

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON**

Wednesday, January 7, 2015

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on January 7, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Wentz, Parker, Johnson, Pounds, and Hasch.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: City Manager Uri, Finance Director Farha, and City Clerk Crum.

Mayor Wentz declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Don Dean, Chad Eshbaugh, Dora Johnson, Janice Vignery, Christian Fazel, Tessa Zehring. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

Pastor Tessa Zehring gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2014, meeting. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #24

APPROVED

Answers to questions asked: the restitution process was explained, the district court check was for fines paid to the City mistakenly, the payment for DARE products was late due to not receiving an invoice. It was decided to look into the Airgas delivery charge now that fuel prices have gone down. Commissioner Johnson asked about the Brewer & Long payment, which included time spent to pass documents to and instruct the new City prosecutor. He questioned the City paying these charges when it was not our request to make the change. City Manager Uri said it was necessary due to the circumstances of changing City prosecutors.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve appropriation ordinance #24. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Johnson opposing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONOCO CMB LICENSES

APPROVED

The business has been checked with the KBI and is approved to receive the license.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve Conoco CMB license for 2015. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

TRAIL GRANT AGREEMENT

APPROVED

City Manager Uri said the City has received a grant for hiking trails, to do a \$577,000 project. The City will provide a 20% match and the project cannot be done until the dam is completed. Though KDOT has not specified what parts of the design were approved for the grant, City Manager Uri encouraged approving the agreement and moving forward.

Commissioner Pounds moved to authorize the mayor to sign the trail grant agreement with the Kansas Dept. of Transportation. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY NEAR CITY SHOP

APPROVED

The property is across the street from the City Shop. It can immediately be used for parking and to dump snow, with possible future uses.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the purchase of the lots near the city shop from Jeffrey and Regina Wallace for \$5,500. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

2015-3090 EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SNOW ROUTE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA; REPEALING CONCORDIA CODE SECTIONS 19-72 AND 19-77; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS 19-72 AND 19-77.

Thereupon, Commissioner Parker moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pounds. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Yea: Commissioners Wentz, Parker, Johnson, Pounds, and Hasch.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2015-3090, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

RESOLUTIONS:

2015-2011 SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR TIF BOND

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS STATING THAT THE CITY IS CONSIDERING ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT PLAN FOR USE IN A PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN THE CITY, DECLARING AN INTENT TO FINANCE A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT WITHIN SUCH PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, ESTABLISHING THE DATE AND TIME OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON SUCH MATTERS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING.

Commissioner Johnson rejected certain wording of the resolution which appears to give the City Manager, mayor, bond counsel, and City employees authorization to take action. Commissioner Johnson moved to add "with approval of the City commission" to that statement. The motion died for lack of a second.

The Resolution was considered and discussed; and thereupon on motion of Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Hasch, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Commissioners Wentz, Parker, Pounds, and Hasch.

Nay: Commissioner Johnson.

Thereupon, the Resolution having been adopted by vote of the members of the City Commission it was given No. 2015-2011, and was directed to be signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri introduced Christian Fazel, who has been interning at the City offices. City Manager Uri said he'd approved \$18,000 in body armor at the end of the year, which exceeded his purchasing limit, but in doing so, allowed the police department to purchase in 2014 and to get a considerable discount. He discussed the upcoming airport land acquisition from adjoining landowners, for the runway expansion. The donations for the tennis court sign have reached \$2500. Those working to place the sign at the tennis courts have asked if the City would donated the additional \$1000, to purchase a sign for \$3500. The consensus of the commissioners was that a nice sign could be purchased for \$2500, and they requested seeing a design.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Parker asked if salt was put down on the streets after a main break. Chad Buckley answered yes.

Commissioner Johnson asked if donors for the dog park would be recognized. City Manager Uri said there will be a sign with donors listed. Commissioner Johnson questioned where the Womack escrow funds were located. Amber Farha said this money is included in the funds at the bank, but does not have its own separate account. Commissioner Johnson recollected a separate account for these funds, to which Ms. Farha answered the money has never had its own account at the bank, but does have its own fund on our books. At the bank it is combined with all other City funds.

Commissioner Pounds said he'd received complaints of abandoned vehicles at the greenhouse on 1st St.

STAFF COMMENTS

Chad Buckley let the commissioners know the new process for reporting sludge to the EPA.

Don Dean gave a Plum Road dam update, saying the contractor now has a wood chipper.

Bruce Johnson said we received \$1000 for the animal shelter and \$500 for DARE from the county attorney. He exhibited the new body cameras and explained how they work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

HELD

Commissioner Hasch moved that the commission recess into executive session for ten (10) minutes for non-elected personnel. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Wentz, Parker, Johnson, Pounds, and Hasch.

Nay: None.

Time: 6:35 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Wentz announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

Mayor Wentz announced there would be a study session following the adjournment of the meeting.

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

(Seal)



Stacey Crum
City Clerk

