

**CITY OF OLIVETTE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2016**

The Olivette City Council met on February 9, 2016 at 7:05 PM in the Council Chambers at Olivette City Hall located at 9473 Olive Boulevard, Olivette, Missouri. Mayor Ruth Springer called the meeting to order.

Item #1 – Roll call

On roll call, the following persons were present: Mayor Ruth Springer, Chairman Pro-tem J. Gregory Carl, Council Member Maxine Weil, Council Member Missy Waldman and Council Member Suzanne Sewell.

Also in attendance were City Manager Barbara Sondag, Police Chief Rick Knox, Fire Chief Scott Avery, Finance Director Darren Mann, Planning & Community Development Director Carlos Trejo, and City Clerk Myra Bennett.

Item #2 – Communications

City Clerk Bennett noted that the following written communication was submitted for the February 9, 2016 City Council meeting:

Letter from Fire Chief Kenneth Black, Creve Coeur Fire Protection District, to Olivette Fire Chief Scott Avery, thanking the Olivette Fire Department for their assistance during a second alarm fire on January 20, 2016.

Item #3 – City Manager's Report

City Manager Sondag reported the following:

- The contract with United Construction, for the construction of the new municipal facility, has been executed. Mobilization will begin tomorrow. A ground breaking ceremony will be held at 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 19, 2016.
- The Police Department had received calls regarding a dog running loose. Animal Control Officer, Roman Shmulevich, began trying to catch the animal; however, the dog would run away when approached. Mr. Shmulevich began leaving food for the dog, and contacted St. Louis County for a trap. The Police Department received a call this morning that a dog had been trapped. When the dog arrived at St. Louis County, it was found that she was chipped. The owner was contacted and was reunited with her dog, Zoey, who had been missing since November. City Manager Sondag commended Animal Control Officer Shmulevich for his persistence in catching the dog and reuniting her with her owner.
- A Citizen Police Academy will begin March 1, 2016. This is a 9 week program which will cover topics such as constitutional law, investigations, traffic safety, use of force, and firearms. It will be held 7 PM – 9 PM on Tuesday nights. The Academy is being provided through the combined efforts of the Creve Coeur, Des Peres, Frontenac, Olivette, and Town & Country Police Departments. For more information, visit the Olivette website at www.olivettemo.com.
- There was a terrible accident on Olive Boulevard last Thursday, involving 6 vehicles, one of which was traveling at a high rate of speed. Photos were shown of the vehicles involved in the accident. It was noted that Olivette Fire, Police and Public Services were all on the scene very quickly, the victims were removed from the vehicles within 18 minutes, and the vehicles were removed from the scene within thirty minutes. It was noted that all of the victims were wearing seatbelts, and although 2 were transported to

- the hospital, all victims walked away from the accident. City Manager Sondag thanked the Fire, Police and Public Services Departments for their quick response and teamwork.
- A "Social Hour with the Mayor" event will be held on February 17th at 5:30 PM at City Hall. The Mayor's guests will include Planning and Community Development Director, Carlos Trejo, and the Economic Development Commission Chairman, Jeff Springer.

City Manager Sondag recommended that the City Council hold an executive session at the end of tonight's meeting regarding legal issues, personnel matters, and contract negotiations.

Mayor Springer asked that Police Chief Knox extend her personal thanks to Animal Control Officer Roman Shmulevich, for the exceptional job he did in capturing and returning Zoe to her owner.

Item #4 – City Council Reports

Council Member Sewell stated that she had attended no additional meetings.

Council Member Weil stated that she had attended no meetings.

Council Member Waldman noted that she attended the Planning and Community Design Commission (PCDC) meeting on February 4th, and she gave a summary report of the actions taken at that meeting.

Chairman Pro-tem Carl stated that he attended the Suburban Mayors meeting on January 28th, in Mayor Springer's absence. He stated that he gave a brief summary of the status of the lawsuit against St. Louis County, regarding the Policing Standards issue. He noted that there was also discussion regarding SB 572, and how the proposed legislation would amend SB 5. Chairman Pro-tem Carl also noted that he attended the Municipal League meeting on January 28th. He reported that a presentation regarding strategic planning, and a presentation was given regarding emerald ash boar issues. He stated that discussion was also held regarding a sales tax proposal. He noted that additional information on these items is available from the Municipal League. Chairman Pro-tem Carl reported that he also attended the Economic Development Commission meeting last night; however, the meeting was held in closed session, therefore, there is nothing to report from that meeting.

