

Burlingame City Council Minutes
Regular Minutes
November 16th , 2009

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR.**

2. **ROLL CALL.**

Present: Mayor Hovestadt

Council members: Norman Bloomquist
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

Staff Present: City Clerk Gilbert, City Attorney Godderz, Utility Foreman Grandstaff.

Citizens: Gabe Faimon with Osage County Herald-Chronicle, Stephan Watson with Osage County Economic Development, Greg Wright with EMG, Kathy and Bill Kraus, Dustin Swander, Larry White.

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Dustin Swander spoke to the Council regarding the possibility of placing a wind generator at the location on Fremont.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda as with the addition of item 18A Resolution 321 by Councilmember Strohm with a second from Councilmember Parker.

Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilmember Parker made the motion to accept the minutes of November 2nd with Councilmember Strohm giving the second motion.

Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

6. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS ORDINANCE:** Motion to accept Claim Ordinance 2166 was given by Councilmember Nelson and Councilmember Strohm giving the second motion.

Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

7. **Greg Wright. EMG Services:** Greg Wright spoke with the Council explaining what was included in the contract and what charge. Council asked questions on when he would represent the City at meetings. Mr. Wright also insisted the City needed to review the electrical rates for the new contract immediately. Motion to accept EMG Contract Services by Councilmember Nelson and Councilmember Strohm giving the second motion.

Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

8. **Mower/Bagger:** Utility Foreman Grandstaff presented information and prices for a bagger to attach to the new mower that has been purchased in the spring. Motion by Councilmember Nelson to purchase the Cyclone Rake XL at the cost of \$2,404.45 and Councilmember Parker adding the second motion.

Ayes: James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm
Nays: Norman Bloomquist

9. **Osage County Development:** Stephanie Watson discussed with the Council next years Kansas Sampler Foundation Festival in May 2010. Explaining the the purpose of the Festival and requested the Council come up with suggestions for items to hand out at the booth, also to assist in manning the booth or rent a booth just for the City. No motion was needed on this item.

10. **Executive Session- Attorney Client Privilege:** Motion offered by Councilmember Nelson to go into executive session for 10 minutes with the City Attorney regarding a real estate issue.

Council entered into executive session at 7:30 pm and returned to regular session at 7:40 pm.

Mayor Hovestadt reported no action taken in executive session.

12. **Grocery Store Update:** Councilmember Nelson updated the Council on his negotiations with potential entities on placing a grocery store in the City. He explained different scenarios but also requested the Council pass a resolution stating the interest in pursuing the issue of placement. Motion was offered by Councilmember Nelson with a second by Councilmember Strohm to have a resolution drafted to the effect and present it at the next meeting.

Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

12. **Saddle Club Request:** The Saddle Club had presented to City Hall a request to have the public work crew trench a new water line at the rodeo grounds. Councilmember Bloomquist made the motion since the Saddle Club is non-profit and they are valuable to the community, he recommends the City does the water line with no charges incurred, Councilmember Parker gave the second motion.

Ayes: Norman Bloomquist
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

13. **Utility Waiver on 609 S. Prospect:**

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

14. **City Code Chapter VIII Article 2:** Discussion amongst the Councilmembers over areas that need attention to clean up had been discussed with City Attorney Godderz giving them direction. All Council members agreed that with some merchants that had begin beautification downtown, some of the other areas needed to be looked at. Chief Shaffer shared the steps in order to bring to him to notify owners. No motion was given for this item but the discussion was to look into this matter further.

- 14a. **ARRA/KLINK Award of Contract:** Motion by Councilmember DeMars to accept Bettis Asphalt for the ARRA Project for the amount of \$440,968.75 with Councilmember Strohm giving the second motion.

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

15. Reports:

Councilmember Strohm requested if the City could place an add looking for people to serve on a Tree Committee, along with having a meeting with K-State. She had also visited with area nurseries to get their recommendation of what size trees would do well in our park. The information was they needed to be 2" or more in diameter with the cost being \$200.00- 300.00 per tree with the cost going down with multiple tree purchases. She shared she had area viewed pictures from Allen County Students and she was disheartened in what she saw, and felt Council needed to take a more aggressive look.

Councilmember DeMars questioned on if there were Police Officers on duty especially during the week-end nights, Police Chief Shaffer assured her there was someone on duty. Her next question was when was the item for part-time help placed back on the agenda and the City Clerk said it will be on the next agenda with the items Council wanted clarification on.

Councilmember Nelson reminded everyone the meeting with prospective grocers would be on Wednesday at 10am.

Public Foreman Grandstaff notified Council his crew will be doing tree trimming in the coming weeks.

City Clerk Gilbert notified Council she will be gone 2 days this week for a personal issue and then will be out of the office all next week and will be in the Clerks and Municipal Finance Institute to begin her certification. She also read to the Council a letter received from KDOT that stated since the bids came in extremely low on the ARRA project the City portion of the money is at zero.

Mayor Hovestadt asked on a Groundskeeper for Townsite Apartments also inquiring if the Utility Connection Fee Waivers was still in effect.

16. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn by Councilmember DeMars with Councilmember Nelson giving the second motion.

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

Patti Gilbert, City Clerk