

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

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on May 20, 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 and Finance Director/Deputy City Clerk Farha.

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

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Susie Haver, Mark Headrick, Susan Sutton, Paul Rimovsky, Monte Wentz, Quentin Breese, Doug Thoman, Tammy Britt, Tim Mehl, Neil Phillips. Staff present: Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief, Eric Voss, Fire Chief.

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

City Manager Uri added two executive sessions for acquisition of real estate and attorney-client privilege.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2015, meeting. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2015, special meeting. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #9

APPROVED

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #9. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BROWN GRAND THEATRE – AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Susie Haver discussed Red Nose Day, a campaign dedicated to raising money for children and young people living in poverty by having fun and making people laugh. She then discussed the awards ceremony she, and several other individuals representing the Brown Grand, attended in Topeka. The Brown Grand was one of three projects to receive the highest award, the Medallion Award for Rehabilitation. They received a medallion, which was shown to the Commission and will be on display at the Brown Grand.

APPOINTMENTS

BOARD OF BUILDING TRADES

The terms of Bruce Brown and Randy Greenwood will expire on May 31. An expression was also received from Tim Mehl, owner/operator of Mehl's Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning. The board has no recommendation and Bruno suggested the City change the designated amount of board members to allow all to serve who wish to.

Commissioner Pounds moved to reappoint Bruce Brown and Randy Greenwood to three year terms, and appoint Tim Mehl to a three year term pending adoption of an ordinance allowing for expansion of the board. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION OF 2014 AUDIT

Neil Phillips, of Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, presented the City's 2014 audit and explained it in some detail. The general fund cash balance has been increased, in part due to a goal to have greater reserves built up. He found no concerns during the audit period and noted that again, the City would receive a discount on the contracted amount for the audit.

MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION LETTER

APPROVED

Commissioner Parker moved to accept the audit, and to authorize the mayor to sign the management representation letter. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

KLINK AGREEMENT

APPROVED

Ron Copple said the agreement with the State allows for improvements on highways running through the city. It is a 75/25 match, and the State will match that up to \$400,000 as this is a combination of two projects that would allow a match up to \$200,000 if done individually. The City pays for the design. The project would do a mill and overlay on K-9 Hwy. from west City limits east to Davies Street and from State Street to Archer Street.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the Klink agreement. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri explained that he was incorrect in his assumption that there were no local contractors that could bid the Broadway Plaza as he had been approached by Budreau Construction and there may be others. The Entex study has been put on hold. KDHE has hired an individual that is going around the state and suggesting changes to wastewater treatment plants. Photos of the dams as well as the new signs at the disc golf course were shown and discussed. Letters from the FCC and Senator Roberts were shown regarding the cell tower. No further action has been taken at this time. A letter from USD 333 regarding ending funding for the SRO position at the school was shown. City Manager Uri said we would discuss this further in study session.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Pounds noted that the dumpsters behind the area of businesses including Orscheln's and Dollar General aren't closed allowing trash to blow onto the Motherhouse property. He wondered if there was an ordinance regarding this. City Manager Uri said he thought there was and it would be checked into. Commissioner Wentz suggested a banner for the dog park to put along the fence advertising it is there. City Manager Uri thought this was a great idea and that it could be done for around \$250. Commissioners Hasch and Lambertz noted their appreciation of 2nd Street Park and how great it was for our community.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ron Copple noted that the pool would be opening on Monday as opposed to Saturday as originally scheduled, due to weather.

Jeremy Arnold further explained the KDHE proposal which involved D.O. Management, a series of cycling the blowers to allow for nitrification. They have already seen a significant drop in nitrogen levels in just a few days. They will continue to test this for the next month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE

HELD

Commissioner Wentz moved that the commission recess into executive session for ten (10) minutes for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:36 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:46 p.m.

Mayor Hasch announced there was no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

HELD

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

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:48 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:58 p.m.

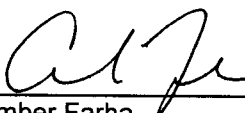
Mayor Hasch announced there was no binding action taken.

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 6:59 p.m.

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Amber Farha
Deputy City Clerk