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REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 11, 2000

The Park Hills City Council met in regular session Tuesday, April 11, 2000, at the Park Hills Council Chambers. City Administrator, Robb McClary, opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and the invocation was given by Norman Lucas. In the absence of the Mayor and President Pro Tem, Mr. McClary asked the council to elect an Acting President Pro Tempore to preside over the meeting. Councilwoman House nominated Councilman Naucke to preside. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Holloway and there being no further nominations, Councilman Naucke was elected by acclamation. Roll call was as follows: Present; Councilmen Naucke, McFarland, Holloway and Glore and Councilwomen House and Dickerson. President Pro Tem Hays was absent. Councilman Koen had resigned as of April 5 and Mayor Simmons had passed away on March 24, 2000.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Holloway, seconded by Councilwoman House, to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 14, 2000. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Councilmen Naucke, McFarland, Holloway and Glore and Councilwomen House and Dickerson. Nays; None. ***Motion carried.***

APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

An ordinance approving disbursements made by the city treasurer for the month of March 2000, in the amount of \$525,142.78 was read two times by Robb McClary and presented to the council for approval. Councilman McFarland made a motion to approve the ordinance as read. The motion was seconded by Councilman Holloway and roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Councilmen Glore, Holloway, McFarland and Naucke and Councilwomen Dickerson and House. Nays; None. ***Motion carried.***

APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

City Administrator McClary read the Certification of Election Results as provided by the St. Francois County Clerk. A motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson, seconded by Councilwoman House, to accept the Election Certification as read. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Councilmen Glore, Holloway, McFarland and Naucke and Councilwomen House and Dickerson. Nays; None. ***Motion carried.***

ADJOURNMENT OF CURRENT BUSINESS YEAR

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilwoman House to adjourn the current business year to administer the oaths of office to the newly elected Mayor and Council Members. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Councilmen Glore, Naucke, Holloway and McFarland and Councilwomen House and Dickerson. Nays; None. ***Motion carried*** and the current business year was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

TEMPORARY RECESS AND INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

The oath of office was administered to Mike Glore, Danny Naucke, Steve Kelly, Mark McFarland and John Clark by City Clerk, Carla Johnson. The newly elected Mayor and Councilmen took their seats at the dais and Mayor Clark called the new business year to order at 8:16 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES OF APPRECIATION TO TOM HAYS, KEN KOEN, AND WILLIAM WADE

Robb McClary explained that Tom Hays was not able to attend the meeting because he had to attend a seminar in Jefferson City. He sent his regrets and wanted to express his appreciation to his colleagues on the city council and said that he would attend the May meeting to accept his plaque. Mayor Clark asked Ken Koen to come forward and he presented him with a plaque in appreciation of his dedicated service on the Park Hills City Council from August 1993 until April 1997 and again from April 1999 until April 2000. Robb McClary asked William Wade to come forward and he presented him with a plaque in appreciation of twenty years of dedicated service hanging flags for the city. Both men received a round of applause and a standing ovation from the audience.

VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Lawrence Gould, Sr. addressed the council concerning discrimination. He had applied for membership on the Park Hills Fire Department and his application had been denied because his son was already a member. He had contacted Assistant City Administrator, Norman Lucas, and City Administrator, Robb McClary to try and resolve the issue, but to no avail. He received a letter dated February 28, 2000 signed by Robb McClary stating that his application had been considered by Fire Chief Robert St. Gemme and members of the Park Hills Fire Department and he had been rejected. He had obtained copies of the fire department minutes, and his name had never been brought up at any meeting for consideration by the members. He asked the council to put an immediate stop to these discriminatory acts.

Mayor Clark recognized **Shaun Topping** who was present and explained that he was attending the meeting because he was working on his Community Government Merit Badge. He is a member of the Park Hills Boy Scouts Troop 423.

