



City Council Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Mayor: John McTaggart
Councilmember Chuck Adams Carolyn Caiharr Garrett Mellott
Margaret Shriver Chuck Stites

Prior to the start of the regular meeting, Mayor McTaggart entertained a motion to amend the agenda. Councilmember Caiharr made the motion to amend the agenda of its October 14, 2019 regular meeting to include the following item:

Consider motion to recess into Executive Session in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) regarding consultation with legal counsel for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship regarding the Village South at Edwardsville project.

Councilmember Stites seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

1. Approve minutes of September 23, 2019

- **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to approve the minutes from September 23, 2019 as presented
- **Second:** Councilmember Mellott seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0

2. Statement of Bills paid \$309,961

- **Motion:** Councilmember Stites made the motion to approve the statement of bills paid in the amount of \$309,961.81
- **Second:** Councilmember Shriver Seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0

3. Requests or Comments from the public

- Dylan Woods, representing the Vaughn-Trent organization, took the podium to promote the upcoming Christmas program. Debbie Galagher, also representing the group, noted that she spoke with the City Manager about assistance in storing some items related to the effort
- David Streit, 1396 S. 104th, took the podium along with his children to update the Council on Stoney Point Cemetery clean up, which took place over the weekend. He also thanked the church staff who assisted. Mr. Streit reported that about 30 people showed up for the all-volunteer event and that it was a touching experience for all involved. He closed with a request that this site be a priority for the Council in the coming years.

4. Hear presentation regarding potential projects affecting available parks & public spaces

- City Manager Michael Webb presented this item, and began with an overview of the current park land and infrastructure.

- Mr. Webb then reviewed the Project Green effort headed up by Old Dominion Freight Line. Mr. Webb reviewed the particulars of the project, noting that it would result in a net addition of about 10 acres of new park land in an area along Woodend Rd. Mr. Webb highlighted other sports complexes around the state that were located in similar areas. Mr. Webb also stressed that Old Dominion has never requested a property tax abatement for their building nor is an abatement being requested for this project (though a sales tax abatement is being considered).
 - Mr. Webb then summarized the ongoing discussions with RHP Properties about the green space south of the Fire Department and around the Community Center. Mr. Webb noted that the discussion has centered around the possible transfer of ownership of these areas to the City for future development of park and public spaces.
 - Mr. Webb closed by noting that different concepts for River Front Park enhancements have been considered and summarized the Parks Master Plan process that should wrap up in early November.
 - After the Mayor called for public comments, Pamela Samek of 10628 Shawnee Rd. took the podium. Ms. Samek noted that her late husband was very involved in parks programming before he passed away and even had one of the fields named after him. She asked that any future development of a new park site be mindful of her and other's family history at the current park as they should not be forgotten.
 - David Streit again took the podium and commented that he was skeptical of the initial plan, but the presentation about the ongoing projects eventually convinced him that with the right planning, this could be an effort that benefits the community.
 - Greg Kindle, of the Wyandotte Economic Develop Council, took the podium and congratulated the Council on fostering an environment where a group like Old Dominion wants to remain in Edwardsville rather than go to a new location in a new City. He also expressed his appreciation for the parks programming.
 - Councilmember Stites noted that continuing remembrance of important individuals would be a priority for him as the park land continues to develop. He also requested that a review of traffic needs in the area be done as that area develops.
 - Councilmember Adams agreed with Councilmember Stites's comments and brought up the 3-2 Park as an example for a similar development.
 - Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel commented that any effort involving park development would be informed by the community engagement done by WSU through the Master Planning process.
 - Councilmember Mellott also noted he was familiar with Mr. Samek. He noted he had reservations about Project Green at first, but that all of the projects involved helped turn his opinion.
 - Councilmember Caiharr noted she wanted to pursue the RHP Properties opportunity even if Project Green doesn't materialize
 - There was no official action taken at this time.
- 5. Consider motion to recess into executive session pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2) for consultation with legal counsel regarding information which would be deemed privileged in the attorney client relationship related to the Village South at Edwardsville project**

- **Motion:** Councilmember Adams made the motion to recess into executive session for a period of 35 minutes.
- **Second:** Councilmember Mellott seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Motion passes 5-0
- City Council reconvened at the appropriate time.
- **Motion:** Councilmember Mellott made the motion to return to regular session
- **Second:** Councilmember Caiharr seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Motion passes 5-0
- **Motion:** Councilmember Mellott made the motion to reconvene the executive session until 9:15 pm
- **Second:** Councilmember Caiharr seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Motion passes 4-1, with Councilmember Stites dissenting.
- City Council reconvened at the appropriate time.
- **Motion:** Councilmember Mellott made the motion to return to the regular meeting
- **Second:** Councilmember Shriver seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Motion passes 5-0
- There was no official action taken as a result of the executive sessions.

6. Advisory Reports

City Manager: Mr. Webb noted that the new Deputy Fire Chief has begun in his position. He also mentioned that both himself and the Assistant City Manager will be in Nashville as part of the ICMA Conference next week.

Assistant City Manager noted that Outfield Beer Co. will be hosting a soft opening for their new business and wanted to invite the Council and local officials

7. Council and Mayor Comments

Shriver: Thanked public safety staff for their professionalism in responding to a recent call at her address.

Caiharr: Thanked the 4-H group for their clean-up effort.

Adams: Provided additional details about the clean up effort. He also noted that it may be premature to have a dedication for the site until it is more properly cleaned up.

McTaggart: Noted he was elected to serve at the President for the League of Kansas Municipalities for the upcoming year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Zachary Daniel
City Clerk