed Village South at Edwardsville project. He also noted that there have been some traffic control issues in that area during race weeks, which Chief Mathies said he would look into.

Councilmember Gillam thanked the Edwardsville public safety departments for all they do. He also noted his appreciation of the proposed pay increases for City staff currently included in the budget.

Mayor McTaggart stated his support for the situational awareness efforts of the EPD. He also thanked all the staff for their efforts putting together the budget and hoped the community could come together in light of the tragic events of the last week.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Zachary Daniel

City Clerk