

**MINUTES
PARK HILLS COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

The Park Hills City Council met in regular session Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at the Park Hills Council Chambers. Mayor Daniel Naucke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Councilman Clark and Mayor Naucke led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was as follows:

Councilman Alan Coleman	Present
Councilman David Easter	Present
Councilman Tom Reed	Absent (entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m)
Councilman John Clark	Present
Councilman Adam Bowers	Absent
Councilman Larry LaChance	Present
Councilman Edward Hart	Present
Councilman Steven Weinhold	Present
Mayor Daniel Naucke	Present

Also present were City Attorney Ed Pultz and City Clerk Terri Richardson.

VISTORS AND DELEGATIONS

Eugene Fritsche of 32 Hill Street addressed the Council requesting to borrow City of Flat River artifacts with the intent of creating a city museum. Fritsche indicated that he purchased a downtown building with plans to open an antique shop with the museum in one area for visitors to enjoy at no charge. Fritsche wants to get the community involved and plans to reach out to the schools as well. Mayor Naucke asked if there were any objections to allowing city artifacts to be displayed in Fritsche's establishment, and there were no objections voiced. Mayor Naucke asked that all items be logged in order to keep a record of what is on loan and directed Fritsche to get with staff for the search for artifacts.

***Note: Councilman Reed entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m.**

MINUTES

Councilman Hart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Weinhold to approve the minutes of January 8, January 22, January 24 and January 29, 2019 as presented. *The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote.*

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT (given by City Clerk in City Admin's absence)

- a) Historic Downtown Preservation – Representative Amber Cox, A site visit has been requested, if the City qualifies and gets the historic designation, it could allow for grants to improve the downtown area, as well as assist business owners with low cost loans and renovation assistance, pros and cons still not fully known, state will let us know when the visit can be scheduled
- b) Court implementation and training – Park Hills Municipal Division slated to be converted to Show-Me-Courts state software in June or July, training for our clerks expected to be in May or June, an automated fee of \$7 will be added to court costs and will require an ordinance, Clerks are anxious to streamline current files and resolve compliance issues with past files, some accounting changes will also have to be made

- c) State of County Address – Registered to attend are Mayor Naucke, Mark McFarland, Alan Coleman, Tracy Fisher, Robert Sullivan and Richard McFarland, even will be held at Bonne Terre Knights of Columbus at 8:00 a.m., serving breakfast
- d) Street Department – Busy month with snows and the ice this past weekend had crews out at 4 a.m. on Saturday, did another excellent job, street sweeper was used to pick up gravel downtown left from spreader, plans for next snow are to try salt only, initial cost is more for salt but will eliminate the cost of rock and hauling and need to sweep streets afterwards
- e) Parks Department – Parks crews have finished installing benches and grills in Haney Park as per the grant, completed restrooms in Haney Park, Inmate crews situation still on hold but working towards getting them back
- f) Police Department – Chief McFarland is settling in and beginning to make some necessary changes, department is still down 2-3 road officers and is in need of a School Resource officer so plan to advertise these positions soon, Chief McFarland has requested consideration of creating a secretarial position in the police department to handle walk-ins, phone duty, etc and free up an additional officer for the road. Mayor Naucke asked Council to please consider it and send Mark McFarland any comments or questions by phone or email.
- g) Nuisance Areas – City staff needs to be more aggressive in forcing violators of our nuisance ordinances to comply, from observing while driving around town, the violators are more prevalent than ever, the police department has been asked by the Mayor to write down properties they observe while on patrol that are in violation, this list was collected and will be provided to community development tomorrow to be addressed
- h) Hiring of Employees – Current City Code Section 115.160 (b) states in part “*All appointments by the City Administrator with the exception of part-time employees, shall be subject to the approval of the City Council*”, about a year and half ago, Council gave permission for City Administrator to hire general labors because of the time it took between meetings to get someone in position who was needed, City Administrator looking for direction to either change ordinance or enforce ordinance or perhaps form a hiring committee to help expedite new hires. Mayor suggested Council think about it and perhaps bring back to work session for discussion.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilman Clark wanted to follow up with some items from past meetings starting with the street light issue on West Elvins Blvd. Clark said he realized there is an ordinance and criteria for installing street lights, but he would like the Council to make an exception in this case. After some discussion, the Mayor asked if there were any objections to making an exception to the policy and there were no objections made. Clark then asked if contact could be made with MoDOT about some specific areas in town that need attention, one being West Main, Highway Z at Countryside Lane, an area where water runs and just needs some maintenance. Another area is at the approaches to the railroad crossing on Taylor Avenue, large pot holes and broken pavement is a hazard in that area. Next, Clark expressed concern about the money borrowed from the Trust and Agency fund to build the lift station at Fairgrounds, asking that steps be taken to assure there is a payment plan for that money to be replaced. He also asked if the lift station could be postponed or delayed to see if the money could be budgeted in next fiscal year. Mayor Naucke indicated that it is critical that the lift station get completed for the allowance of any development to happen at Fairgrounds and assuring Clark that a repayment plan will be devised and brought to the Council for approval, stating he is very committed to making sure that happens but admitted that he also does not know yet the full cost of what it will take to completely finish the project. The end goal is to finish everything as soon as possible and then concentrate on getting developers interested in the completed site.

