

Burlingame City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
May 4 , 2009

1. Call to Order by Mayor.

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

2. Roll Call.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Ray Hovestadt
Norman Bloomquist
Carolyn Strohm
Vikki DeMars
James Nelson
Rosie Parker

Staff Present: City Attorney Godderz, City Clerk Gilbert, Interim Utility Foreman Colson, Police Chief Shaffer.

Citizens: Phyllis Michael, Glen Masters, Brenda Dorr, Kathy Kessinger, Roberta Bailey, Gabe Faimon (Osage Herald-Chronicle), Cindy Harris, Kelsie McFarlane, Phil Parsons.

3. Citizen's Comments:

Phil Parsons addressed the Council over the garden-tractor pull event during Rodeo Days wanting to verify the street will be closed and it will be power-broom used on it before the event.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda after adding item 17a on the Museum's Utility Abatement was given by Councilmember DeMars with a second by Councilmember Nelson.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson
Rosie Parker

5. Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes was given by Councilmember Parker with a second from Councilmember DeMars.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson
Rosie Parker

6. Approval of Claims Ordinance 2153 and 2153a.

Councilmember Strohm offered motion to accept the Ordinances for payment and Councilmember DeMars giving the second.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson

Rosie Parker

7. Appointment of Municipal Judge.

Mayor Hovestadt recommended to Council to continue the services of Sue DeVoe for Municipal Judge. Motion was given by Councilmember DeMars with a second given by Councilmember Strohm.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson
Rosie Parker

8. Appointment of City Treasurer.

Mayor Hovestadt informed Council of two recommendations for treasurer, Michelle Mullinix and Connie Goehring. Councilmember Strohm made the first motion to accept Ms. Goehring, with Councilmember Nelson giving the second motion.

Vote: Ayes: Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Nays: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars

9. Appointment of City Attorney.

The recommendation of Rick Godderz for attorney was motioned by Councilmember Bloomquist, confirming second by Councilmember Parker.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson
Rosie Parker

10. Bank Signatures.

Resolution for signatures at the bank were accepted as follows: All signatures must be original with Councilmember Strohm being the substitute signor.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson
Rosie Parker

11. Financial Overview.

All Councilmembers were in agreement that they would look more closely at the financials of the City as soon as they were supplied April's Bank Reconciliation Report. City Clerk stated they will have it the next meeting. No motion needed.

12. Buy American Policy:

A representative of American Manufacturing companies explained to Council the accepting of buying American with Stimulus monies where possible. Motion to accept the policy by Councilmember Strohm with Councilmember DeMars giving the second.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson
Rosie Parker

13. Copier Purchase:

With much discussion over financials motion by Councilmember DeMars to table this item until more information was available, motion second by Councilmember Bloomquist.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson
Rosie Parker

14. Rodeo Days Ad:

Councilmember Bloomquist offered a motion for the City to pay for an ad on Rodeo Days with a cap of \$75.00. Councilmember Parker confirmed with the second motion.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Abstained: Vikki DeMars

15. Executive Session Non-elected personnel:

Motion to go into executive session for the purpose of interviewing applicants for 30 minutes was presented by Councilmember Strohm and second from Councilmember DeMars. City Clerk Gilbert was asked to attend the first 10 minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson
Rosie Parker

Council entered into executive session at 7:46 pm and returned to regular session at 8:16 pm.

Mayor Hovestadt stated no action taken in executive session.

Motion to return to Executive Session for 15 minutes to continue discussion on non-elected personnel by Councilmember Strohm and Councilmember Parker making the second.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson
Rosie Parker

Council entered into executive session at 8:16 pm and returned to regular session at 8:31pm.

Mayor Hovestadt stated no action taken in executive session.