PRESENTATIONS - BONNE TERRE VFW

Robb McClary explained that the city had questioned the appropriateness of the display of certain surplus military equipment in Columbia Park. Councilman Hays had contacted the Bonne Terre VFW and had asked them if they would be interested in displaying that equipment at their facility and they agreed. The equipment would be a gift from the city, not a loan. A motion was made by Councilman McFarland, seconded by Councilman Naucke, to authorize the gift of the equipment to the Bonne Terre VFW. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Councilmen Glore, Holloway, Kelly, McFarland and Naucke and Councilwomen House and Dickerson. Nays; None. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Election of President Pro-Tem

Councilwoman House nominated Councilwoman Dickerson for the position of President Pro-Tem, but Dickerson explained that she did not meet the age requirement. Councilman Glore nominated Councilman McFarland and House seconded the motion. There being no further nominations, the Mayor called for a motion to accept Mark McFarland as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Naucke. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Councilmen Naucke, Holloway, Kelly, and Glore, and Councilwomen House and Dickerson. Councilman McFarland abstained. **Motion carried.**

Proclamation-April is Fair Housing Month

A proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month was read by Robb McClary. A motion was made by Councilman Naucke and seconded by Councilman Glore to approve the proclamation as read. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Councilmen Glore, Holloway, Kelly, McFarland and Naucke and Councilwomen House and Dickerson. Nays; None. **Motion carried.**

Appointment of Council Member to Planning and Zoning Commission

Mayor Clark asked Councilwoman Dickerson if she was willing to serve again on the Planning & Zoning Commission and she said she would be glad to. A motion was made by Councilman McFarland and seconded by Councilman Naucke to accept the appointment of Linda Dickerson to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Councilmen Glore, Holloway, Kelly, McFarland and Naucke and Councilwoman House. Nays; None. Councilwoman Dickerson abstained. **Motion carried.**

Committee Appointments

Mayor Clark told the council that he had not made committee appointments at this time. He expressed his feelings that until he appointed a new member to replace Mr. Koen in Ward I, he would not proceed with the committee appointments.

Delinquent Taxes-Authorization to collect as per Chapter 94 RSMo.

Chapter 94, Section 170 RSMo., requires the collector, at the first meeting of the city council in April of each year, to submit a list of delinquent taxes remaining due and uncollected. The council shall examine the list, and if it appears that all property and taxes contained in the lists are properly returned as delinquent, the council shall approve the lists and cause a record thereof to be entered on the journal. A motion was made by Councilwoman House, seconded by Councilman Naucke, to approve the list of delinquent taxes. **Motion carried** on roll call vote as follows: Ayes; Councilwomen Dickerson and House and Councilmen McFarland, Naucke, Holloway, Kelly and Glore. Nays; None.

Bill #328-An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department (bike trail)

Bill #328-An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with MODOT (bike trail) was read two times by Robb McClary. Councilwoman Dickerson made a motion to approve the bill as read. The **motion** was seconded by Councilman Holloway and **carried** on roll call vote as follows: Ayes; Councilwomen House and Dickerson and Councilmen Holloway, Glore, Kelly, Naucke and McFarland. Nays; None.

Bill #329-An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with Horner and Shifrin (bike trail)

Robb McClary read Bill #329 two times. A motion was made by Councilman Naucke to approve the bill as read. Councilman Glore made a second to the motion and roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes; Councilmen McFarland, Glore, Holloway, Naucke and Kelly and Councilwomen Dickerson and House. Nays; None. **Motion carried.**

Authorization of Park Expenditures

Robb McClary explained that since the military equipment was going to be removed from Columbia Park, some council members had expressed a concern about the empty spaces that would be left and wondered if something positive could be put in those spaces and he had several requests to finish the amphitheater. He said that he would like to complete the next phase of the amphitheater project (\$10,000.00) and as a second priority make park improvements that had originally be budgeted but had been taken out at the last minute. He suggested that shelters and picnic tables could replace the military equipment and \$30,000.00 was available for those items. After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Holloway, seconded by Councilman Glore, to approve the \$10,000.00 to finish the second phase of the amphitheater, but to hold the \$30,000.00 for park improvements until the May meeting. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Councilmen Glore, Holloway, McFarland and Naucke and Councilwoman House. Nays; Councilwoman Dickerson and Councilman Kelly. **Motion carried.**

