

MINUTES
PARK HILLS COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION
MARCH 22, 2022

The Park Hills City Council met in a work session meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at the Park Hills Council Chambers. Mayor John Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. City Administrator Mark McFarland gave the invocation and Mayor Clark led the pledge of allegiance. Roll call was as follows:

Councilman Alan Coleman	Present
Councilwoman Stacey Easter	Present
Councilwoman Cindi Penberthy	Absent
Councilwoman Donna Dettmer	Present
Councilman Adam Bowers	Present
Councilman Brian Whitfield	Present
Councilman Adam Kell	Present
Councilman Steven Weinhold	Present
Mayor John Clark	Present

Also present were City Administrator Mark McFarland, City Attorney Nathan Bollinger (entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m.) and City Clerk Terri Richardson.

ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Street Closing

The Park Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Park Hills Association represented by Tammi Coleman asked if the City Council would grant permission to close West Main Street in the areas located on the map in conjunction with the Sauces and Shows event on May 20th and May 21st. The request also included the closing of a portion of South Coffman Street between West Main and T.J. Stewart Drive, as well as, use of the old Country Mart parking lot. After some discussion, Councilman Bowers made a motion, seconded by Councilman Whitfield to approve the request as presented. *The motion carried with all in favor and no one opposed.*

City Administrator Discussion

City Administrator Mark McFarland reported:

- The Wastewater Department is making some budgeted repairs from Capital Improvement for some items that have needed attention for several years and totaling around \$7500.
- McFarland attended the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission meeting earlier today and one of the subjects was the mandatory federal assessment of sidewalks that is being required of all cities for ADA compliance. McFarland said he believes that with the guidance material provided, the report can be done inhouse, however, the city will also be expected to have a written plan of repair/replacement of noncompliant sidewalks.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilman Coleman extended his wishes of good luck to all the candidates running for election. Coleman also asked if the pothole at Lewis and St. Joe Drive could be addressed as it seems to keep getting larger.

Councilwoman Easter said she was contacted by a representative from probation and parole who wanted permission to collect at the 4-way stop in downtown Park Hills for the two officers and their families that were affected by the

recent Bonne Terre shooting. After some discussion, Easter was reminded that this practice isn't allowed and she agreed to offer them some other solutions or locations to hold the fundraiser.

Councilman Bowers stated that the pool committee had a recent meeting and Brockmiller Construction asked who would be the main contacts for the project once he (Bowers) is off the City Council. Bowers let them know that it would be Mayor Clark and City Administrator Mark McFarland. Bowers stated that a group has been formed as the Park Hills Citizens for Prop SWIM and reminded everyone that there are three public forums planned for March 24th, March 28th and April 2nd to be held at Central High School. He asked that everyone come out and support the proposition.

Councilman Weinhold stated that the Old #9 Garden Club met and was ready to move forward with the previously discussed Blue Star memorial which they are purchasing very soon. Weinhold had passed out flyers with the plaque for everyone to review. He asked that the next meeting agenda have a consideration item down for this memorial to be placed in Columbia Park next to the Chapel area and that the club was asking for permission to put in a memorial garden and eventually place a Gold Star memorial plaque there as well, should the City Council agree. Weinhold also asked that the next agenda include the consideration of placing Darrell S. Cole on the City limit signs as recognition of his contribution to the area and service to the country.

MAYOR'S DISCUSSION

Mayor Clark asked everyone to rise and take a moment to show respect for slain officer Burns and wounded officer Worley of the Bonne Terre Police Department stating that it was devastating to both the families of the officers and the City they served, as well as, all of the surrounding communities. After a moment of silence, Mayor Clark offered a prayer for the loss and prayed for strength and guidance of all affected by this tragedy.

MAYOR'S PRESENTATION

Project Restore Our Neighborhoods

Mayor Clark gave a power point presentation concerning derelict housing and calling awareness to our neighborhoods in hope of reaching an ultimate goal of expediting the process of removing and reviving the properties. Mayor Clark said he planned to meet with local developers and present this same report to them. He supplied several handouts throughout the presentation dealing with housing conditions, junk, debris and derelict property lists. Upon conclusion, Mayor Clark stated that he realizes there are laws and obstacles but is passionate about adopting a plan to streamline the process and move forward, not just talk about it. City Attorney Nathan Bollinger explained just what the current process was and that each property is different with a different set of obstacles but felt confident that staff and the community is motivated to continue the process.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Kell made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Dettmer to adjourn to executive session as requested by Mayor Clark to discuss matters related to:

- (1) 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.,
- (2) 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.,
- (3) 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
Councilwoman Cindi Penberthy	Absent
Councilwoman Donna Dettmer	Yes
Councilman Adam Bowers	Yes
Councilman Brian Whitfield	Yes
Councilman Adam Kell	Yes
Councilman Steven Weinhold	Yes

The motion carried with a vote of 7-0. Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

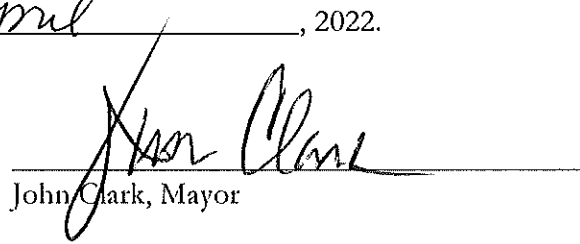
RECONVENING AND ADJOURNMENT

The City Council reconvened into regular session and Mayor Clark asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Whitfield made a motion, seconded by Councilman Weinhold to adjourn. *The motion carried with all in favor on voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.*



Terri Richardson, City Clerk

Approved by City Council this 12th day of April, 2022.



John Clark, Mayor