

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

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on June 17, 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 City Clerk Crum.

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

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Monte Wentz, Janice Swenson, Jane Linden, Mark Headrick, Don Dean, Kayla Smith, Bonnie Sjogren, Denise de Rochefort-Reynolds, Jim Kerr, Frank Headrick, Brendon Phillips. Staff present: Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

Pastor Tessa Zehring gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri added an executive session for attorney-client privilege.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2015, meeting. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #11**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve appropriation ordinance #11. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kayla Smith presented a petition with over 500 signatures of those desiring a new municipal pool. She noted the surrounding communities getting new facilities, possibly attracting our citizens. City Manager Uri discussed possible renovations of the current facility, and promised to continue the discussion. Most likely anything done would require a vote for a citywide sales tax.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FRANK CARLSON LIBRARY BUDGET REQUEST**

Janice Swenson presented the 2016 budget, noting that the library is requesting less than \$4,500.00 over last year's request. The air conditioning was replaced this spring, books and other materials continue to be purchased, and the library actively pursues grants.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CDBG COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION EXTENSION**

The work being done at Monte Wentz' downtown building will not be completed by the deadline. As the grant is administered through the City, any extension must be approved by the Commission. No City funds are being used for the project. The new deadline is extended to October 31, 2015.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the CDBG commercial rehabilitation extension. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried, with Commissioner Wentz abstaining.

**BROADWAY PLAZA VIDEO SCREEN**

City Manager Uri followed up with the vendors. A quote was received from Watchfire, a company Commissioner Pounds recommended contacting. The proposal was \$158,526.00, and the local rep is in Salina. Commissioners Hasch, Wentz, and Pounds discussed the screen which was demonstrated in town last week. City Manager Uri said he still recommended pursuing negotiations with Apple 1 for the Daktronics screen, and would attempt to negotiate a lower price with whatever screen we ended up approving.

Commissioner Wentz moved to authorize the city manager to negotiate with the Daktronics dealers for the 10.16 mm screen. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

After discussion, it was decided to post "no fireworks allowed" in the Alco parking lot, but continue to allow parking there for the fireworks show. An ordinance will be brought to the next meeting allowing fireworks to be discharged on July 5, as that is a Sunday. We are ready to start taking bids for the Broadway Plaza; they will be due June 30. The Dane G. Hanson Foundation, through the Community Foundation, granted \$2,500.00 for downtown trees. The paperwork for the SRO grant was submitted today.

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

Commissioner Pounds thanked the staff for the cleanup of property near the Motherhouse. He received an update on the Alco building.

Commissioner Wentz received clarification of the police department involvement in a play during Fall Fest.

Commissioner Parker received a response from Ron Copple on how repairs in alleys are handled.

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Bruno Rehbein discussed the sinkhole at the property at 1st and Lincoln. Upon further investigation, fuel leakage was found. It is unknown whether there are still tanks buried. Clean up cost should be minimal.

Jeremy Arnold said the water main project downtown starts next week. He also noted that chemical levels at the treatment plant are better since implementing the current project.

Bruce Johnson said he monitored traffic in front of the senior center this week and didn't notice a problem with speeding.

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

**HELD**

Commissioner Parker moved that the commission recess into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes for attorney-client privilege. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:04 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:19 p.m.

Mayor Hasch announced there was no binding action taken.

City Manager Uri discussed the broken sewer line under the river. The City has elected to file suit against the contractor of the gas line, K.C. Construction, and against the engineering firm, BG Consultants. The attorney will work on a percentage instead of an hourly fee. A resolution was brought forth to authorize the city manager to proceed.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve Res. 2015-2022. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

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Stacey Crum  
City Clerk