

Burlingame City Council Minutes
Regular Minutes
December 21, 2009

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

2. **ROLL CALL.**

Present: Mayor Hovestadt

Council members: Norman Bloomquist
Vikki DeMars
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

Staff Present: City Clerk Gilbert, City Attorney Godderz, Utility Foreman Grandstaff and Police Chief Shaffer.

Citizens: Dan Fischer with USDA Rural Development, Brenda North, Brandi Shaffer.

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:** None offered at this time

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion to approve the agenda as with the addition of Ordinance 2168a by Councilmember Strohm with a second from Councilmember Parker.

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

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Councilmember Strohm made the motion to accept the minutes with a correction of vote on item #11 on December 7th with Councilmember Nelson giving the second motion.

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

6. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS ORDINANCE:** Motion to accept Claim Ordinance 2168 and 2168a was given by Councilmember Strohm and Councilmember Parker giving the second motion.

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

7. **Reviewing Tabled Items:** No motion was needed on this item, only verification there are two items pending from 2009. The Electric rate study, along with the fuel adjustment and the final draft of the employee manual for Council to review.

8. **Phase I Sewer Project:** Dan Fischer with Rural Development addressed Council regarding the Phase I and the forms that needed to be accepted before funding could be processed with Rural Development. Councilmember DeMars made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documents, and Councilmember Nelson giving the second motion.

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

9. **Cereal Malt Licenses:** Motion by Councilmember DeMars to authorize the 2010 Cereal Malt Licenses for Casey's General Store and Santa Fe Café, with the second motion from Councilmember Strohm.

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

10. **Electrical and Plumbing License:** Council considered renewing the licenses for Burgess Plumbing and Orender Services for both elec/plumb for the 2010 year. Motion to accept their application by Councilmember Strohm and Councilmember DeMars gave the second motion.

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

11. **Burlingame Saddle Club Request:** Discussion regarding a water leak at the Burlingame Saddle Club last month was brought before Council. The request was to sell the water at the City's cost to help defer the cost to the Saddle Club. After much discussion Councilmember Strohm, with the second from Councilmember Nelson made the motion to deny the request as presented.

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

12. **426 E. Santa Fe Request:** The present owner placed a request for the Council to allow horses back on this property as had been done in the past. Discussion covered both points of view, with Councilmember Parker making the motion as to change City Code to allow horses on property within the City Limits with 10 acres or more and not to exceed 3 at one time. Councilmember Bloomquist offering the second motion.

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

13. **West Jackson Ave:** The City Clerk notified Council after her conversation with KDHE regarding the burying of refrigerators on West Jackson, they stated it was beneficial to the owner and they had no policies against this. The Council had discussion over surrounding residences that had complained and even filed complaints with KDHE. The issue of mounds of dirt that are in the undeveloped roadway were discussed. Councilmember Nelson offered the motion to send the landowner a letter to move the dirt within 30 days or the City will move it at the owner's expense. Councilmember Strohm gave the second motion.

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

14. **Audit and Budgeting Engagement Letter:** Motion by Councilmember Strohm for the Mayor to sign the agreement with Stephen Connelly C.P.A. for the next 3 years for Audit and next 2 years for budgeting assistance. Motion was carried with a second by Councilmember Nelson.

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

14. **Executive Session under Attorney-Client privilege:** Motion by Councilmember DeMars to go into executive session for 15 minutes with the City Attorney in attendance, second motion given by Councilmember Nelson.

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

Council entered into executive session at 8:25 pm.
Council returned to open session at 8: 40 pm.

Mayor reported no action taken in executive session.

15. **Reports:**

Councilmember Parker inquired over the Code Violations, Police Chief Shaffer stated in January he will be reviewing areas and present the Council with a list for their consideration in February. Ms. Parker also noted of a limb in Sumner Park that needed to be removed.

Councilmember Nelson reported again his desire to have a Beautification Committee, and would like one in place next year.

Councilmember Strohm reported on her meeting with K-State Forestry and they had done a report in 2007. Also reporting wanting to check into becoming a Tree City. Explaining perhaps a public group could be assembled to care for the trees.

Police Chief Shaffer thanked the Council for the Christmas Bonus. Reporting that Officer Ryan Dudley has now passed his EMT Certification.

City Clerk Gilbert reported generator #4 at the power plant is having issues. The Power Plant Superintendent has scheduled Fairbanks Morse in to look at the problem.

Mayor Hovestadt noted to the Council he had attending a demonstration of a natural gas turbine at KMEA offices in Overland Park. Requesting City Hall to look for a possibility of a grant to obtain one. Then also verifying the Employee/ Council Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday at 12:30 pm.

16. **Adjournment:** Motion given by Councilmember DeMars and a second from Councilmember Nelson.

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

Patti Gilbert, City Clerk