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MINUTES
PARK HILLS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
DECEMBER 10, 2002

The Park Hills City Council met in regular session Tuesday, December 10, 2002, at the Park Hills Council Chambers. In the absence of Mayor Clark, President Pro-Tem Glore opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and roll call was as follows: Councilwomen Dickerson and House and Councilmen McFarland, Easter, Holloway, Kelly, Glore and Kennedy were present. Mayor Clark was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilwoman House to adjourn to executive session to discuss matters related to legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys as authorized by Section 610.021 (1) RSMo., leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor as authorized by Section 610.021 (2) RSMo., and hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded as authorized by Section 610.021 (3) RSMo. ***The motion carried*** with Councilmen Glore, Kelly, Holloway, Easter, Kennedy and McFarland and Councilwomen House and Dickerson all voting in favor. No one voted to oppose. ***The regular session adjourned at 6:03 p.m.***

RECONVENING

The council adjourned executive session and reconvened in regular session at the Park Hills Council Chambers. President Pro-Tem Glore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the invocation was given by Councilman Kennedy. All but Mayor Clark were present on roll call.

VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Dan Smithson

Mr. Smithson had registered to speak prior to the meeting but did not attend. No one else asked to address the council.

MINUTES

Councilmen Kennedy and Easter each made a correction to the minutes of the meeting held November 12, 2002. A motion was then made by Councilman Kennedy and seconded by Councilman Easter to approve the minutes as corrected. *The motion carried unanimously.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill #458 - An ordinance authorizing execution of the contract proposed by the Goodwin Bros. Construction Co.

Bill #458 was read two times by Norman Lucas. Councilman McFarland made a motion to approve the bill as read. *The motion* was seconded by Councilman Kennedy and *carried* with Councilmen McFarland, Easter, Holloway, Kelly, Glore and Kennedy and Councilwomen House and Dickerson voting in favor. No one voted to oppose.

NEW BUSINESS

Engineer's update on East Elvins Blvd. Bridge

Chris Bowen and Chris Buerek of Bowen Engineering Company updated the council on the East Elvins Bridge Project. They told the council that in their contract the original scope of work was to design the bridge and the approaches for the project. During the course of the project they were asked to do some additional design work and to provide two bid alternates. In doing so they had exceeded their contract amount by \$5,800.00 and asked if the council would be willing to pay the additional costs. A motion was made by Councilman Kelly and seconded by Councilman Holloway to approve payment of the additional \$5,800.00 to Bowen Engineering. *The motion carried* with Councilmen Glore, Kelly, McFarland, Kennedy, Holloway and Easter and Councilwomen House and Dickerson voting in favor. No one voted to oppose.

Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement

Norman Lucas pointed to the changes made to the Hold Harmless Agreement and asked if anyone had questions concerning those changes. There being none, a motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Kelly to authorize the Mayor to execute the Hold Harmless Agreement with Mr. Hefner. *The motion carried* with Councilwomen House and Dickerson and Councilmen Glore, Kelly, Kennedy, McFarland and Holloway voting in favor. Councilman Easter voted in opposition to the motion. Lucas asked the council if they wished to convene on December 27th or 30th to consider final approval of the TIF District Redevelopment Plan. The council decided to meet December 27th at 4:00 p.m.

Utility Improvement Plan

Lucas asked the council to read the memorandum from Utilities Director John Black. Black had outlined the upcoming schedule for the Water and Wastewater Department Construction Crews.

Lucas also told the council that the utilities department needed to receive any future software upgrades over the internet and needed a faster connection to do so. He explained that for a minimal cost all departments could obtain a high speed connection and asked if the council would approve the expenditure. They agreed. Lucas also reported that the city hall offices were receiving bids from contractors to clean the heating and cooling duct work.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The City Attorney had nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Unlimited trash Christmas week

Lucas asked the council if they wished to allow unlimited trash the week after Christmas again this year and asked if they would mind to judge their own ward again for the house decorating contest. They agreed.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilman Kelly asked if anything had been brought to the city about the proposed sewer extension. Lucas said that he and Attorney Ed Pultz had been working on a Developer Agreement to bring before the council on the 19th. Kelly said he would like to see the Utility Committee meet prior to that council meeting. December 17th at 4:00 p.m. was set as the meeting date and time. Kelly also commended the Public Works Department on cleaning the streets during the recent snow storm.

Councilman McFarland reported a street light out at the corner of George and Hampton Streets. He also asked if he could recommend a candidate for condemnation. He said there was a real problem with the old Assembly of God Church on Ethel Street and suggested that it might be considered for the upcoming Demolition Grant. He also asked the Public Works Committee to consider changing the speed limit on old Highway 32. Chairman Kelly said the idea had been considered but the committee decided to wait until the East Elvins Bridge had been completed.

Councilman Easter asked when the city planned to fill the position of animal warden. Lucas told him that the Chief of Police was going over the applications now.

Councilman Kennedy said that he, Norm and Dale Thomure had attended a meeting in Cape Girardeau with Senator Bond to discuss transportation issues. He said that Norm had done an excellent job getting information to them about the traffic volume at the Fairgrounds Interchange. Kennedy said he felt that the meeting had gone very well and the biggest impact of the evening was on the Highway 67 corridor.

Councilman Gore asked if anything could be done about the alley behind East Main Street between 5th and 6th Streets. He said that the alley is terribly rough and a lot of people use it because of a drive-through window at the Conoco Station that is located there.

Norman Lucas distributed information from a company that markets TIF Bonds. He asked the council to read the information so they could acquaint themselves with the firm. He thought that the council might want to consider them when it comes time to market the bonds because of their expertise in that field.

President Pro-Tem Gore read a letter from Mayor Clark telling the Police Department that he had received a call from a citizen complimenting them on the tremendous service he had received during an emergency call in October, 2002.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Kelly to adjourn. **The motion carried with all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**