

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

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on October 7, 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, Tanya Paul, Ashley Hutchinson, Don Dean, Janet Eubanks, Amy Lange, Gabrielle Lange, Melissa Anderson, Kerry Ketterman. Staff present: Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

The invocation was followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2015, meeting. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #18**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #18. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**CONDEMNATION 1022 WASHINGTON**

**HELD**

Mayor Hasch opened the public hearing.

Kerry Ketterman, the homeowner, appeared and presented cause why the house should not be condemned. She discussed the work being done, which is mostly interior. The taxes are current. Windows have been purchased, and it was suggested this be her next project to improve the exterior. The commission was encouraged that there is activity on the property.

Mayor Hasch closed the public hearing.

**CONDEMNATION 1116 LINCOLN**

**HELD**

Mayor Hasch opened the public hearing.

Bruno Rehbein informed the commission the property has been abandoned. The current owner is not interested in the property. The taxes are delinquent, and the property is regularly on our nuisance list. After the 30 days given in the resolution, we will be getting bids to tear down the house.

Mayor Hasch closed the public hearing.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**ARTS COMMISSION**

The positions held by Destiny Bowers and Braden Bruntzel have expired. Both have expressed interest in continuing to serve. Two positions are also vacant. Amber Rogers has expressed interest. She would fill the unexpired term of Christen Napier, who recently moved. That term expires in 2017.

Commissioner Parker moved to reappoint Destiny Bowers and Braden Bruntzel to three year terms, and to

appoint Amber Rogers to the unexpired term for two years. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Tanya Paul presented the proclamation. It was read, and the mayor proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**EXCAVATING CONTRACT FOR ADDITIONAL DIRT WORK**

**APPROVED**

As discussed at the last meeting, several things were changed in the contract including specifying that the amount paid to the contractor would be less if we run out of dirt. The work will be done on the additional lots at the flood control area by Koch Excavating for \$203,250.00.

Commissioner Pounds moved to accept the contract with Koch Excavating for \$203,250.00, and to authorize the city manager to sign the contract. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

**DEMO PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR 132 E. 11TH ST.**

**APPROVED**

The property has been a nuisance. It is overgrown with brush. Two bids were received. One did not include landfill fees, which would be substantial. Bruno Rehbein recommended the higher bid from Snavelly Excavating, which would also remove a large tree. Under the demo program, up to \$4000.00 is reimbursed to the owner.

Commissioner Parker moved to accept 132 E. 11th St. into the demo program, based on the bid from Snavelly Excavating for \$7,970.00. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

**ANIMAL SHELTER APPLICATION FOR DUCLOS GRANT**

**APPROVED**

The O'Connor Animal Shelter would like to apply for a grant from the Duclos Foundation in the amount of \$2,000.00, to be used for improvements such as new flooring, storage shed, countertop, and shelving.

Commissioner Parker moved to authorize submission of the Duclos grant for the animal shelter. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**2015-2032 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**PASSED**

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission a Resolution to accept the North-Central (Region F) hazard mitigation plan.

Thereupon on motion of Commissioner Wentz, seconded by Commissioner Pounds, 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. 2015-2032 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**2015-2033 CONDEMNATION 1022 WASHINGTON**

**PASSED**

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission a Resolution for condemnation of 1022 Washington.

Thereupon on motion of Commissioner Parker, 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. 2015-2033 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**2015-2034 CONDEMNATION 1116 LINCOLN**

**PASSED**

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission a Resolution for condemnation of 1116 Lincoln.

Thereupon on motion of Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Wentz, 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. 2015-2034 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

#### **ORDINANCES:**

##### **2015-3102 DANGEROUS STRUCTURES**

**PASSED**

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-101, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR PROCEDURES RELATED TO REPAIR OR REMOVAL OF UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS STRUCTURES; REPEALING CONCORDIA CODE SECTION 6-101; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 6-101.**

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 Hasch, Lambertz, Parker, Wentz, and Pounds.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2015-3102, 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.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Uri said the League has notified us that some new regulations to the elections bill may allow us to have April elections next year. This should be finalized soon.

#### **MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Wentz mentioned a trailer behind the property at 18th and Lincoln as a nuisance. She said she has received requests from citizens for a stop sign at 1st & Kansas. Ron Copple said a traffic study would need to be done.

Mayor Hasch thanked those who attended the marathon at the elementary school. She discussed the condition of 18th Street, of which the repair has been put on hold due to giving attention to downtown projects instead.

Commissioner Parker mentioned a vehicle parked on the street at 10th & Republican for quite some time.

Commissioner Lambertz wondered about possibly giving some tax relief as an incentive to keep their properties cleaned up and attractive for those living on public thoroughfares through town such as along the highways.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Ron Copple told the commission we did not receive the geometric improvement to do 1st and Lincoln. Also, the trees will be planted behind the theatre soon.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

**HELD**

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

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:50 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Hasch announced there was no binding action taken.

**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 Lambertz seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:03 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:13 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 7:15 p.m.

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Stacey Crum, City Clerk