

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 3rd, 2018**

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 22 West Ohio with Mayor Malan presiding. The following Councilmen were present:

**ROLL CALL**

Jim Garnett	Craig Irwin
David Brown	Terry Agnew
Mike Irick	Gayle Cook
Gayle Stark	Carolyn Jett

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Others present were City Administrator Casey Koehn, City Clerk Corey Snead, City Attorney Jeremy Cover, Public Works Director Trent Diehl, Code Enforcement Officer Brian Boyd, Economic Developer Shayla Gedrose and Police Chief Randy Beshore.

**OTHER GUESTS**

Linn Nitsche, Jim Henry, Melvin Ewing, John Brisby, Gayle Alexander, Mary Burrous and Kermit Kauffman

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Stark, seconded by Irick to approve the minutes of the March 20th, 2018 regular session and the minutes of the March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 closed session. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Motion by Agnew, seconded by Jett to approve the bills presented for payment Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Motion by Garnett, seconded by Irick to approve the Travel and Training request. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**DELETION/ADDITION TO  
AGENDA**

Motion by Brown to add Mary Burrous to the agenda as a scheduled guest, seconded by Irick. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**

**Kermit Kauffman**

Kermit Kauffman came before the City Council representing several organizations that would like to see a community building built. This building would have basketball courts, locker rooms, kitchen, banquet facilities and other equipment. The funding for the building would be covered by the

organization; they are coming to the city to see about land. They would like for this facility to sit on the land south of the current youth building. The city cannot just donate land to the organization it would have to be sold at fair market value. There are currently five organizations that are currently involved with this effort and an engineering firm that is willing to move forward with this project. City Administrator Koehn asked to set up a meeting with Kauffman to see what can be done to help with this project.

#### **Dog Park**

Mary Burrous came before City Council to inquire about a dog park. The current land that is slated for Sunset Park be turned into a dog park for the city. That currently there is no place for dogs to interact and play. That since there has been a hold up on having the park built that we could move forward with a dog park. She is asking for a five foot fence to be put up and two areas created one for small dogs and another for large dogs. That no electricity or water would need to be put out at the park. That people would be responsible for their dog while at the park. The matter was referred to committee for further discussion.

#### **Health Study**

Kiersten Morris from Pittsburg State University came before City Council with her colleagues to talk about a healthier Butler. They will be doing a study of the city for a school nursing project. They will be looking at several different factors in their research on what might cause poor health in our community. They did ask City Council on what they did to help promote a healthier community? They provide exercise equipment that employees can use, the Police Department sponsors gym memberships for their officers and they approve 5K runs and walks for the community.

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **Finance**

Jett reported that the Finance Committee met before council at 5:30 p.m. They discussed the utility due date and possibility of moving it. They came to the decision that it was not a good idea to move the utility due date. They also talked about purchasing land next to Boy Scout Park. Request was made that the membership dues for Snead to attend Rotary be paid by the city. Motion by Jett to pay Rotary dues for Snead of \$192.00 every quarter going forward, seconded by Brown. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

#### **Operations**

Agnew reported that the Operations Committee met before council at 6:00 p.m. They discussed trash dumpsters in residential areas of town. There seems to be more large trash dumpster showing up in residential areas. These dumpsters seem to be sitting in areas for long period of times and not being taken care of properly. An ordinance will come before council to talk about timeframes for dumpsters, fees and permits.

### **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**BILLS, ORDINANCES,  
RESOLUTIONS, POLICES and  
PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**Reports**

**CITY CLERK**

Lauber Law Firm will be conducting a newly elected training seminar on April 20, 2018. That it would be good that all new councilmen go and anyone who would like a refresher.

**POLICE CHIEF**

Rich Hill contract for dispatching to be completed and reviewed. OT grant for youth enforcement.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

No Report.

**CITY ADMIN**

MPUA Grant

We are waiting on final invoices to be turned in from our vendors to submit a request for a grant from MPUA that would reimburse the City for pole change out projects totaling close to \$48,000.

Leadership Training

Held meetings with all department heads to discuss leadership training and the way forward for our team. During the lunch hour, a few of us gathered to discuss team building. Ideas were thrown around and one that came up that most of us agreed upon was possibly creating a community service day.

Fiber

Koehn was asked to be a guest of the Butler Citizens for Fiber Internet radio interview on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Mike Brayen with Nokia was also asked to the interview to answer questions. Koehn believes that the session went well. Many questions were answered and hopefully some insight and understanding were gained for the tax payer.

Cemetery

Updated fees for cemetery- It was brought to Koehn's attention that the fees for opening and closing a grave for a cremation were not updated. Koehn has included a recommendation for an update along with a recommendation for the fees associated with baby land.

Dispatching for Rich Hill

We submitted a bid for the dispatching services for the City of Rich Hill and were awarded the contract. We are currently working on the contract document and will bring it to city Council for review and approval when completed.

Mediacom

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, I held a meeting in my office with the Sr. Director of Area Operations for MO/KS and the Senior Manager of Government Relations (via phone) for Mediacom. They updated me on what their company has been

doing in our area, what services they provide and how their infrastructure is designed. It was a very informational meeting.

**BATES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPER**

Working with Missouri Career Center to organize mini job fair for the workers that lost their job at Farner-Bocken. It will be May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 p.m. at the Old High School. An intern will be joining Gedrose this summer in the economic development office. Working on the site visit on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

The county will be sending a letter to request that the one way street on the north side of the jail change direction.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Reminder about City Wide Clean up April 23-27 for the north side of town and April 30-May 4 for the south side of town.

**MAYOR**

Would like to give a very sincere thank you to all the citizens and employees while he was Mayor. The best intent is the citizen.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**GARNETT**

Nothing to Report.

**BROWN**

Has the issue with the drinking water been resolved? Diehl is currently working on the issue still. It has been a pleasure working with Mayor Malan.

**IRICK**

Thank you Mayor Malan for sitting the example of leadership.

**STARK**

Thank you Mayor Malan for all the time and dedication you have shown to the city.

**IRWIN**

Thank you Mayor Malan for your service.

**AGNEW**

Thank you Mayor Malan for your service.

**COOK**

Thank you Mayor Malan for your leadership.

**JETT**

Thank you Mayor Malan for your service.

**New Business**

**Cemetery Fee's**

Koehn presented an updated fee schedule for the cemetery for cremation. It would be \$150.00 during the week to open/close and \$200.00 on the weekend to open/close for cremations. There would be no charge to open or close for baby land. Motion by Garnett to approve the new fees for cremation of \$150.00 during the week to open/close and \$200.00 for the weekend and no

charge for baby land, seconded by Irick. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

There being no further business, motion by Jett to go into closed session, seconded by Cook. Roll Call vote.

Garnett – Aye Brown – Aye Irick – Aye Stark – Aye Irwin – Aye Agnew – Aye Cook – Aye Jett - Aye

There being no further business, motion by Brown to adjourn the regular session council meeting, seconded by Jett. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**ADJOURN**

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Mayor Don H. Malan

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Corey Snead  
City Clerk