

DRAFT NOTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

March 3, 2020

(Subject to Approval at the March 17, 2020 Council Meeting)

CALL TO ORDER

Attendance

Roll Call

Mayor Dennis Watz called the council meeting to order in the Council Room at City Hall, 210 West Washington, Sullivan, Missouri at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and attending the meeting were Alderman Ward Three Bobby Maupin, Alderman Ward One Mark Dalton, Alderman Ward Three Paul McCulloch, Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander, Alderman Ward One Tony Wessler, and Alderman Ward Two T.J. Carey. Also attending were City Administrator J.T. Hardy, City Attorney Justin Head, City Engineer Robert Schaffer, and City Clerk Jan Koch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present. The Pledge was followed by a moment of silence.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Agenda

Alderman Carey made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Alderman Dalton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES APPROVED

Minutes

Notes from the council meeting held February 18, 2020 were presented. Alderman McCulloch made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Carey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Notes from the closed meeting held February 18, 2020 were presented. Alderman Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Wessler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

REQUESTS & PETITIONS

Fire Department - Parade & Temporary Street Closure

Firemens
Picnic
Parade &
Temp Street
Closure

The Sullivan Fire Protection District requested to have a parade starting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, 2020 for their Annual Fireman's Picnic. Missouri Baptist Ambulance and the Sullivan Police Department have been notified and stated no objections. The Fire District also requested temporary closure of Thurmond Memorial Drive from April 30th thru May 2nd, 2020. Concessions will be made for emergency vehicles & personnel throughout this time. Alderman Maupin made a motion to approve the parade and temporary street closure as requested. Alderman Dalton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEES

P&Z Comp
Plan Hearing

Planning & Zoning

P&Z has scheduled a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 regarding proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan involving the area south of I-44.

Airport
Hangar
Construction

Airport Board

Staff reported that new hangar construction progress is moving forward at the airport.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

2020

2020 Fireworks Display Bids

Fireworks
Display Bids

Bids for the 2020 Independence Day fireworks display were opened on February 20, 2020. The bid request was posted on the City’s website, City Facebook page, City Twitter account, published in the Sullivan Independent News, and there were several companies contacted directly. Unfortunately, no bids were received. Independence Day is on a Saturday this year which has caused a high demand for the date and unavailable bidders. J&M Displays has provided the City of Sullivan with the 2014 through 2019 fireworks displays. The 2019 bid was \$10,000 with a similar proposal as their 2018 bid. J&M Displays responded to the bid that they were already booked for the July 4th date but would be happy to do another date outside of that weekend. They also stated that they would credit the City \$5,000 toward a display for the inconveniences experienced in 2019. The City of Sullivan has budgeted \$5,000 for the 2020 Independence Day fireworks display and the remaining \$5,000 has been pledged by other donors. Board discussion ensued about what date to choose for the display/celebration. Some discussion was held about doing it in conjunction with the Meramec Fair but this may present parking & safety issues. J&M cannot offer Friday, July 3, 2020 because they will be setting up for their July 4th commitment. The Board’s consensus was to request the date of Thursday, July 2, 2020 from J&M and to utilize the credit offer of \$5,000 for a total display value of \$15,000. Alderman Carey made a motion to this effect with Alderman Maupin seconding it. The motion carried unanimously.

No Bidders

J&M
Displays
Offer

Date Change
July 2, 2020

FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 2020

March 2020
Finances

Alderman Carey was appointed to review the monthly bills for March 2020 with Alderman Alexander named as the alternate.

ORDINANCES

Floodplain Administration - City Code 405

Floodplain
Administrator

City Code 405

Bill No. 3883 sponsored by Alderman Bobby Maupin, being an ordinance amending Title Four (IV) Article Three (III) of the Municipal Code dealing with floodplain management administration in the City of Sullivan, Missouri, by repealing Sections 405.120 & 405.130(A)(9) and enacting new Sections 405.120 & 405.130(A)(9) of said Code in lieu thereof, and establishing the effective date was introduced and read two times. The question was asked, “Shall Bill No. 3883 become Ordinance No. 3883?” The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; Alderman T.J. Carey, aye; Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye; and Alderman Mark Dalton, aye. Passage of this ordinance approved changing the floodplain management administrator designee from the Code Administrator/Building Commissioner to the City Engineer.

