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**MINUTES**  
**PARK HILLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR SESSION**  
**MARCH 8, 2011**

The Park Hills City Council met in regular session Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at the Park Hills Council Chambers. Mayor Easter opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and all were present on roll call. The invocation was given by Councilman Reed and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

**VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS**

Mr. Gil Kennon, Vice President at Mineral Area College, addressed the council concerning the upcoming bond issue and the improvements that would be made if the issue passed. He asked the City Council if they would consider a resolution stating intent to support the passage of the bond issue for Mineral Area College.

**Resolution #118 - Stating Intent to Support the Passage of a Bond Issue for Mineral Area College**

Resolution #118 was read by Mayor Easter. A motion was made by Councilwoman Dickerson and seconded by Councilman Reed to approve the resolution as read. ***The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote.***

**Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

A motion was made by Councilwoman House and seconded by Councilman Reed to approve the minutes of the meetings held February 8 and February 22, 2011. ***The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote.***

**City Administrator's Report**

**Columbia Park Pavilion:**

- Columns have been set and longitudinal beams are installed
- Trusses are on-site and ready for installation
- Unitec has been working each day that weather has permitted
- Progress is continuing at a satisfactory pace

### Crawley Bottom Pedestrian Bridge

- The contracted work on the bridge is essentially done\_\_\_\_\_
- Fencing has been installed from Haney Street ramp to the end of the bridge on the Coffman Street side of the river\_\_\_\_\_
- Cleanup and reseeding was completed last week\_\_\_\_
- The Street Department has set some of the forms for the sidewalk from the bridge to Coffman Street and placed rock in the first 20 to 30 feet.\_\_\_\_
- Fencing will be installed on the north side of the sidewalk for approximately 20 feet extending from the bridge to eliminate a fall zone\_\_\_\_

### City Hall Remodel:

- Awaiting delivery of preliminary final plans
- Anticipate final plans by the end of this week
- Following staff review, the project will go out for bid immediately
- Bid opening is tentatively scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>
- Bids are scheduled to be presented to the Council at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting

### Sports Complex Improvements:

- All fence posts have been re-installed and concreted in
- Aschinger is near completion of pulling wire through the installed conduit
- Parks crew will begin stretching fences next week to allow concrete time to cure
- Will start with the baseball field fences and work around to the softball fields
- Will start next week on repairing low spots in the outfields and building the warning tracks\_\_\_\_\_

### Animal Control Facility:

- Pre-bid conference was held on Tuesday, March 1 with several potential bidders in attendance
- There have been 7 sets of plans issued

- The bids will be opened at 1:00 p.m. on March 18<sup>th</sup>
- Bids will be presented to the Council at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> work session

Annexation Utilities:

- Lift station is over 50% complete
- Ameren is nearly ready to start stringing 3-phase electric to the site
- Conduit will be installed this week and work begun on setting the meter base and transformer
- Re-grading of the water and sewer main trenches is complete

Other:

- Haney Park and Soccer Field
  - o This project continues to move forward at Doe Run's engineering contractor, Barr Engineering
  - o Matt has provided additional information to Barr Engineering to help design a plan that results in "no rise" within the floodway
- EPA Damage
  - o The conditions on Davis Court continue to worsen\_\_
  - o Donnie Akers has started taking photographs of this area and all other areas that EPA is working in to establish a record of damage being done\_\_\_\_\_
  - o Mr. Kennedy will be contacting Congresswoman Emerson's office regarding this situation in the event that we are not able to get the damage repaired\_\_\_\_\_
  - o Mr. Kennedy will also be contacting the Highway Patrol regarding use of their portable scales to monitor the weight of the haul trucks\_\_\_\_\_

### **Mayor's Discussion**

Mayor Easter told the Council Members that he wanted to recognize Fire Chief Jackie Wagganer who was attending the meeting. He also recognized three students from Central High School, Alicia Sebastian, Aaron Tyree and J.C. Moyers, who attended the meeting for class credit for Mineral Area College.

### **Council Discussion**

Councilwoman McRaven thanked the Mayor and City Staff for the letters of support written for East Missouri Action Agency.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Bill #969 - An ordinance Amending Section 210.580 - Open Burning**

Director of Community Development Matt Whitwell told the City Council that after staff review of the Municipal Code as well as State Statutes, it was determined that additional clarification was needed for a clear understanding of safety requirements of Section 210.580 of the Municipal Code concerning Open Burning. This clarification also gives city staff the tools to enforce requirements of this code section. Staff also added provisions for defining certain terms as well as exceptions to the prohibition of Open Burning. These allowances include burning of vegetative matter, campfires, and Special Event Fires under certain provisions. An amendment has also been made to allow burning without a permit, under certain conditions, from October 15<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bill # 969 was read two times by title. After some discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Kelly and seconded by Councilman Politte to approve the bill as read. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members Cunningham, Dickerson, Edgar, House, Kelly, McRaven, Politte and Reed. Nays; None. ***The motion carried with all in favor.***

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### Proclamation - April is Fair Housing Month

Mr. Kennedy told the Council that the current city Community Development grants derive funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The department requires encouragement of fair housing practices in the City as part of the grant agreement. This proclamation will satisfy part of that requirement for all of the grants.

The Proclamation, April is Fair Housing Month, was read by Mayor Easter. A motion was made by Councilwoman House and seconded by Councilwoman McRaven to approve the proclamation as read. ***The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote.***

### City Attorney's Report

City Attorney Ed Pultz had nothing to report.

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Reed and seconded by Councilwoman McRaven to adjourn regular session and reconvene in executive session to discuss matters related to 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. Roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Council Members Cunningham, Dickerson, Edgar, House, Kelly, McRaven, Politte and Reed. Nays; None. ***The motion carried with all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.***

### Reconvening/Adjournment

Immediately following executive session, the council reconvened in regular session at the Park Hills Council Chambers. A motion was made by Councilman Edgar and seconded by Councilwoman Dickerson to adjourn. ***The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.***