

**Burlingame City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting - DRAFT
February 2, 2009**

1. Call to Order by Mayor.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Roll Call.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brenda Dorr
Norman Bloomquist
Carolyn Strohm
Vikki DeMars
Kevin Fry
Dustin Swander

Absent:

Staff Present City Clerk Gilbert, City Attorney Godderz, Utility Foreman Grandstaff
(Police Chief Shaffer entered meeting @ 7:15pm)

Public in attendance: Gabe Feimon representing Osage County Herald-Chronicle, Kenny Noonan,

3. Citizen's comments: Kenny Noonan of 139 W. Lincoln Ave addressed the Council with the complaint of low water pressure since the upgrades were done in his neighborhood. His main concern that after 5 weeks noone has fixed the problem. Utility Foreman Grandstaff stated he felt the contractor had taken care of the problem since he had not heard anything. He informed Mr. Noonan they would be looking into the issue the next day. Council advised Mr. Noonan if the problem persists to please notify them again.

4. Approval of Agenda: City Clerk Gilbert requested the Water project item be removed as none of the Interested parties were able to be there. Mayor Dorr asked for item # 14 be removed as staff does not have the authority to request an executive session. Motion to authorize the agenda with changes given by Councilmember Bloomquist with a second by Councilmember Swander.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Carolyn Strohm
Vikki DeMars
Kevin Fry
Dustin Swander

5. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of January 19 as presented after Mayor Dorr questioned as why this format for minutes was used, City Clerk Gilbert stated it was an easier format to use. Mayor Dorr pointed out Councilmember Strohm's first name was misspelled. Motion to accept with corrections was given by Councilmember DeMars with a second by Councilmember Fry..

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
Kevin Fry
Dustin Swander

6. Approval of Claims Ordinance 2147 and 2147WP:

Mayor opened discussion over the charge from Quill and asked if the charge was for toner, with City Clerk responding it was for all printers. Mayor Dorr question as to why the trash service hadn't been picked up on Friday and is it normal they pick up on Saturday. City Clerk Gilbert stated they had picked up trash on Thursday and then again on Saturday due to equipment problems. Motion to accept both claims ordinances as presented by Councilmember Fry with a second from Councilmember DeMars.

Vote: Ayes: Carolyn Strohm
Vikki DeMars

Norman Bloomquist
Kevin Fry
Dustin Swander

7. Purchasing Policy:

Mayor Dorr explained the policy is contradictory where they can purchase up to \$100.00 without consent but can also use the purchasing card up to \$1,000.00. Much discussion was entailed with all Council sharing their views with different situations. A point was brought out that all City Administrator should be replaced with City Council throughout the policy. Councilmember DeMars made a motion to table the policy until all policies could be reviewed, with a second from Councilmember Swander.

Vote: Ayes: Kevin Fry
Carolyn Strohm
Vikki DeMars
Norman Bloomquist
Dustin Swander

8. Advisory Question:

Discussion over the advisory question started with City Attorney advising the Council a resolution should be passed so there is a record of what the Council is asking. With a suggestion for all the Council table it until the next meeting and to come up with their own question individually. The next meeting the questions can be reviewed in plenty of time to submit a resolution to the Council. Motion to table until the next meeting was given by Councilmember Bloomquist and seconded by Councilmember Fry.

Vote: Ayes: Kevin Fry
Carolyn Strohm
Vikki DeMars
Norman Bloomquist
Dustin Swander

9. Auditor Letter of Intent:

With discussion between the audit and budgeting process motion by Councilmember Bloomquist to table this item until more pricing could be obtained. Second was offered by Councilmember DeMars.

Vote: Ayes: Kevin Fry
Carolyn Strohm
Vikki DeMars
Norman Bloomquist
Dustin Swander

10. Connecting Links:

Motion to deny the offer of signing the proposed agreement for the City-County "Connecting Links" maintenance was given by Councilmember Bloomquist with a second from Councilmember DeMars..

Vote: Ayes: Carolyn Strohm
Vikki DeMars
Dustin Swander
Norman Bloomquist
Kevin Fry

11. Employee Sick Time:

Mayor Dorr explained the sick pay to Council stating there are a couple of employees that still have the old rate of sick time in their bank, she is requesting clarification from Council on this matter. Much discussion on this item with Mr. Godderz suggesting the policies all need to be addressed. Motion to table this item until more information. Motion was made by Councilmember Bloomquist with a second from Councilmember Swander until more information could be obtained.

