

MINUTES
PARK HILLS CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION – 6:00 P.M. TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2016
PARK HILLS COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Park Hills City Council met in a special session meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 2016, in the Park Hills City Council Chambers. Mayor Easter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All were present on roll call as follows: Councilman Adam Bowers, Councilman Steve Sutton, Councilman Larry LaChance, Councilwoman Sara Cruse, Councilman Tom Reed, Councilwoman Charlotte House, Councilman Larry Kelly, Councilman Charles Politte and Mayor David Easter.

Also present were City Administrator Matt Whitwell, City Attorney Ed Pultz, Economic Development Director Norman Lucas, Community Development Director Josh Hankins, Parks Director Dennis Politte and City Clerk Terri Richardson.

ACTION ITEMS

Bill #1197 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement for the rehabilitation of the Davis Water Tank. Mayor Easter read Bill #1197 two times by title. Councilman Kelly made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Cruse to approve Bill #1197 as presented. Roll call was as follows:

Councilman Adam Bowers	Yes
Councilman Steve Sutton	Yes
Councilman Larry LaChance	Yes
Councilwoman Sara Cruse	Yes
Councilman Tom Reed	Yes
Councilwoman Charlotte House	Yes
Councilman Larry Kelly	Yes
Councilman Charles Politte	Yes

The motion carried with a vote of 8-0.

Bill #1198 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Lead Belt Materials, Inc., to improve East Main Street (Contingent on MoDOT concurrence).

Mayor Easter read Bill #1198 two times by title. Councilwoman House made a motion, seconded by Councilman Politte to approve Bill #1197 as presented. Roll call was as follows:

Councilwoman Sara Cruse	Yes
Councilman Larry LaChance	Yes
Councilman Steve Sutton	Yes
Councilman Adam Bowers	Yes
Councilman Tom Reed	Yes
Councilwoman Charlotte House	Yes
Councilman Larry Kelly	Yes
Councilman Charles Politte	Yes

The motion carried with a vote of 8-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Parks Department Presentation by Councilman Bowers

Councilman Bowers passed out a Parks Department Proposal for review, stating that his proposal would eliminate the use of inmate labor and call for the hiring of high school and college students for seasonal positions. Parks Director Dennis Politte was asked to give his opinion on the proposal. Politte thanked Councilman Bowers for his efforts that suggested an added office employee, too, but respectfully disagreed with elimination of the inmate crew. Politte stated that the use of inmate labor was cost efficient at \$15,000 total annually compared to the \$9000 each season employee would cost and estimated it would take 10 to 12 seasonal employees for 7 months of the year. Politte stated that some inmates were skilled with the use of chainsaws or in construction, making them useful for parks projects and they are efficient in mowing right-of-ways and other City owned properties. Politte added that he employees twenty plus area youth during the summer season for the public pool and other seasonal jobs.

Upon conclusion, Politte asked to retain the inmate crew for use in maintaining parks, right-of-ways and other city owned property and further asked to change his two supervisors and the inmate crew to work four (4) ten-hour days, Monday through Thursday to increase productivity and keep up with city mowing and trimming jobs. Politte also asked if the added office employee could be addressed at the next budget meeting for the 2016-2017 budget.

After further discussion, Councilman Reed made a motion to retain inmate crews for maintenance of City property and to change the work week hours to four (4) ten-hour days for the two supervisors of the inmate crew. The motion was seconded by Councilman Politte and roll call was as follows:

Councilman Charles Politte	Yes
Councilman Larry Kelly	Yes
Councilwoman Charlotte House	Yes
Councilman Tom Reed	Yes
Councilwoman Sara Cruse	Yes
Councilman Larry LaChance	Yes
Councilman Steve Sutton	Yes
Councilman Adam Bowers	Yes

The motion carried with a vote of 8-0.


ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Reed made a motion, seconded by Councilman LaChance to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Terri L. Richardson, City Clerk

Minutes approved by City Council on *13th* day *September* of 2016.


David Easter, Mayor