Councilmember Strohm gave the motion to hire Cindy Harris for the 2009 Pool Manager at \$8.00 per hour, Councilmember Parker gave the second.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson
Rosie Parker

16. Tele-video Bids for the City's Sewer System:

Motion to table this item until more is known about the City's finances was presented by Councilmember Bloomquist with Councilmember Nelson affirming the motion with a second.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson
Rosie Parker

17a. Museum Utility Abatement:

Mayor Hovestadt requested input from City Attorney Godderz with what direction should the City should take. Mr. Godderz listed the options, with Councilmember Strohm giving the motion of a form of agreement showing the City abates the utilities for the Museum period. Councilmember Parker gave the second to the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Nay: Norman Bloomquist

Reports:

Councilmember DeMars reported we really need to make sure we stay on top of the money we have, as we have a lot of money coming out.

Councilmember Parker asked regarding the Pride Program, City Clerk Gilbert noted she has not made an appointment yet for the representative to visit with the Council.

Councilmember Nelson stated he would like to pursue the issue of a grocery store and would like to see it on the agenda next week. Also the interest of pursuing wind generation only to begin discussion on who would be interested. Mr. Nelson asked the City Attorney a question pertaining to the Phase II Water Project and the contractor returning to finish. Mr. Godderz responded they have not shown up yet with the explanation was because of the rain and weather given by the attorneys of both parties concerned. There is one issue of the stainless steel bolts unresolved and the Council and City's position rightfully so is to insist on the use of them, how they get it done, Mr. Godderz continues, I don't know, but they are to show up for the other items on the list will show up tomorrow. Councilmember Nelson continued his report by stating he is a little concerned about the way things are operating. There is a time for public comment at the very beginning, and I suppose it's possible to solicit public comment as we go along on an issue that may come up, but for people to simply say what is on their mind and have 2 to 3 conversations going on at one time is inappropriate in this type of forum, it might be appropriate somewhere else but it's not here. I am concerned we don't keep better order than we do. Next thing (asking Councilmember Bloomquist) was anything done about your comment on the crosswalk between the park and the church? Mr. Bloomquist stated he hadn't heard a thing, Mr. Colson reported it had not been reported to him, Ms Gilbert added that contacting someone to integrate it with the stimulus project. Mr. Nelson asked to be kept up to date on it.

Wes Colson filling in for the Utility Foreman requested Council look at mower engine prices. The lowest bid was \$1800.00. Reported the City is down to one mower to do the mowing. General discussion went on regarding the procedure for the purchase.

Councilmember Nelson made the motion to purchase a motor up to \$1900.00 with Councilmember Bloomquist giving the second.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson

Rosie Parker

Mr. Colson also reported bids for another mower should be ready by next meeting.

Councilmember Bloomquist asked if Mr. Colson was in charge. Mayor Hovestadt stated Mr. Grandstaff is still in charge but is absent, and Council will still have to discuss it.

Chief Shaffer reported the authorization to shut down Santa Fe Ave for the rodeo was given. He had attended a 40 hr. class in Topeka regarding missing and abducted children. Also noting this morning a senior citizen went missing and he used the same steps they had taught him.

Mayor Hovestadt asked Council for a non-elected personnel executive session for 10 minutes.

Motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel for 10 minutes was given by Councilmember Strohm and second from Councilmember DeMars.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson
Rosie Parker

Council entered into executive session at 9:17 pm and returned to regular session at 9:27pm.

Mayor Hovestadt stated no action taken in executive session.

Mayor Hovestadt asked Wes Colson if he would work in the position of Mr. Grandstaff for right now, with Mr. Colson said he would. Mayor Hovestadt then spoke of the pool roof, and since the city has a bid of \$1,500 and time was running out to have it fixed and be done with it.

Motion to fix the pool roof with submitted bid by Councilmember Strohm with a second coming from Councilmember Nelson.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson
Rosie Parker

Mayor Hovestadt continued reporting a man coming in and requesting to only weedeat and use his own equipment. Newsletter will be ready in a week or so and everyone write a little article if you want to.

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Strohm and Councilmember DeMars giving the second.

Vote: Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Strohm
James Nelson
Rosie Parker

Patti Gilbert, City Clerk