

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

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on October 21, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Hasch, Lambertz, Parker, Wentz, and Pounds.

Absent: None.

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

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

Visitors: Toby Nosker, Hailey Keller, Steve Conner, Don Dean, Steve Dailey, Amy Lange, Brandt Hutchinson, Raymond Mendenhall, Bersita Mendenhall, Shawna Mendenhall, Kathy Ashland. Staff present: Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2015, meeting. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #19**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #19. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Steve Conner asked for an update on the Broadway Plaza, and was given one by City Manager Uri. He stated the project might be simplified due to lack of bidding, but should still have several things in place by next summer.

Steve Dailey presented arguments why he should be reimbursed the \$30 delinquency fee for non-payment of his water bill. He stated that he put his payment in the drop box, but staff could not find it. Mayor Hasch requested the topic as a new business item tonight.

Ron Copple introduced Shawna Mendenhall and her project for Girl Scouts. She raised money for trees and benches at 2nd Street Park. She completed numerous hours of community service for the award she received.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Bruno Rehbein received expressions of interest from current members Mike Gallagher, Cheryl Lanoue, and Dennis Smith. He also recommended filling a position with Troy LeDuc which has been vacant for two years.

Commissioner Pounds moved to reappoint Mike Gallagher, Cheryl Lanoue, and Dennis Smith for three year terms, and to appoint Troy LeDuc to the unexpired position which ends in 2017. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CAMPBELL & JOHNSON ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR TRAIL**

**APPROVED**

The trail will help connect the south development and college area with the downtown. The project needs to meet KDOT standards. TIF funds are set aside for the project, including engineering.

Commissioner Parker moved to accept the agreement with Campbell & Johnson for \$49,620.00. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**WATER PAYMENTS**

The commissioners discussed possible answers to the problem of shutting off customers who have a history of good payment. The current policy does not allow for contacting customers to notify them they are delinquent. Mr. Dailey was asked if he would agree to go on ACH if he received a refund. He stated he did not care to. After discussion, it was agreed that there could be a possibility of billing the next month before the current month's shut offs, which would show a previous balance and alert a customer they had not paid, or the City had not received their payment for some reason. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

**EXTENSION FOR CDBG DOWNTOWN REHABILITATION PROJECT**

**APPROVED**

City Manager Uri said the contractor has not done the rehabilitation work to the owner's specifications, and the final payment may be withheld. The extension allows for the final work to be done.

Commissioner Parker moved to request the time extension for the CDBG project. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried, with Commissioner Wentz abstaining.

**CCCC SIGNAGE LICENSE**

**APPROVED**

The college wishes to place signage directing traffic, exit signs, etc. The signs would all be in the City right-of-way.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the CCCC signage license. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

**BLEACHERS GRANTS**

**APPROVED**

Brandt Hutchinson and Greg Brummett have approached the City about applying for grants for bleachers at the sports complex. They have a replacement schedule in place, with Doyen Field being the first need. The wooden bleachers would be replaced with metal bleachers, at an approximate cost of \$20,000 to \$25,000 per field.

Commissioner Parker moved to authorize Brandt Hutchinson and Greg Brummett to apply for grants for sports complex bleachers. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

**USDI CONTRACTS**

**APPROVED**

Utility Safety and Design, Inc. is the company that oversees our gas line inspection and maintenance.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the USDI contracts. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**2015-2035 CONDEMNATION 121 E. 18TH ST.**

**PASSED**

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission a Resolution for condemnation of 121 E. 18th St.

Thereupon on motion of Commissioner Wentz, seconded by Commissioner Lambertz, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2015-2035 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Uri said the arts commission has drafted a public arts plan for the community. Ambulance revenues were discussed. City Manager Uri discussed wellness in a community, as it pertains to trails grants.

**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Wentz and Mayor Hasch discussed the recent League of Kansas Municipalities conference.

Commissioner Parker noted the new curb and gutter at City Park, and the new dog park parking.

Commissioner Lambertz continued the water billing discussion with some additional ideas. He mentioned the Concordia citizens and the things being done around town like the parks, making this a community to appreciate.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Eric Voss noted the numerous ambulance and fire calls last week.

Don Dean said he'd monitored 1st & Kansas for the possible addition of stop signs, and noted very little traffic and no problems. He also said they have determined we are 8,000 yards short of dirt at the dam site for the final work.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS DATA**

**HELD**

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

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:11 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor Hasch announced there was no binding action taken.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL**

**HELD**

Mayor 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 Hasch, Lambertz, Parker, Wentz, and Pounds.

Nay: None.

Time: 7:23 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Hasch announced there was no binding action taken.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Hasch 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 7:35 p.m.

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Stacey Grum, City Clerk