# **Regular Session**

# **June 8, 2020**

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

# An agenda for the regular session meeting for June 8, 2020 for the City of Stockton, Missouri was originally posted pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.020 on June 4, 2020.

### Call regular session to order/Roll call

Mayor Norell called the regular session meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and the City Clerk took roll call. Council members present were Mark Frieze, MaryAnne Manring, Barbara Pate and Larry Koch. It was determined a quorum was present. Attending staff present were City Clerk, Vanessa Harper and City Superintendent, Raymond Heryford and Building Inspector/Code Enforcer, John Wilson. City Attorney, Peter Lee was also present.

**Pledge and Invocation**

After attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation was given by alder person Barbara Pate.

**Amended Agenda Approved:**

Manring motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to approve the agenda set for the June 8, 2020 City Council meeting with amendments requested by Mayor Norell including discussion on a pay increase for WWTP B operator, Larry Streiner and disbanding the City Hall Art Gallery, both to be discussed during the Mayor Communications. Unanimously approved.

**Visitors:**

None.

**Minutes:**

Motion made by Pate, seconded by Koch, carried; to approve the minutes as read for the regular Council meeting on May 27, 2020. Unanimously approved.

## Bills:

Harper pointed out one bill payable to Gracie Lane Design for $1,000.00 for painting the flag mural at the Veteran’s Memorial, was paid out of the McMillian Fund, specifically designated for City beautification. Manring motioned, seconded by Frieze, carried; to approve and pay bills as presented. Unanimously approved.

**Comments from the Public:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Heryford suggested adding lights on Hillcrest at the end of Cherry Street and at 1101 Cherry Street. Harper is to get estimates for the Council to review. According to Heryford, there is a pole already on the corner of Cherry and Hillcrest however a pole will need to be placed at the 1101 Cherry Street.

Heryford spoke to the tractor trailer owner on Blair Drive and requested they either park their vehicle facing the opposite direction or utilize the special tractor trailer parking in the City. Wilson added he had followed up with the complainants.

# **Reports from Appointed Boards**

Park: Absent. No votes taken. Council consensus was to hold off reopening the community building until commercial grade cleaning supplies can be acquired.

Cemetery:  Absent. No votes taken.

Airport: Absent. No votes taken. Heryford thought the inside of the new pilot’s quarters would be finished soon and would be opened within the week for business.

Sheriff Department Liaison: Absent. No votes taken.

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# **SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

Harper presented the Clear Basin cemetery software annual contract with the $1,500.00 fee to Council. Council tabled the item until Lee could re-review the contract for its legitimacy.

Bids were reviewed for the 1999 Chevy Dump Truck recently deemed surplus by the City. The bids were as follows:

George Pyle - $536.00, Johnson Stock Farm - $2,130.00. Pate motioned, seconded by Manring, carried; to accept the high bid of $2,130.00 for the 1999 Chevy dump truck. Unanimously approved.

After a brief discussion Koch motioned, seconded by Frieze, carried; to renew the Kaysinger annual membership for $400.18. Unanimously approved. It was decided Council would appoint the Kaysinger representative after the newly elected officials were sworn in.

**Reports from Appointed Officials**

City Attorney: Lee reported a continuous steady stream of tickets from the sheriff’s department and municipal court was back open.

Lee also confirmed foreclosure had gone through on the 603 North Street and the property owner has sold the property. According to Lee, the new property owner would be in contact with John Wilson. Nothing for closed.

Public Works Supervisor: Forwarded request from Rovensteins for “No Parking” along Oak Street west of Hwy 39. Pate suggested the police department patrol and enforce the City’s parking ordinances. No vote taken.

Pate motioned, Frieze seconded, carried; to purchase an air pump blower for the WWTP for approximately $5,000.00 from Cullum & Brown to be paid out of the repairs and maintenance reserve account. Unanimously approved.

Heryford added the root saw on the sewer truck used for cutting out roots in sewer lines was getting repaired for approximately $275.00.

Personnel for closed.

City Clerk: Nothing for open or closed.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcer: Reported firetruck #921 needed a modulator for the transmission. Pate motioned, seconded by Koch, carried; to move forward with Jon’s Mid America installing a $3,450.00 modulator for the transmission in #921 for a total installation price of $6,000.00. Unanimously approved. Wilson added, otherwise the fire department fleet was holding up nicely.

Nothing for closed.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS:**

**Pate:** Pate motioned, seconded by Koch, carried; to brush hog the struggling “butterfly garden” at the north water tower at 10”. Pate, Koch, Frieze – Yes, Manring – No, None – Absent. Mayor – Elect pointed out residents were required to cut at 6” to avoid a nuisance ticket.

Nothing for closed.

**Manring: N**othing for open or closed.

**Koch:**  Asked if someone could address the high weeds behind the Cedar County Barn as well as the tall weeds at the baseball field in the park. Nothing for closed.

**Frieze:** Nothing for open or closed.

**MAYOR –COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Mayor Norell**: Asked for a pay increase of up to $2.00/hour for the WWTP newly certified B operator. Harper explained there was latitude in the budget since a 10th employee had been budgeted for the 2019-20 fiscal year but had not been hired. Harper did request however, Heryford consider discontinuing soon the contract with the hired A operator for the $300.00 monthly fee. Heryford wanted to hold off until it was determined what the blue dye was going through the WWTP before terminating the contract. Pate motioned, seconded by Koch, carried; to increase Larry Streiner’s hourly wage from $12.00 to $14.00/hour. Pate, Manring, Koch – Yes, Frieze – No, None – Absent.

Per Mayor Norell’s request, Manring motioned, seconded by Koch, carried; to allow the Arts Group to have the items purchased with grant funds and donations to establish an art gallery somewhere outside of City Hall.

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Unanimously approved. Harper added she had emailed the auditors to see if it was legal to transfer unused grant funds to the Arts group. She would report at the next meeting.

**Convene into Close**

Manring motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to close regular session and go into closed at 5:57 p.m. for personnel. Approved with the following votes: Koch, Manring, Pate and Frieze: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**Reconvene Regular Session**

Manring motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to close closed session and go back into regular session at 6:22 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Koch, Manring, Pate and Frieze: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

No votes taken during closed session.

Mayor Norell requested Heryford remove a portion of the east side fence in the cemetery to accommodate those utilizing the complete streets route.

**Adjourn Regular Session**

Manring motioned, seconded by Frieze, carried; to adjourn the regular session meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Approved with the following votes: Koch, Manring, Pate and Frieze: Yes. None: No. None: Absent.

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk Mayor**