Mayor Springer noted that she attended the Pension Board meeting on February 2nd. She stated that there is approximately \$18 million in the pension fund. She noted that a recommendation was made to move approximately \$2.2 million from the Columbus Circle Large Growth fund to Principal Large Cap S&P fund, to take advantage of the S&P 500.

Item #5 – Hearing from Citizens (Part I) – Three (3) Minutes Per Person, Ending Approximately at 8:00 PM

No speaker cards were presented.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #6 – Swearing-In Ceremonies

Mayor Springer performed swearing-in ceremonies for Police Officer Dane Lincoln and Firefighter/Paramedic Alex Fish. The Mayor and City Council Members welcomed Officer Lincoln and Firefighter/Paramedic Fish to the City of Olivette staff.

Item #7 – Board of Adjustment Appointment

Chairman Pro-tem Carl introduced Mr. David Zobel, who has expressed interest in serving as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mr. Zobel addressed the City Council regarding his qualifications and desire to serve on the Board.

Chairman Pro-tem Carl made a motion to appoint David Zobel as an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment, term ending June 30, 2020. Motion seconded by Council Member Weil.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

Chairman Pro-tem Carl	Yea
Council Member Weil	Yea
Council Member Sewell	Yea
Council Member Waldman	Yea
Mayor Springer	Yea

Motion passed.

Item #8 – Bill #2798 – An Ordinance Amending Article I, Sections 125.010 and 125.040 of Chapter 125 of the Olivette City Code Pertaining to the Parks and Recreation Commission – First Reading

City Clerk Bennett read Bill #2798 – An Ordinance Amending Article I, Sections 125.010 and 125.040 of Chapter 125 of the Olivette City Code Pertaining to the Parks and Recreation Commission, for the first time, by title only.

City Manager Sondag gave an overview of this item, noting that the proposed ordinance would reduce the number of Commissioners on the Parks and Recreation Commission from seven to five, and clarify the advisory nature of the Commission to the Council. She noted that the Park and Recreation Commission will be further reviewing and recommending changes to Section 125.040 Duties during the upcoming year.

It was noted that a second reading of this bill will be held at the February 23, 2016 City Council meeting.

Item #9 - Review and Approval of the Minutes of the January 26, 2016 City Council Meeting

Mayor Springer noted that City Clerk Bennett has submitted draft minutes from the January 26, 2016 City Council meeting for review; however, since there was limited time for review, Ms. Bennett has suggested that approval of the minutes be deferred until the next meeting.

Chairman Pro-tem Carl made a motion to defer approval the minutes January 26, 2016 City Council meeting until the February 23rd City Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Sewell.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

Chairman Pro-tem Carl	Yea
Council Member Sewell	Yea
Council Member Waldman	Yea
Council Member Weil	Yea
Mayor Springer	Yea

Motion passed.

Item #10 – Hearing from Citizens (Part 2) – Three (3) Minutes per Person

No Speaker cards were submitted.

Item #11 – City Attorney’s Report

City Attorney Martin was unable to attend the meeting; therefore, no attorney’s report was submitted.

Executive Session

Council Member Waldman made a motion to move into Executive Session, pursuant to the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri, Section 610.021.1, Section 610.021.3 and Section 610.021.12 for attorney-client privileged communications, personnel matters and contract negotiations. Motion was seconded by Chairman Pro-tem Carl.

POLL OF THE COUNCIL:

Council Member Waldman	Yea
Chairman Pro-tem Carl	Yea
Council Member Sewell	Yea
Council Member Weil	Yea
Mayor Springer	Yea

Motion passed. City Council moved to Executive Session at approximately 7:45 PM.

The City Council reconvened to the regular meeting at approximately 8:40 PM. It was noted that no reportable votes were taken.

Item #12 – Adjournment

Being no further business, Chairman Pro-tem Carl made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Waldman. Mayor Springer adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:42 PM.


Mayor Ruth Springer

ATTEST:



Myra G. Bennett, CMC/MPCC
City Clerk
City of Olivette