



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

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on April 15, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Wentz, Parker, Pounds, and Hasch.

Absent: Commissioner Johnson.

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, James McCabe, Stefan Guevara, Mary Jo Thummel, Carol Torkelson, Mark Headrick, Jean Rosemarynoski, Zach Roberts, Becca Robbins, Tori Reed, Jera Metro, Shea Crum, Tammy Britt. Staff present: Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

Sister Mary Jo Thummel gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMISSION REORGANIZATION:**

**ELECTION RESULTS**

City Clerk Crum read the report from the Cloud County Clerk and Election Officer Shella Thoman, certifying the results for the City Commission of Concordia held April 7, 2015, to be as follows:

Charles Lambertz	335	Marty Tatum	223
Sam Sacco	252	Lisa Fleming	1

Following the reading of the results, City Clerk Crum declared Charles P. Lambertz to the Office of City Commissioner for a three year term.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

City Ordinance prescribes that elected officials take the Oath of Office before entering into the duties of his/her office. City Clerk Crum administered the Oath of Office to Charles P. Lambertz for a three year term.

**ANNUAL COMMISSION REORGANIZATION**

City Ordinance requires that the Commission annually elect one of its members to serve as mayor and preside at commission meetings and perform as official head of the City on formal occasions. Commissioner Parker moved to appoint Commissioner Hasch as mayor. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Parker moved that Commissioner Pounds be elected as mayor pro tem. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE**

City Manager Uri presented a plaque to Marsha Wentz for serving as mayor the past year. Refreshments were served.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2015, meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #7**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #7. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

The terms of Vicki Conn, Kim Wiesner, and Sherrie Radcliffe have expired. All have expressed an interest in serving another term.

Commissioner Pounds moved to reappoint Vicki Conn, Kim Wiesner, and Sherrie Radcliffe to the housing authority for three year terms. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**CDBG FINAL PERFORMANCE – HOUSING GRANT**

**HELD**

Mayor Hasch opened the public hearing.

Carol Torkelson, project administrator from North Central Regional Planning Committee, said \$393,000 had been spent on projects, which rehabbed fourteen homes and demolished five. Before and after photos were shown, demonstrating what the grant accomplished.

Mayor Hasch closed the public hearing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CDBG FINAL PERFORMANCE DOCUMENTATION**

**PASSED**

Commissioner Parker moved to authorize the mayor to execute the CDBG final performance documentation for the housing grant. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**WELL #21 REHAB**

**PASSED**

Jeremy Arnold said 1999 was the last time well #21 had been repaired. Considering the well will be pumping a large amount of water this year, he recommended being proactive and pulling the pump. Layne-Western has estimated \$11,119.85 to take care of the rehab.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the rehab of well #21 for \$11,119.85 from Layne-Western. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ORD. 2015-3092**

Discussion stemmed from an amendment to this ordinance in February at the time of passage. "It is *not expected* that the Plan will generate additional tax increment" should have read "it *will not* generate additional tax increment", according to the original motion by Commissioner Johnson. Since, he has insisted the wording be changed. City Manager Uri recommended leaving the ordinance as is, due to this version being what was published and mailed to the TIF partners. It was agreed it should not be changed at this point.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**2015-2019 TIF BOND SALE**

**PASSED**

The matter of providing for the offering for sale of General Obligation Tax Increment Bonds, Series 2015, came on for consideration and was discussed.

Commissioner Parker presented and moved the adoption of a Resolution entitled:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX INCREMENT BONDS, SERIES 2015, OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS.**

Commissioner Wentz seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution. Thereupon, the Resolution was read and considered, and, the question being put to a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

Nay: None.

The Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted; the Clerk designating the same Resolution No. 2015-2019.

Commissioner Wentz authorized the mayor to sign Exhibit A Certificate Deeming Preliminary Official Statement Final. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

City Manager Uri asked for a motion to approve well repairs up to \$25,000.00, the budgeted amount, in case more work is needed after the pump is pulled.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve spending up to \$25,000.00 for well #21 repairs. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Concerning recent discussion of a telecommunications tower so near city limits, City Manager Uri discussed the possibility of moving the tower to the airport. If placed near the hangars, it would not be in line of any runway approach. There was discussion of work being done at the dams. The Wells Fargo house title has been received and there was discussion on how to proceed with this property. The dog park grand opening is April 18. Vendors will be bringing video screens to the Broadway Plaza area to demonstrate. City Manager Uri talked about how ambulance revenues have gone up since staffer Thea McMillan has taken on the billing.

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

Commissioner Wentz asked that a new flag replace the tattered one at the police department.

Commissioner Parker suggested trees in the parking lot behind the theatre for beautification.

Mayor Hasch appreciated the prompt response by the utilities department on the sewer line, and the coverage by the media.

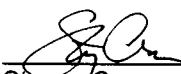
#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Amber Farha arranged budget meetings for July 8 and July 15.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Stacey Crum  
City Clerk