Councilman Weinhold verified that the lift station is at capacity and that it is critical to get the project completed and that he looks forward to a repayment plan for Council approval. Weinhold said he is in favor of the quest to get downtown placed on the Historic Registry and has a dream to see the downtown get renovated including all new landscaping, leveling dilapidated buildings and making them into parking lots. Next, Weinhold mentioned that the City does not have a ladder truck for fighting fires, but chose to go with a pumper truck, and feels this has hurt the City's ISO rating. Weinhold said he believes ISO ratings are looked at by businesses looking to located here. He said a ladder truck would be crucial if a hotel of several stories were to locate in our City, even though we have mutual aid, he believes Farmington response time would be a hindrance (they have a ladder truck). He thinks that fire hydrant repairs could help with the ISO rating as well and he has spoken with Utility Director Jeremy Buxton for a plan with realistic numbers to have all fire hydrants painted red, repaired. He also understood from that conversation that we have a 60' line from one tower that feeds Rivermines area only, thinking that it can be increased and anything else we can do to get a better ISO rating. Weinhold said he would like for the City to see if it would be possible to get Amtrak to run though our town, asking what would that entail? He believes it would bring people to town that would use hotels and other businesses and would like to see what it would take to build a depot. He would like some answers for the next meeting. Weinhold concluded with the out of control trash issue, stating he has a constituent who has picked up trash several days in a row on his property including hypodermic needles, which Weinhold has picked up himself as well. He would like to see housing issues, landlords and trash issues brought under control so the city can attract better clientele in the homes available here. He would like to see tougher fines, better enforcement of codes and sentencing of community service. He said that a gentleman has reached out to him about needing help with home improvements that he thinks can be addressed with community involvement if we all come together.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

Bill #1308-An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a supplemental contract agreement #2 with Buescher Frankenberg Associates, Inc (BFA) for project engineering service. Mayor Naucke read Bill #1308 two times by title. Councilman LaChance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Coleman to approve Bill #1308 as presented. Roll call was as follows:

Councilman Alan Coleman	Yes
Councilman David Easter	Yes
Councilman Tom Reed	Yes
Councilman John Clark	Yes
Councilman Adam Bowers	Absent
Councilman Larry LaChance	Yes
Councilman Edward Hart	Yes
Councilman Steven Weinhold	Yes

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Bill #1309 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 115 by repealing part of Section 115.030. Mayor Naucke read Bill #1309 two times by title. Councilman Hart made a motion, seconded by Councilman Weinhold to approve Bill #1309 as presented. Roll call was as follows:

Councilman Alan Coleman	Yes
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Councilman David Easter	Yes
Councilman Tom Reed	Yes
Councilman John Clark	Yes
Councilman Adam Bowers	Absent
Councilman Larry LaChance	Yes
Councilman Edward Hart	Yes
Councilman Steven Weinhold	Yes

