

MINUTES
PARK HILLS COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 11, 2020

The Park Hills City Council met in regular session Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at the Park Hills Council Chambers. Mayor Daniel Naucke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The invocation was given by City Administrator Mark McFarland and Mayor Naucke led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was as follows:

Councilman Alan Coleman	Present
Councilwoman Stacey Easter	Present
Councilman Ryan Ruble	Present
Councilwoman Donna Dettmer	Present
Councilman Adam Bowers	Absent
Councilman Larry LaChance	Present
Councilman Adam Kell	Present
Councilman Steven Weinhold	Absent
Mayor Daniel Naucke	Present

Also present were City Administrator Mark McFarland, City Attorney Nathan Bollinger, Digital Content Manager Tamara Coleman, Court Clerk Tracy Fisher, Utility Director Frank Shovlin and City Clerk Terri Richardson.

Amending the Agenda

Mayor Naucke asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add item (e) to New Business to certify election results. Councilman Coleman made a motion and it was seconded by Councilman Ruble. *The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote and no one opposed.*

VISITORS AND DELEGATION

Brandon Hassell of Hassell Ivy League addressed the Council concerning some adjacent property that he would like to obtain from the City. After a few questions, the Mayor thanked Hassell for coming and said the Council will discuss the request and get back in touch with him.

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Councilman Ruble made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Dettmer to approve the minutes of July 14 and July 28, 2020 as presented. *The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote.*

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Mark McFarland reported:

- The August 25th work session will start at 5:30 p.m. and is our annual budget work session. It will begin with a public hearing to set the 2020 property tax rate.
- The pool was closed early due to a pump breakdown, booked parties, swim lessons and passes were refunded
- CodeRed alert system will not be renewed on October 1st and we are encouraging patrons to use the county system for free. Officer Doug Bowles has resigned as Emergency Management Director and the Chief of Police has taken over until a new appointment can be made.

- Interviews were conducted and a candidate was chosen to fill the public works laborer position. The parks director and Mark will look over applications for the parks department laborer position in the next couple of days and plan to set up interviews very soon.
- City staff has been working on employee health insurance proposals with several plans and brokers and would like to recommend one that will be a dual option. Current plan renewal was a 39% increase. Recommendations are to go with Broker John McCarty of Arch Brokerage, Inc. The chosen plan(s) will be a \$1000 deduction for employees (up from \$500) and an increase of about 16% over current plan. The options will be 20% coinsurance after deductible or a buy up for 0% coinsurance after deductible. Employees portion will increase and the network will remain with United Health Care, but the City will fund a Health Reimbursement Account rather than a gap plan like we currently have, in hopes of keeping some of the funds to build on.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilman Coleman asked why we can't replace the public swimming pool instead of putting more and more money into pumps and repairs of such an old structure. *McFarland* responded stating that he and the Parks Director had looked into some options about 3 years ago, but found the city does not qualify for a bond issue and has too much debt for a loan that would be upwards of 1.5 million dollars. *Coleman* said he was aware of a grant that may be available and that the 20% match required to be worked out with labor, etc. *Coleman* also asked if the City could look into installing a street light at the end of Trail Ridge in the cul-de-sac. *McFarland* responded that he would check on it to make sure it meets ordinance criteria.

Councilman Ruble said he would like to see a long-term plan to replace the public swimming pool. He also thanked Assistant Utility Director *Jeff Crannick* for the tour of facilities and found it very interesting and informative. He was also impressed with *Jeff Jones*, the Chief Wastewater Plant Operator, both his knowledge and passion for his job. *Ruble* stated that he can certainly see where some major improvements are needed and planned and he would like to see the Daily Journal document before and after photos to show the public where we are and where we are going.

Councilman LaChance said he was contacted by a constituent complaining that the striping of East Elvins Boulevard, in particular, but several areas throughout town, is faded and hard to see at night. *McFarland* stated that it is in the budget to get the striping done this year, hopefully in the next few weeks. *LaChance* asked if MoDOT shares any responsibility with the striping of East Main and *McFarland* said he would check with them. *LaChance* also jokingly thanked the parks department for cutting the weeds so quickly at the dog pound (his request from last meeting) as they had apparently cut it several days before he made the request. *McFarland* remarked that we have also replaced the roof at the pound that was damaged during the last hail storm. *Mayor Naucke* said they have repaired the fencing as well.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

No discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #212 – A Resolution declaring surplus property and providing a mechanism for the sale and disposal thereof. *Mayor Naucke* read Resolution #212. *Councilman Coleman* made a motion, seconded by

Councilman Ruble to approve Resolution #212 as presented. *The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote and no one opposed.*

Consideration of Employee Health Insurance Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Councilman Coleman made a motion to approve the recommended plan for dual option health insurance plan with Arch Brokerage, Inc. and The Guardian for the group dental, vision and life plans as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman LaChance and roll call was as follows:

Councilman Alan Coleman	Yes
Councilwoman Stacey Easter	Yes
Councilman Ryan Ruble	Yes
Councilwoman Donna Dettmer	Yes
Councilman Adam Bowers	Absent
Councilman Larry LaChance	Yes
Councilman Adam Kell	Yes
Councilman Steven Weinhold	Absent

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0.

Mayors Appointments to Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Naucke ask the Council to consider his reappointments of Ron Burns and Tom Burns to the Planning and Zoning Commission for another term. Councilman Coleman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Dettmer to approve the reappointments as presented. *The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote and no one opposed.*

Setting a Public Hearing for property tax rate for 2020. Councilman Ruble made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Dettmer to set a Public Hearing for August 25, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. to gather public input on the setting of the 2020 property tax rate. *The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote and no one opposed.*

(Amended) Certification of Election Results

Councilman Coleman made a motion seconded by Councilman Ruble to approve the official certification of the election results of the St. Francois County election board for the August 4, 2020, election. *The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote and no one opposed.*

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Coleman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Dettmer to adjourn to executive session as requested by Mayor Naucke to discuss matters pertaining to:

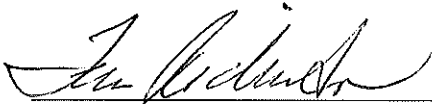
- (a) legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys as authorized by Section 610.021 (1) RSMo.
- (b) leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore as authorize by Section 610.021 (2) RSMo.
- (c) 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. Roll call was as follows:

Councilman Alan Coleman	Yes
Councilwoman Stacey Easter	Yes
Councilman Ryan Ruble	Yes
Councilwoman Donna Dettmer	Yes
Councilman Adam Bowers	Absent
Councilman Larry LaChance	Yes
Councilman Adam Kell	Yes
Councilman Steven Weinhold	Absent

The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

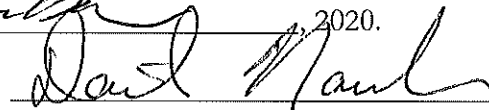
ADJOURNMENT

Council reconvened in regular session and Councilman Coleman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Dettmer to adjourn. *The motion carried with all in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.*



Terri Richardson, City Clerk

Approved by City Council this 8th day of September, 2020.



Daniel Naucke, Mayor

