



City Council Meeting

Regular Session Minutes
September 9, 2019

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 September 9, 2019 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 Greg Duncan, who then led the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

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

Council Members Absent: Paul Jenness, Ward I

Staff Present: Curt Wenson, City Administrator
Dan Estes, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director
BJ Staab, Parks and Recreation Director
Katherine Sharp, Planning Director
Matt Kellogg, Police Captain
Tom Garland, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Janet Pittman, Deputy City Clerk

Public Present: Kellie Houx, Courier Tribune
11 members of the public

IV. APPROVE MINUTES AND SUMMARIES

A. Regular Session Minutes of August 26, 2019

Council Member Phillips moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Council Member Hagan seconded the motion, which carried 6-0-1. Council Member Moore abstained due to absence.

V. CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION

A. Constitution Week Proclamation – Mayor Brenton read the Proclamation and presented it to Christi Carlson, Alexander Doniphan Chapter Regent with DAR and Michael Robertson, President of the William C. Corum Chapter, SAR.

VI. MEETING SCHEDULE

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution granting a Certificate of Appropriateness for Exterior Improvements at 483 E. Kansas, Jewell Historic District (HDC Case # 19006J)

The owner is planning to take advantage of the City's Chapter 353 tax abatement for in-kind repairs to soffits and replacement of windows on the non-historic addition.

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

Vote: Motion passed 7-0-0

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Inscribed in Resolution No. 3067.

- B. Resolution granting a Certificate of Appropriateness for Exterior Improvements at 455 E. Kansas, Jewell Historic District (HDC Case # 19-007J)

The owner is planning to take advantage of the City's Chapter 353 tax abatement program for exterior repairs to the porch. The HDC approved the application with the following stipulations:

1. Porch railing and posts will be cedar or cellular PVC
2. Soffits will be individual pieces of bead board to match the existing profile
3. Bead board paneling on the back of the home is acceptable

Action: Council Member Watt moved to approve the resolution with the noted stipulations. Council Member Gentrup seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 7-0-0

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Inscribed in Resolution No. 3068.

- C. Resolution approving a Temporary Event Liquor License for the Rotary Club Event to be held at Rotary Plaza, 100 West Franklin Street on September 26, 2019

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

Vote: Motion passed 7-0-0

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Inscribed in Resolution No. 3069.

- D. Motion to approve an Amusement License for Jones & Co. Carnival to operate a carnival during Fall Festival, September 27-29, 2019

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

Vote: Motion passed 7-0-0

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

No: None

Abstain: None

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Resolution approving a Final Development Plan for a 2,945 Sq. Ft. Building at 1132 W. Kansas Street, in Liberty, Clay County, Missouri [P&Z Case #19-10FDP] **{postponed from August 26, 2019}**

The proposal is to replace an existing two story building at the same location. The building is being proposed as a dentist office. Parking will be configured as a one way drive aisle moving clockwise around the building. The applicant is proposing a variance to the Unified Development Ordinance, Section 30-83.2 to increase the amount of parking allowed. The applicant is requesting to have 30 parking stalls (UDO allows for up to 18 stalls).

Mayor Brenton opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak either in favor or in opposition of the resolution.

Robert De La Fuente, Star Development, 244 W. Mill St., stated the project will include an expanded landscape plan that will increase the open space on the site from 11.2% to 19.8%. Seeing no one else wishing to speak, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Action: Council Member Graham moved to approve the resolution with the parking variance. Council Member Watt seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 7-0-0

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Inscribed in Resolution No. 3070.

IX. ORDINANCES, CONTRACTS AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Acknowledgement of vendor payments for the period of August 16 to August 30, 2019

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

1. Ordinance excluding Westland Landscape payments

Document No. 8930 was read.

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

Roll Call

Vote: Motion passed 7-0-0

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 11141.

2. Ordinance including Westland Landscape payments.

Document No. 8931 was read.

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

Roll Call

Vote: Motion passed 6-0-1

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 11141.

Mayor Brenton resumed as chair of the meeting.

B. Ordinance accepting and approving a Final Plat for Pacific Dental, in the City of Liberty, Clay County, Missouri [P&Z Case #19-11FP] **{postponed from August 26, 2019}**

The applicant is proposing to plat an existing 30,000 square foot lot located at 1132 W. Kansas and to remove the existing two story building at the location. The building will be replaced with a one story building, proposed as a dentist office.

Document No. 8932 was read.

Action: Council Member Hagan moved to waive the rules and consider the ordinance on first reading. Council Member Graham 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 7-0-0

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Approved by the Chair and inscribed in Ordinance No. 11142.

- C. Ordinance amending Chapter 20, "Motor Vehicles & Traffic", of the City Code of the City of Liberty, Clay County, Missouri (pertaining to Church Road speed limit and 4-way stop at High/Liberty Drive)

The proposed amendment is for Church Road, from its intersection with M-291 Highway to the south city limits – reducing the speed limit from 45 to 35 mph; and, to add a stop intersection at Liberty Drive at High Drive, northwest corner, controlling southbound traffic and Liberty Drive at High Drive, southeast corner, controlling northbound traffic.

Document No. 8933 was read.

Mayor Brenton stated the ordinance would be considered on 2nd reading at the September 23, 2019 Regular Session meeting.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. City Park Update

Steve Rhoades and Larry Reynolds, Vireo representatives, reviewed the proposed playground layout and features for City Park. Discussions began in 2015 with two rounds of community engagement (including online) to determine features the community wanted. The inclusive playground will feature a play/social area, shelter, restroom and splash pad. It is projected to open in late spring 2020.

- B. Solar Project – Phase Two Layout

Staff stated that the Budget Committee reviewed the phase two proposal and found the economics to be favorable. A contract for City Council's consideration will be presented at the September 23/19 meeting. The proposed solar locations would be as follows:

Water Treatment Plant

- Roof mount (offset 28% of energy used)

Wastewater Treatment Plant (Administration bldg.)

- Ground mount (offset 42% of energy used)

Animal Shelter

- Potential future site

Community Center

- Roof and ground mount / Canopies (offset 28% of energy used)

Park Maintenance bldg.

- Roof mount (offset 70% of energy used)

Fire Station No. 1

- Roof mount (offset 65% of energy used)

Fire Station No. 2

- Ground mount (offset 58% of energy used)

Fire Station No. 3

- Roof mount (offset 60% of energy used)

Public Works Maintenance bldg.

- Roof mount (offset 39% of energy used)

City Hall

- Roof mount (offset 5% of energy used)

XI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

XII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor

Attest:

Deputy City Clerk