

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

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on March 18, 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, Steve Womack, Mark Headrick, Chuck Lambertz, Marty Tatum, Ashley Hutchinson, Jose Nava, Galen LaBarge, Tammy Britt, Robert Frasier, James Jackson, Frank Headrick, Sue Cadamore, Scott Baumann, Galey LaBarge, John Toone, Todd Gennette. Staff present: Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director.

Pastor Robert Frasier gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri said Steve Womack requested an executive session for confidential business data to discuss the earnest money which was being discussed under old business tonight.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2015, meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #5**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve appropriation ordinance #5. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Several property owners from the East Hills Estates area talked about the cell tower to be built near their homes. They requested that the City take action, though the area is out of City limits.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

The proclamation was read, and the mayor declared April as Fair Housing Month.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS DATA**

**HELD**

Commissioner Parker moved that the commission recess into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes for confidential business data. Inviting: City Manager Uri and Steve Womack. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:08 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:23 p.m.

Mayor Wentz announced there was no binding action taken.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**WOMACK SUNSHINE FORD EARNST MONEY**

**PASSED**

Commissioner Johnson moved to return the \$10,000 held in escrow by the City due to a previous option to purchase land in the south development from Womack Sunshine Ford. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Pounds opposing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BACKHOE BIDS**

**PASSED**

Ron Copple received one bid from Foley Equipment for a backhoe. The cost of the Cat 415F2 HRC is \$97,347.12, with a trade-in of \$6,700.00, for a difference of \$90,647.12. The bid met the minimum specifications and staff recommended the purchase.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the bid from Foley Equipment for the Cat backhoe for \$90,647.12 with trade in. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**DEMO BIDS – 301 E. 1ST & 129 W. 2ND**

**PASSED**

Only one bidder responded to the demolition of the two properties, Gilford Hale. Bruno Rehbein said the bids were reasonable and recommended accepting them.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the bids from Gilford Hale for \$2,300.00 for 301 E. 1st and \$5,200.00 for 129 W. 2nd. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL PROJECT**

**PASSED**

The City contributed \$5,000.00 last year towards the new magazine. This year, the Blade-Empire and CloudCorp intend to contribute towards the new issue. CloudCorp has requested the City contribute \$2,000.00.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve contributing \$2,000.00 towards this year's Inside Concordia magazine. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**2ND STREET PARK**

**PASSED**

Ron Copple presented possible playground equipment to be placed in 2nd Street Park. The total was \$51,075.00. Funds used would include those from the special alcohol fund. Commissioner consensus was to spend only what is in the fund, which is approximately \$46,000.00.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the 2nd Street Park playground equipment for no more than \$46,000.00. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ALCO ACCESS EASEMENTS**

**PASSED**

Adjoining properties directly east of the Alco parking lot have not had easements to reach their properties. The proposed easements included the old donut shop and Jammers buildings. City Manager Uri said one easement east of the building would allow staff to access a lift station.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the Alco access easements with Rodney & Cynthia Hake, Lance Lagasse and Brian Strait, and the City. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**2015-2018 EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**

**PASSED**

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

**WHEREAS, THE GOVERNING BODY DETERMINES IT TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES OF THE CITY;**

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

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2015-2018 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Uri presented photos of the work being done at the dams. There was discussion on the land purchase and easements needed for the possible expansion of the airport. He said by the next meeting he should have a better idea of the trail that can be built with the grant.

**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Johnson got an update on the gas service to the City's one customer. City Manager Uri said there is a possibility of another customer tying in.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

There were no staff comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL**

**HELD**

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

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:02 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:12 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 7:14 p.m.

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Stacey Crum  
City Clerk