Maggi Contract - Police Parking Lot Improvements

Maggi
Contract
Police
Parking Lot

Bill No. 3884 sponsored by Alderman Paul McCulloch, being an ordinance approving a contract agreement with Donald Maggi, Incorporated which agreement deals with Police Department parking lot improvements located at 106 Progress Drive in the City of Sullivan, Crawford County, Missouri in the amount of \$48,413.15 (Forty-eight Thousand, Four-hundred, Thirteen Dollars and Fifteen Cents); and, authorizing the Mayor to execute was introduced and read two times. The

question was asked, “Shall Bill No. 3884 become Ordinance No. 3884?” The aldermen were polled and voted as follows: Alderman Mark Dalton, aye; Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye; Alderman Tony Wessler, aye; Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; and Alderman T.J. Carey, aye. Passage of this ordinance approved a 60-day contract with Maggi to mill & resurface the existing Police Department’s parking area, add eight additional parking spaces and a concrete dumpster pad area.

ALDERMEN INPUT

- Maintenance **Maintenance Issues**
Dunnigan Neighborhood
- Dunnigan Area Alderman McCulloch asked about a couple of dwellings along Dunnigan Street, noting that one has been boarded up. Staff reported that they will investigate possible squatters and other safety concerns.
- NovaChip *Nova Chip Program*
Alderman Alexander asked what streets are slated for nova chip this season? Staff reported that the Water & Sewer Department and Street Department are coordinating this effort but should have a list together soon.
- Charity Food *Food Distribution*
Alderman Alexander reported that the former radio shack building on Clark Street has a charity food distribution program and when food is being distributed, sometimes the participants are lined up and down along several neighboring streets.
- Horses & Sidewalks *Horse Excrement*
Alderman Alexander stated that while he thought it was great to be living in a community where its young citizens can ride horses, he’s received complaints about horses leaving excrement behind, particularly on sidewalks. This led into discussion about possible solutions which included legislation and enforcement. Following this discussion, it was the general consensus to poll other communities to find out how they deal with this issue.
- Welcome Sign *Bottomley Park Welcome Sign*
Alderman Carey stated that the “Welcome to Sullivan” sign at Jim Bottomley Park could use an upgrade. This led into some discussion about organizations emblems on the sides of the sign. The Board agreed that they should remain – if they are still in existence.
- Party Pavilion *Bottomley Park Party Pavilion*
Alderman Carey asked about the status of the party pavilion under construction at Jim Bottomley Park. Staff reported that this will be completed in-house. However in order to save money, the skating rink building is also being reconstructed using city crews which conflicts with other projects.
- SHS Wrestling Champions **State Wrestling Championship**
Alderman Carey reported that the Sullivan High School Wrestling Team went to state competition and were victorious with first & second place wins – which gave the Sullivan Eagles their first-ever state title in wrestling. Mayor Watz stated he would have staff contact the school about the particulars in signing a proclamation acknowledging these achievements.

MAYOR INPUT

Earl Roehrs
J&K Muffler **Local Businessman - Earl G. Roehrs**

Mayor Watz reported that local businessman Earl G. Roehrs passed away suddenly (2/28/20), noting that he shared his skills as a repairman in the community by opening up J&K Muffler (located at the corner of Elmont & Jackson Street). He will be missed by his many friends & family members.

Dangerous
Bldg Hughes
Ford **Dangerous Building - 1457 Hughes Ford Road**

Mayor Watz reported that the dangerous building on Hughes Ford Road has some legal issues involving ownership which City Attorney Head is working on.

Hwy D
Lighting **Highway D Lighting - MoDOT**

Mayor Watz reported there's some street lights out along Highway D. City Engineer Robert Schaffer will contact MoDOT about replacement.

ADJOURN

Adjourn

Being no further business at this time, Alderman McCulloch made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Dalton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.