Vote: Ayes: Carolyn Strohm
Vikki DeMars
Dustin Swander

Norman Bloomquist
Kevin Fry

12. Executive Session:

Motion to move into non-elected personnel in Public Works executive session for 15 minutes by Councilmember DeMars with a second by Councilmember Frye..

Vote: Ayes: Kevin Fry
Vikki DeMars
Dustin Swander
Nays: Norman Bloomquist
Carolyn Strohm

Council entered into executive session at 8:01 pm and returned to regular session at 8:16pm.

Mayor Dorr stated no action taken in executive session.

Reports:

City Attorney Godderz recommended to the Council on the deadline for the completion of the project and There are issues that need to be covered before the closure of the project.

Councilmember Swander made the motion to have a special meeting on February 9th @ 5:30 pm with the Contractor and Engineer to cover the Phase II. The second motion came from Councilmember DeMars.

Vote: Ayes: Kevin Fry
Carolyn Strohm
Vikki DeMars
Norman Bloomquist
Dustin Swander

City Clerk Gilbert reported Crossroads Wireless started laying employees off in November, and even though She can not find any record to verify they have gone bankrupt that is what she had been told. The city hasn't received any funds in the month of January from the company, along with the main component to their antenna gone and unable to get in touch with anyone, she is assuming the company has closed. Also reporting the Department of Commerce will be speaking at the next meeting on the new Rural Development Office. An appointment on February 12 with B G Consultants, Donna Crawford and Rural Development over the the possibility of a sewer project. Brian with BG Consultants with speak with the Council next meeting. Embarq is working on a proposal to cut the cost of our phone system and lines. Also noting the next meeting Will be Tuesday February 17 due to Monday being a holiday. Regarding the stimulus moneies they are hoping to change the KLINK grant to 2009 instead of 2010.

Chief Shaffer requested for Council to make a motion to go ahead to allow the City or himself to get a new City Prosecutor for City Court. If the Council is willing to do that, we will suspend court cases until a replacement is found.

Executive Session:

Motion to move into non-elected personnel executive session for 10 minutes by Councilmember Swander with a second by Councilmember Frye with Chief Shaffer attending.and City Attorney Godderz entering in after some time.

Vote: Ayes: Kevin Fry
Vikki DeMars
Dustin Swander
Carolyn Strohm
Nays: Norman Bloomquist

Council moved into executive session at 8:31 pm and returned to regular session at 8:41 pm.

Mayor Dorr reported no action taken in executive session.

Executive Session:

Motion to move into non-elected personnel executive session for 10 minutes by Councilmember Fry and a second from Councilmember DeMars, with City Attorney Godderz invited, along with Police Chief Shaffer.

Vote: Ayes: Kevin Fry
Vikki DeMars
Dustin Swander
Carolyn Strohm
Nays: Norman Bloomquist

Council entered into executive session at 8:42 pm and returned to regular session at 8:52 pm.

Mayor Dorr reported no action taken in executive session.

Executive Session:

Motion to move into non-elected personnel executive session for 5 minute by Councilmember Fry and a second from Councilmember DeMars, with City Attorney Godderz invited.

Vote: Ayes: Kevin Fry
Vikki DeMars
Dustin Swander
Carolyn Strohm
Nays: Norman Bloomquist

Council entered into executive session at 8:52 pm and returned to regular session at 9:02 pm.

Mayor Dorr stated no action taken in executive session.

Utility Foreman Grandstaff reported he has returned to work, also Councilmember DeMars asked when is he going to take the classes.

Councilmember Fry wanted to know about the funds on the year end report and the gas department showing the smallest increase. Maybe we should look closer at the gas cost to make sure we are billing enough.

Mayor Dorr asked why the city limits going east are so low in posted speed limit.

Motion to adjourn was given by Councilmember Swander with a second from Councilmember DeMars.

Vote: Ayes: Kevin Fry
Vikki DeMars
Dustin Swander
Carolyn Strohm
:
Norman Bloomquist

Patti Gilbert, City Clerk