



City Council Meeting

Regular Session Minutes

November 23, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Liberty, Missouri was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on November 23, 2015 with Mayor Lyndell Brenton presiding. Mayor Brenton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Michael Hagan, who then led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Harold Phillips and Paul Jenness, Ward I
Greg Duncan and Jeff Moore, Ward II
Kevin Graham and Jeff Watt, Ward III
Michael Hagan and Gene Gentrup, Ward IV

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Curt Wenson, City Administrator
Steve Hansen, Public Works Director
Janet Bartnik, Parks and Recreation Director
James Simpson, Police Chief
Karan Johnson, Economic & Business Dev. Manager
Janet Pittman, Deputy City Clerk

Public Present: Kellie Houx, Liberty Tribune
17 members of the public

IV. APPROVE MINUTES AND SUMMARIES

A. Regular Session Minutes of October 26, 2015

Council Member Jenness moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Council Member Phillips seconded the motion, which carried 6-0-2. Council Members Gentrup and Duncan abstained due to absence.

B. Special Session Minutes of November 9, 2015

Council Member Watt moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Council Member Gentrup seconded the motion, which carried 5-0-3. Council Members Phillips, Moore and Hagan abstained due to absence.

C. Executive Session Minutes of November 9, 2015

Council Member Jenness moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Council Member Watt seconded the motion, which carried 6-0-2. Council Members Phillips and Moore abstained due to absence.

D. Regular Session Minutes of November 9, 2015

Council Member Watt moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Council Member Gentrup seconded the motion, which carried 6-0-2. Council Members Phillips and Moore abstained due to absence.

V. CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION

Mayor Brenton welcomed members from Scout Troop 374.

VI. MEETING SCHEDULE

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to authorize an Executive Session to be held in the Administration Conference Room immediately following the Regular Session to discuss Contract Negotiations as authorized by 610.021(12)

Council Member Hagan moved to authorize the closed session. Council Member Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

IX. ORDINANCES, CONTRACTS AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Acknowledgement of vendor payments for the period of October 30 to November 13, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Jenness took over as Chair of the meeting.

1. Ordinance excluding Westland Landscape payments

Document No. 8203 was read.

Action: Council Member Gentrup moved to approve the vendor payments. Council Member Phillips seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

Yes: Council Members Phillips, Jenness, Moore, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan and Gentrup

No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 10483.

2. Ordinance including Westland Landscape payments.

Document No. 8204 was read.

Action: Council Member Watt moved to approve the vendor payments. Council Member Gentrup seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Vote: Motion passed 7-0-1

Yes: Council Members Phillips, Moore, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan and Gentrup

No: None

Abstain: Council Member Jenness, due to potential conflict of interest

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 10483.

Mayor Brenton resumed as chair of the meeting.

B. Ordinance approving a Contract With City Wide Vending to provide Healthy Snack Vending for the Liberty Community Center

At the August 6, 2015 Park Board meeting, the Board approved staff's recommendation to accept the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools Guidelines as the Liberty Community Center vending policy. City Wide Vending currently provides healthy snacks and beverage vending for the Liberty Public Schools.

Document No. 8205 was read.

Action: Council Member Phillips moved to waive the rules and consider the ordinance on first reading. Council Member Hagan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Council Member Hagan moved to approve the ordinance. Council Member Moore seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

Yes: Council Members Phillips, Jenness, Moore, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan and Gentrup

No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 10484.

C. Ordinance approving a Usage Agreement with the Liberty Community Chorus for Use of the Performing Arts Theatre located in the Liberty Community Center

Upon approval of Resolution #2764, recognizing the Liberty Community Chorus the community chorus for the City of Liberty, a usage agreement was developed between the Liberty Community Center Performing Arts Theatre and the Liberty Community Chorus. This agreement provides for one concert performance date and one pre-concert rehearsal date annually at the Liberty Performing Arts Theatre.

Document No. 8206 was read.

Action: Council Member Phillips moved to waive the rules and consider the ordinance on first reading. Council Member Hagan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Council Member Jenness moved to approve the ordinance. Council Member Gentrup seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

Yes: Council Members Phillips, Jenness, Moore, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan and Gentrup

No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 10485.

D. Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 10304, Adoption of the 2015 Budget for the City of Liberty, Missouri

2015 budget adjustments are needed to account for certain 2015 debt transactions undertaken by the City. These actions are reflected in the 2015 Forecast discussed with the Budget Committee during its deliberations on the 2016 Budget.

Document No. 8207 was read.

Action: Council Member Hagan moved to waive the rules and consider the ordinance on first reading. Council Member Jenness seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Council Member Watt moved to approve the ordinance. Council Member Gentrup seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

Yes: Council Members Phillips, Jenness, Moore, Hagan, Graham, Watt, Duncan and Gentrup

No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 10486.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Transient Guest Tax Proposed Budget – Discussion

Economic & Business Development Manager Karan Johnson presented a comparison of the Transient Guest Tax budget and proposed Downtown CID budget. In response to Council's questions, staff stated both budgets included holiday lights, as one covers upgrading to LED and the other would increase the scope of the area to be lit. Staff noted that the proceeds from the transient guest tax are to be used for tourism, including the marketing of festivals.

Council discussed General Fund vs. Transient Guest tax as the funding source for the City's agreement with HDLI. This will be discussed further at a future study session.

- XI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR
- XII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

Deputy City Clerk