

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

Wednesday, October 15, 2014

4:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on October 15, 2014, at 4:30 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.

The commission moved to adjourn the meeting to a tour of the railroad crossings and the addition to the shop building, and to reconvene at 5:30.

The meeting was called back to order at 5:30 p.m.

Visitors: Amy Hadechek, Jim Lowell, Tanya Jordan, Frank Headrick. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Mike Copple, Assistant Police Chief.

There was no invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Manager Uri added an executive session for confidential business data.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2014, meeting. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #19**

**APPROVED**

Answers to questions asked: the City has been overcharged for the service fee for gas purchase and a refund has been generated. The site survey for the plaza was for the screen, and we will soon be receiving a proposal for the screen and related equipment. Staff will investigate the \$400 charge for a dog at the shelter. Mike Copple said if the animal is adoptable we will spend the money. It was questioned why the City needed a representative at Rotary Club.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve appropriation ordinance #19. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Frank Headrick discussed his concerns about the Broadway Plaza and the City possibly using outside contractors rather than local ones.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Tanya Jordan of DVACK introduced the proclamation, the mayor declared October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**APPROVED**

Bruno Rehbein said the terms of LaDonna Peltier and Joe Strecker were up for renewal. Ms. Peltier expressed interest in serving another term. This leaves one seat vacant.

Commissioner Hasch moved to reappoint LaDonna Peltier to the planning commission for a three year term. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**LIBRARY BOARD****APPROVED**

Rev. David Strommen has resigned from the library board. Jane Linden expressed interest in serving. Her term would expire in April of 2016.

Commissioner Pounds moved to appoint Jane Linden to the library board to fill the unexpired term. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:****BROADWAY PLAZA DESIGN PROPOSAL****APPROVED**

The agreement will provide for a set of plans allowing for us to let bids, but is not the construction contract. Commission Johnson expressed interested in getting proposals from other engineers. There was discussion on how much TIF funds would be spent on downtown infrastructure, as well as doing this project.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the proposal from Bowman Bowman Novick for \$98,109.00. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Johnson opposing.

**AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER****APPROVED**

The City will retain the same auditors, with no increase in fees from previous years, at \$12,450.00. Amber Farha said staff is pleased with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips. The firm rarely bills us the full amount, and are helpful throughout the year.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the audit engagement letter. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**DUCLOS GRANT APPLICATION****APPROVED**

The grant letter requests \$1000.00 for the new disc golf course at Airport Park. Considering other funds that have been raised, if the City is awarded this grant, \$2650.00 would be remaining. Other grants are being considered for the balance.

Commissioner Pounds moved to authorize the mayor to sign the Duclos grant application for the disc golf course. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**DEMO PROGRAM APPLICATION – 121 E. 11TH****APPROVED**

The property, now owned by the Leiszlers, is located behind Short Stop. The low bid from Snively was for \$6995.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the demo program application for 121 E. 11th. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Uri discussed several workshops/events he'd attended, or would be in the coming weeks. He entertained the question of whether we should be proactive and run a gas line down Union Road in hopes of picking up new customers. The idea of a lower speed limit around Hood Park was welcomed by citizens and City Manager Uri said he'd draft an ordinance for that.

**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

The earlier railroad crossing tour was discussed briefly, as well as the condition of the streets in those areas. Commissioner Johnson requested another permanent picnic table at Hood Park. Commissioner Pounds suggested playground equipment at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Park next year. Commissioner Hasch talked about workshops she'd attended at the League Conference.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Chad Buckley said there had been a main break over the weekend.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS DATA****HELD**

Commissioner Pounds moved that the commission recess into executive session for ten (10) minutes for confidential business data. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Wentz announced there was no binding action taken.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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Stacey Crum  
City Clerk