Summer Concerts at Amphitheater in Columbia Park

Park Director, Dennis Politte, told the council that the Fall Festival Committee had tried for several years to have a successful festival and there just didn't seem to be enough interest. He suggested that the city offer a

concert series at the amphitheater May through September instead of the festival. A motion was made by Councilman McFarland to discontinue the festivals and hold a series of concerts at the amphitheater. The motion was seconded by Councilman Holloway and roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Councilwomen House and Dickerson and Councilmen McFarland, Naucke, Holloway, Kelly and Glore. Nays; None. ***Motion carried.***

Relocation of Fire Hydrant on St. Joe Drive

McClary asked Councilman Naucke to explain the proposed relocation since he had introduced it at the last council meeting. Naucke said he had asked McClary to get him an estimate on the cost of moving the hydrant and it came to \$498.56. After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Naucke, seconded by Councilman Holloway, to move the fire hydrant back five feet at no cost to the resident. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Councilmen Glore, Holloway, McFarland and Naucke. Nays; Councilwomen Dickerson and House and Councilman Kelly. ***Motion carried.***

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Robb McClary introduced Brad Thibault as the new Utilities Director.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Ed Pultz talked to the council concerning liquor licenses. He gave them a report with the number of licenses, what type they were and what was being charged for each. He explained that according to state statutes, the city could actually charge a little more than what they were charging for several types of licenses. He asked the council to look over the memo and decide if they wanted to make any changes in their liquor license laws.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

Mayor Clark gave each council member information that he received from Park Hills citizens when he was campaigning for Mayor. The list included the things that people considered important matters in the city. Clark also mentioned a retreat for council and department directors explaining that a moderator would be present to talk with everyone and try to help the council decide in which direction they wanted to take the city. He also thanked everyone who voted for him for Mayor.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilman McFarland agreed with the list of comments submitted by citizens. He concurred that the city needed to encourage the development of housing and he realized that school funding was going down due to the lack of housing. He also asked if the water department could better accommodate people who were going to have their water shut off due to non-payment. He suggested that some sort of notice be hung on the door knob warning customers. He also asked if Bob St. Gemme could stay for the executive session because he would like to speak with him concerning the personnel issue that was brought up earlier by Lawrence Gould. He congratulated all who had been elected, but said that it was difficult to sit there without John Simmons.

Councilman Glore congratulated Clark on being elected Mayor and he mentioned that he too would like to know more about the fire department personnel issue. He also expressed his sorrow at the loss of John Simmons and asked if a tree could be planted at city hall in John's honor.

Councilwoman Dickerson said she would like to congratulate John Clark and expressed her sorrow at the loss of John Simmons.

Councilwoman House told the fire department that the new tanker truck looked great.

Councilman Naucke congratulated the fire department on a job well done on the new truck.

Councilman Kelly congratulated all who had been elected and said he was looking forward to working with everyone on the council. He asked if something could be done about dumping in the Industrial Park and he

reported that he had received a call from a lady who was dissatisfied with the service she had received from the city's insurance company when the trash truck had hit her car.

Councilman Holloway congratulated all the newly elected officials.

Mayor Clark said he also wanted to mention former Mayor John Simmons and he credited former City Administrator Larry Hughes for bringing him into city government. He said it was such a large part of John's life in the last few years and he knew how much he enjoyed being on the council. He asked everyone to stand in a moment of silence for John.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Naucke, seconded by Councilman McFarland, to adjourn the regular session and reconvene in executive session to discuss matters pursuant to Litigation as authorized by Section 610.021 (1) RSMo., Real Estate as authorized by Section 610.021 (2) RSMo., and Personnel as authorized by Section 610.021 (3) RSMo. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Councilmen Glore, Holloway, Kelly, McFarland and Naucke and Councilwomen Dickerson and House. Nays; None. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

RECONVENING OF REGULAR SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

The regular session reconvened at 12:25 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Councilwomen House, seconded by Councilman Glore, to adjourn. **Motion carried** on roll call vote as follows: Ayes; Councilwomen Dickerson and House and Councilmen McFarland, Naucke, Holloway, Kelly and Glore. Nays; None. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 a.m.