

CITY OF BUTLER
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 2, 2010

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 22 West Ohio, with Mayor Cook presiding. The following Councilmen were present:

ROLL CALL

David Brown	Brian Phillips
Justin Osburn	Pat Simons
Don Malan	Jim Fisher
Bob Schnoebelen	Doug Wix

OTHERS PRESENT

Others present were City Administrator Mark Arbuthnot, Police Chief Garnett, City Attorney Diana Thomas, and Barb Scrogam.

OTHER GUESTS

Other guests present to observe the proceeding were Eugene Miller, Terrence Wilson, Herman Thomas, Mike Rumpeltes.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Schnoebelen, seconded by Fisher to approve the minutes of the regular session of January 19, 2010. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands. Motion by Osburn, seconded by Phillips to approve the bills excluding Don's Tire and Service and Bates County Fire Safety. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands. Motion by Osburn, seconded by Phillips to approve bills from Don's Tire and Service and Bates County Fire Safety. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands with Malan and Wix abstaining. Motion by Wix, seconded by Osburn to approve travel and training. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee met on Jan 28, 2010 to interview three firms for the utility rate study. The committee recommends the firm Allgeier, Martin & Associates. In the event an agreement with Allgeier, Martin & Associates services is not mutually agreed to, then Bluebaker & Associates will be considered for the utility rate study. Motion by Schnoebelen, seconded by Osburn to accept the proposed firms. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Public Safety Committee met on February 2, 2010 at 6:00pm to discuss new equipment for the 911 dispatch system. It was decided to contact the County Commission and to get more cost information before a final decision is made.

CITY CLERK

Barb Scrogam reported for City Clerk Casey Koehn about the City website, that it had been postponed, and will go live February 12, 2010. She also requested approval for destruction of records. Malan made a motion for destruction of records, seconded by Brown. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Garnett reported he had received a grant in the amount of \$8,100.00 for the purchase of new equipment. Chief Garnett met with State Dept of Agriculture Agent and reported the current dog pound was not up to code and was condemned in 1995. To bring the pound up to code, the cost will be around \$14,000.00. Councilman Phillips will be talking to Wayside Waifs to see if there is another option for the disposal of the dogs.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Thomas informed the council that the State is getting particular about the release of personal information from the Police Dept and the Fire Dept. No Social Security numbers or year of birth, or the house number. Attorney Thomas also reported the Kennel ordinance needs to be amended; at this point in time the current Kennel ordinance does not limit the amount of dogs in a home. After some discussion it was decided to have Attorney Thomas work on amending the ordinance.

CITY AMDINISTRATOR

Administrator Arbuthnot reported Mid America Pipe Service is almost done with its project to clean, TV and some test the sewer lines. . On Friday January 29, 2010 Arbuthnot met with Corey McDonald of Pave Guard Technologies about the solar energy farm. The meeting went well, but more information is need on the cost of the project. Arbuthnot stated there is a 3rd party interested in investing in this project with the city. Mr. McDonald will be meeting with Administrator and the Council in the future.

RFP FOR CITY ATTRNY

Arbuthnot stated that the RFP for city attorney position is in the council packets. He asked if the council wanted to take proposals, the current city attorney's contract will renew April 1st, unless notice is given to terminate. Motion was made by Simons seconded by Osburn to proceed with RFP'S. Phillips abstained. Motion passed.

Discussion was also held by the Council to bring the selection process for City Attorney/Prosecutor before the entire Council instead of just a committee.

COUNCILMEN

Brown thanked Chief Garnett for his efforts in receiving the grant money.

Phillips thanked the Chief also.

Osburn thanked the Chief also. Osburn would like to start an ad hoc committee with the school and city. With a total of 8 members 2 councilmen, 2 bear backers, 2 private citizens, and 2 school board members. This committee would be about the growth of the city and schools. It was suggested to see if the county would be interested in being involved. Brown-good idea, Phillips-good idea, Osburn-good idea, Simons-good idea, Malan-good idea, Fisher-good idea, Schnoebelen-good idea, Wix-not sure. Will discuss it more at next council meeting.

Simons questioned the gas bill \$1600.00 at the Fire Dept and if an oil burner could be used to heat the building, Malan explained that it would be very expensive to do this.

CA Moore asked if anything was happening with the Pet Food Plant. Arbuthnot replied he had not heard from the Company for some time now.

Motion was made by Wix, seconded by Brown to adjourn meeting.

Mayor Jerry L. Cook

ATTEST

City Clerk Casey Koehn

