

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

Wednesday, September 2, 2015 5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on September 2, 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: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Ken Johnson, Mary Jo Thummel, Sarah Unruh. Staff present: Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; 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 August 19, 2015, meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #16**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #16. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PEC TREATMENT PLAN IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE**

Sarah Unruh from PEC discussed needed repairs at the treatment plant and long term goals necessary to keep with KDHE's requirements for the permits. At this point, certain nutrients aren't being removed which will need to be corrected. Most equipment is at least 20 years old. PEC has recommended two phases of the work, with Phase 1 being what are recognized as the most immediate upgrades, at a cost of just over \$2,000,000. Phase 2 will be discussed over the next few years, and can be done as needed. The cost of Phase 2 is over \$4,000,000. At this point, the wastewater fund has enough to start the engineering on Phase 1.

**NEX-TECH TOWER SPACE LEASE AGREEMENT**

**APPROVED**

Nex-Tech is requesting to add two antennas on the water tower where they currently have equipment installed, at an increase of \$150.00 per month. An additional increase will be a five-year anniversary CPI adjustment of \$56.63, for a monthly fee of \$806.63.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the Nex-Tech tower space lease agreement. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

**ADDITIONAL WORK IN FLOOD CONTROL AREA**

Several items were discussed which were not included in the original 21st St. dam work, including seeding and mulching the topsoil, dirt work at the lot across from the college, dirt work and storm sewer at the undeveloped lot south of Taco John's, Pizza Hut retaining wall, and city lot dirt work. City Manager Uri recommended doing all the projects except the city lot work, stating if all work is done at the Broadway Plaza this year, the TIF fund will be in the red. After discussion, commission consensus was to do all the work while the equipment is there. Koch Excavating has given an estimate, which is considerably lower than the alternate bids received at the time the dam was bid. It was agreed to give Koch the project, rather than bidding the work again.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**2015-2029 CONDEMNATION 427 E. 15TH ST.**

**PASSED**

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission a Resolution for condemnation of 427 E. 15th St.

Thereupon on motion of Commissioner Pounds, 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. 2015-2029 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**2015-2030 INSURANCE PROCEEDS 711 E. 10TH ST.**

**PASSED**

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission a Resolution for repayment of insurance proceeds for 711 E. 10th St. The amount being held is \$7,350.00. But it has been determined we can withhold fees which include legal publications. The amount to be returned is \$7,103.75.

Thereupon on motion of Commissioner Wentz, seconded by Commissioner Lambertz, the Resolution was amended and 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. 2015-2030 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Uri inquired about hiring an engineer to inspect the pool and give recommendations for upgrades, at a cost not to exceed \$4,600.00. The commissioners agreed to hold off, stating other projects needed to be done instead. City Manager Uri discussed a possible \$25,000.00 grant for the Broadway Plaza. A design was shown for the new billboard north of Belleville promoting Concordia. City Manager Uri presented the contract from Bryant & Bryant for the 5th Street project, for approval.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to enter into a contract for completion of the 5th Street TIF project according to the bid already accepted. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried.

**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

The commissioners heard from Ron Copple on the condition of the cemetery, due to recent social media chatter.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Ken Johnson gave an update on the dams project. Plum Road is now open.

City Clerk Crum stated the commissioners needed to designate two voting delegates for the upcoming League business meeting.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve Christy Hasch and Marsha Wentz as voting delegates. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

Staff sent well wishes to Jessica LeDuc on her new job at the college.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Stacey Crum  
City Clerk