

Burlingame City Council Minutes

Regular Minutes

August 15th, 2011 @ 7:00 PM

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

2. **ROLL CALL.**

Present: Mayor Hovestadt

Council members: Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Lee
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

Staff Present: City Attorney Godderz, City Clerk Gilbert, Police Chief Shaffer and City Superintendent Lamond.

Citizens: Attached list.

3. Public Comments: Bill Kraus was first to address the Council stating his support of repealing the residency requirement of some of the staff positions, then added a thank you to Superintendent Lamond for the work that has been done on the streets. Clint Padgett shared the Ordinance on residency should be adhered to, would also like the sound system in the council room used, also learn how to use the platter printer, then the final item was regarding unpaid utilities and would like to see something done. Charles Shirley began by asking if the Council at anytime felt disrespected in past meeting where he had spoken, then asking for a solution to be accomplished on West Jackson. He finished off by announcing that Police Chief Shaffer had received the 2nd best place in the Kansas Best 150 in the category of Best Police Chief. Donna Young had also addressed the Council regarding who do you pick and choose to help regarding utilities, also speaking of the residency requirement for City Clerk stating there were qualified people to do the job living within the City. Jeanne Riggs was next sharing her view on not changing the residency requirement. Brenda Dorr then spoke regarding the microphone system and its use, and questioned if her complaint on utilities had been checked out. Brandi Shaffer spoke of how information could be filtered and of accountability and is Council asking questions with what they are being told.

4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Councilmember DeMars made the motion to accept the agenda with item 10a being added regarding the water line at an address south of town and an additional non-elected personnel executive session added in case the first one doesn't cover a particular issue. The second motion came from Councilmember Nelson.

Ayes: Vikki DeMars

Carolyn Lee
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve the minutes of August 1st was given by Councilmember Strohm with the second motion by Councilmember Parker.

Ayes: Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Lee
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

6. **Claims Ordinance Approval:** Motion by to accept claims ordinance 2207 and 2207a was by Councilmember Lee and Councilmember Strohm making the second motion.

Ayes: Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Lee
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

7. **Executive Session – Attorney/Client:** Motion to enter into a 10 minute executive session was given by Councilmember DeMars with the second motion made by Councilmember Nelson with City Clerk Gilbert in attendance.

Ayes: Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Lee
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

Council entered into executive session at 7:20 pm.

Council returned to regular session at 7:30pm.

Mayor Hovestadt stated no action taken in executive session.

Motion to return to non-elected personnel executive session was first made by Councilmember Nelson with also asking City Attorney Godderz to attend, Councilmember Parker gave the second motion to pass.

Ayes: Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Lee
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

Council entered into executive session at 7:30 pm.

Council returned to regular session at 7:40pm.

Mayor Hovestadt stated no action taken in executive session.

Councilmember DeMars then made the motion to return to executive session for non-elected personnel for 15 minutes with the City Attorney, Councilmember Nelson gave the second motion.

Ayes: Vikki DeMars
 Carolyn Lee
 James Nelson
 Rosie Parker
 Carolyn Strohm

Council entered into executive session at 7:40 pm.

Council returned to regular session at 7:55pm.

Mayor Hovestadt stated no action taken in executive session.

8. Not needed.

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- 9. Westar Energy:** Bill Birnell spoke before the Council regarding the need to begin negotiations on a new contract to begin in 2012. Giving them the particulars where a contract would need to be agreed upon up to 90 days in advance for the FERC filing and approval. He supplied Council with historic information regarding the power used. No motion needed to be made for this item.

- 10. Resident Complaint:** Stacy Colvin addressed the Council regarding issues with her utilities and the medical need for her husband to have continuing electrical service. Councilmember DeMars suggested to meet with the Utility Board first and if Mrs. Colvin didn't get her problem solved then to come back and address Council, also asking the City Clerk if a meeting could be set up to address Mrs. Colvin as soon as possible. The Customer and Utility Board agreed to meet the next day. Motion was given a second by Councilmember Lee on the board meeting.

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Ayes: Vikki DeMars
 Carolyn Lee
 James Nelson
 Rosie Parker
 Carolyn Strohm

- 10a. Dennis Reamer/Diane Quaney Request:** Mr. Reamer and Miss Quaney spoke before the Council regarding a water line that goes down the middle of a pasture and their request to have the City relocate it to the road. Council made no motion

but instructed the City Superintendent to obtain pricing on this request.

11. **Credit Card Policy:** Motion to table this item until a policy is drawn up that everyone can commit to was given by Councilmember DeMars and seconded by Carolyn Lee.

Ayes: Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Lee
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

12. **City Hall Air Conditioner Replacement:** Due to being the end of the summer season motion to table until the spring was made by Councilmember Lee and second motion made by Councilmember DeMars.

Ayes: Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Lee
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

13. **Support Your Local School Ad:** Motion by Councilmember Lee with the second from Councilmember Nelson to purchase the yearly ad for the sports directory ad that is distributed at school games for the price of \$50.00.

Ayes: Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Lee
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

14. **Reports:** Councilmember Parker touched on the subject of the recent break-ins at the pool, asking for an update on the North Kansas bridge, dog licenses and the property on Lincoln that hasn't been mowed.

Council responding to the need of mowing the property located at 111 W. Lincoln, directing the staff to mow and bill the owner. Motion given by Councilmember DeMars with Councilmember Parker making the second motion.

Ayes: Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Lee
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

Councilmember Parker also asked regarding a rabies clinic with one clinic declining the offer to do one. Direction was given to try to find a Vet that will do one in the City. Councilmember DeMars spoke of the pool the condition with the need to look

to the future on replacement, progression of finding the vandals and issues with children around the liquor store. Councilmember Nelson would like to see the guards that encountered a situation at the pool recognized for their response. City Superintendent noted to the Council that a group of Boy Scouts would be doing community service projects around the city in coming weeks, updating the group on the progress of Phase I Sewer Project. City Clerk spoke of having a special meeting with Greg Wright with EMG to begin the contract negotiations with Westar.

Council agreed to a special meeting on 8/31 at 10am to meet with Greg Wright. First motion was given by Councilmember Strohm with the second offered by Councilmember DeMars.

Ayes: Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Lee
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

City Clerk continued to remind Council that Councilmember Parker, Councilmember Lee and the City Clerk would be attending the KRWA class on employee law and auditing next week. Thanking Council for the pig roast and activities the previous Friday. Also requesting the week of 8/15 to 8/19 if City Hall could be closed during the noon hour as the utility clerk will be on vacation.

Motion by Councilmember Strohm to allow City Hall to be closed with a note posted on the door for that week, Councilmember DeMars gave the second motion to pass.

Ayes: Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Lee
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

Mayor Hovestadt requested on seeing if more oil could be placed on the streets, also he would be out of town on vacation.

- 15. Adjournment:** Motion by Councilmember DeMars with Councilmember Nelson giving second to adjourn the meeting for the evening.

Ayes: Vikki DeMars
Carolyn Lee
James Nelson
Rosie Parker
Carolyn Strohm

Patti Gilbert, City Clerk

Participating Public:

Bill Kraus
Brenda Dorr
Greg Wright with Energy Management Group
Bill Birnell with Westar Energy
Dennis Reamer
Diane Quaney
Clint Padgett
Jeanne Riggs
Michele Mullinix
Brandi Shaffer
Donna Young
Stacy Colvin and Daughter
Ron and Chris Shaffer
Charles Shirley