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Bill #1310 – An Ordinance proclaiming according to the election laws of the state of Missouri, a general election will be held on April 2, 2019, for the purpose of electing four councilpersons to serve 2-year terms. Mayor Naucke read Bill #1310 two times by title. Councilman Weinhold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Coleman to approve Bill #1310 as presented. Roll call was as follows:

Councilman Alan Coleman	Yes
Councilman David Easter	Yes
Councilman Tom Reed	Yes
Councilman John Clark	Yes
Councilman Adam Bowers	Absent
Councilman Larry LaChance	Yes
Councilman Edward Hart	Yes
Councilman Steven Weinhold	Yes

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Consideration of appointment to Library Board. Mayor Naucke asked the Council to consider appointing Rachel Martin to the Library Board of Trustees to fill an unexpired term to end June 2020 (term vacated by Helen Shelley who passed away). Councilman Reed made a motion, seconded by Councilman Weinhold to approve the appointment of Rachel Martin to the Library Board of Trustees as presented. ***The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote.***

Bill #1311 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with Crystal Heating and Cooling for repairs to the boiler heating system at the Park Hills Library. Mayor Naucke read Bill #13011two times by title. Councilman Hart made a motion, seconded by Councilman LaChance to approve Bill #1311 as presented. Roll call was as follows:

Councilman Alan Coleman	Yes
Councilman David Easter	Yes
Councilman Tom Reed	Yes
Councilman John Clark	Yes
Councilman Adam Bowers	Absent
Councilman Larry LaChance	Yes
Councilman Edward Hart	Yes
Councilman Steven Weinhold	Yes

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Bill #1312 – An Ordinance decreasing the Municipal Judge pay and changing the number of court session per month. Mayor Naucke read Bill #1312 two times by title. Councilman Coleman made a motion, seconded by Councilman LaChance to approve Bill #1312 as presented. Roll call was as follows:

Councilman Alan Coleman	Yes
Councilman David Easter	Yes
Councilman Tom Reed	Yes
Councilman John Clark	Yes
Councilman Adam Bowers	Absent
Councilman Larry LaChance	Yes
Councilman Edward Hart	Yes
Councilman Steven Weinhold	Yes

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Consider the Mayor's appointment to the Tax Increment Financing Commission. Mayor Naucke asked the Council to consider the appointments of Daniel Naucke, Mark McFarland, Robert Sullivan, Lance Sechrest, Chris Hulsey and Linus Barnfield as representatives of the City of Park Hills on the TIF Commission. Councilman LaChance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hart to approve the appointments as presented. *The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote.*

Bill #1313 – An Ordinance repealing Chapter 700, Sections 700.050 and 700.040 and enacting new sections 700.050 and 700.040 regarding application for water service and deposits. Mayor Naucke read Bill #1313 two times by title. Councilman Weinhold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Coleman to approve Bill #1313 as presented. Roll call was as follows:

Councilman Alan Coleman	Yes
Councilman David Easter	Yes
Councilman Tom Reed	Yes
Councilman John Clark	Yes
Councilman Adam Bowers	Absent
Councilman Larry LaChance	Yes
Councilman Edward Hart	Yes
Councilman Steven Weinhold	Yes

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Naucke asked for a motion to adjourn to 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. and 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.


Councilman Reed made a motion, seconded by Councilman Coleman to adjourn to executive session as per the Mayor's request. Roll Call was as follows:

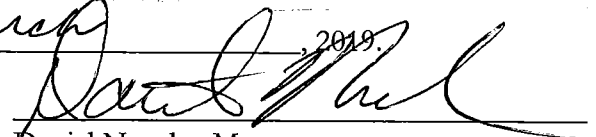
Councilman Alan Coleman	Yes
Councilman David Easter	Yes
Councilman Tom Reed	Yes
Councilman John Clark	Yes
Councilman Adam Bowers	Absent
Councilman Larry LaChance	Yes
Councilman Edward Hart	Yes
Councilman Steven Weinhold	Yes

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0. Regular session adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Council reconvened in regular session. Councilman Coleman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hart to adjourn. *The motion carried with all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.*


Terri Richardson, City Clerk

Approved by City Council this 12th day of March, 2019.

Daniel Naucke, Mayor

