

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**May 2nd, 2017**

The Butler City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017 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 Tom Addleman, Public Works Director Trent Diehl, Code Enforcement Officer Brian Boyd and Police Chief Randy Beshore.

**OTHER GUESTS**

Linn Nitsche, Beverly Parish, Greg Parish, Rodger Koehn, Mary Burrous, Denny Rich, Crystal Treadwell, Teresa Shobe, Jesse Schowengerdt, Kensley Schowengerdt, Mikie Irick, Anthony Burton and Georgetta Burton

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Agnew, seconded by Irwin to approve the minutes of the regular session of April 18th, 2017 and the closed session of April 18th, 2017. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

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

Motion by Jett, seconded by Agnew to approve the training request presented. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

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DELETION/ADDITION TO  
AGENDA**

To add Marry Burrous and Greg Parish to the scheduled guest. Motion by Garnett to add Mary Burrous and Greg Parish to the scheduled guest, seconded by Irick. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**SCHEDULED GUESTS**  
**Jesse Schowengerdt**

Jesse Schowengerdt came before council to talk about a new sensory park for children with special needs. This park would have different activities and playground equipment that these children could interact with. This is all still in the planning stages and Schowengerdt has been consulting with hospitals and doctors about what this park would need. Schowengerdt will be coming back in the future to council with plans and where the park could be located at.

**Electric City Downtown**

Corey Snead came before council asking if the square could be used for a street dance and beer garden on May 27th from 7:00-10:00 p.m. The Electric City Downtown will be sponsoring the event along with Union Restaurant.

Snead is requesting that the square be closed off along Dakota Street and use of two porta potty's and staging from the city. Snead has also communicated with Chief Beshore about the beer garden and making sure it was fenced in properly and controlled. Motion by Cook to allow Electric City Downtown to hold the dance and beer garden on May 27, 2017 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. and use the porta potty's and staging, seconded by Irick. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**Marry Burrous**

Marry Burrous at 409 S. Fran Ave came before council requesting that the city move forward with Sunset Park. Ms. Burrous is concerned that the children that play around the Fran Ave Apt. Complex do not have any safe place to play. They are riding their bikes in the street and it is unsafe for them. Ms Burrous pointed out that equipment had been donated to the city for this project several years ago and we need a park in the area of town. Koehn did inform Ms. Burrous that a shelter house was budgeted this year for Sunset Park. Diehl also informed everyone that one structure does exist for this park. Council agreed that we need to move forward with getting the park built.

**Greg Parish**

Greg Parish came before council about the drug situation in the community. He is worried about the safety of his children and them playing outside. Mr. Parish he can look out his window and see the drug problem that is going on. Chief Beshore does realize that there is a problem in the community and asked if he see's any problems at all to contact the police department.

**COMMITTEES**

**Operations**

Agnew reported about the Operations Committee meeting before council. That we are still looking at ways to obtain fiber here in the city. That we are looking at having a study done. Motion by Agnew to keep moving forward with the fiber project for the city, seconded by Jett. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**Zoning Board**

Koehn gave report from the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting. The variance to allow storage containers in residential areas was declined. They also might consider not lumping both residential and commercial properties together with the storage container issue.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

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

None

## **Reports**

### **CITY CLERK**

Snead reported that the first meeting in July falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> and we would need to move the city council meeting. Motion by Brown to move the first meeting in July from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 p.m. seconded by Irick. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Snead also requested that the city help the Butler Chamber of Commerce since they have lost their office space currently. That the Chamber might need to store some items at city hall until a new chamber office could be found. Motion by Cook to support the Chamber during this transition time and allow them to store items at city hall if needed, seconded by Stark. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPER**

Nothing to Report

### **POLICE CHIEF**

Nothing to Report

### **CITY ATTORNEY**

Nothing to Report

## **CITY ADMIN**

### **Fiber**

Fiber conversation- We have been doing a lot of research regarding Fiber to the Home (FTTH). Koehn has included numerous documents for your review in the packet.

### **RFQ's**

The RFQs for the engineering services are out and are due back May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Christmas Light's**

Representatives from ECD are continuing to fine tune their Christmas light proposal. All information will be gathered and ready to present to City Council for the May 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting

### **Project Lemonade**

The Project Lemonade site visit went very well. We will know in July if we are awarded the grant.

### **Freedom's Frontier**

Freedom's Frontier signage will be installed soon. We have had no luck in convincing the state to allow the signs in their ROW, so we are going with the alternate locations. In the packet Koehn has included a proposed movement of a City owned directional sign. Moving this sign would allow the Freedom's Frontier signage to be more easily seen on 52 Hwy. Motion by Jett to move the City owned directional sign with the Freedom's Frontier sign and to contribute \$2,000.00 to Freedom's Frontier, seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

### **Airport Bid**

Airport bid opening occurred on April 25<sup>th</sup>. We received 6 great bids from highly qualified contractors. Our engineers at Burns and Mc are reviewing the bids and will have a recommendation for City Council and the Airport Commission very soon. Bids came in lower than budgeted, so this will give us

a little wiggle room for the proposed asphalt for the new hangar.

**Hill Top Trailer Court**

Hill Top Trailer Court hearing was held as schedule to continue with the abatement process. Koehn has spoken with the property owner and she has hired a contractor about cleaning up the property.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Diehl came before council that DNR requires that our tanks and water towers be tested every 3-5 years. A bid from Mid Co Diving was presented as the low bid for \$7,984.00. Diehl felt that this was a good and solid bid. Motion by Cook to accept the bid from Mid Co Diving to have the tanks and water towers tested, seconded by Irick. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Diehl also presented a bid from Mid West lumber for \$11,093.00 for a new Ferris mower for the Parks Department. This was budgeted for this year plus they will also be trading in an old mower on top of this. Motion by Cook to purchase the mower from Mid West Lumber for \$11,093.00, seconded by Stark. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Boyd reported that he has spoken with the different dumpster vendors and they are in favor of the pre-payment method. Currently working on vacant lots and unsafe structures around the city.

**MAYOR**

Mayor made the following appointments the city's commission's Airport Paul Jett and Paul French, Police Board Danny Robinson, Planning Commission Brian Phillips, Zoning Board Brian Phillips, Park and Recreation Brian Phillips, Neighborhood Advisory Mary Burrous and Cemetery Carol Henry. Motion Garnett to approve the appointments made by the Mayor, seconded by Irwin. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**GARNETT**

Went to the Elected Officers training and had a good time.

**BROWN**

Need to get information out to the citizens on who their councilman is.

**IRICK**

Would like to recognize Matt Vandenburg for all the work he does with the youth soccer leagues. Would like to name a soccer field after him. The issue will be taken to the Park Board for consideration.

**STARK**

Nothing to Report.

**IRWIN**

Nothing to Report.

**AGNEW**

Nothing to Report.

Nothing to Report.

Nothing to Report.

None

There being no further business, motion was made by Stark, seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Mayor Don H. Malan

Corey Snead  
City Clerk