

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

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on March 2, 2016, 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: Toby Nosker, Hailey Keller, Mike Copple, Marvin Copple, RONALDA COPPLE, Sara Hanson, Sandy Sterling, Don Dean, Gary Jeardoe Jr., Kole Copple, Angie Copple, Kaleb Copple, Cheryl Lanoue, R. Frasier, Ashley Hutchinson. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

The invocation was followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri added two items under New Business; Lambert Airport Land Acquisition and Clock for Broadway Plaza.

PRESENTATION – MIKE COPPLE RETIREMENT

Bruce Johnson presented a plaque to Lieutenant Mike Copple for his many years of service to the community, which began in 1986 as a part time police officer. Mayor Hasch thanked him for his service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016, meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #4

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve appropriation ordinance #4. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

EASY G LLC DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT GRANT

APPROVED

Ashley Hutchinson presented the new design for the sign on the building, based on commissioners' suggestions at an earlier meeting. The sign met with approval for the style of the downtown.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the Easy G downtown improvement grant. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

KLINK BIDS

APPROVED

Don Dean said the project would do mill and overlay on Hwy. 9 from the west city limits to Archer St. The State will pay for 75% of the project. The City must pay 100% of non-participating items, which include parking and striping. KDOT's share is \$302,437.69, and the City's share is \$125,309.55. Not included in Hall Brothers' project cost is Campbell & Johnson's \$18,000.00 construction inspection. The other bid received was from APAC-Kansas, Shears Division, for \$459,474.40.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the KLINK bid by Hall Brothers, Inc., for \$409,747.24. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

HORIZON GRANT APPLICATION

APPROVED

Brandt Hutchinson instigated the grant, seeking \$25,000.00 for bleachers for the fields at the sports complex. The total project cost is \$88,499.92.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the grant application for sports complex bleachers with Horizon Wind Energy. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER FOR SPLASH PAD

APPROVED

The KDHE has notified the City that the water from the splash pad cannot drain into the storm sewer, as originally planned, but must drain into the sewer system. The change in plans results in another almost \$17,000.00 to the project. The commissioners were unhappy that the architect did not know KDHE would require this, and asked City Manager Uri to voice their displeasure to Bowman Bowman Novick. They suggested no bill should be paid to the engineer for these changes, in order to hold them accountable for the oversight. However, they agreed the project must move forward.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the change order for the Broadway Plaza splash pad with Cary Stupka Construction. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

LAMBERT AIRPORT LAND ACQUISITION

TABLED

This marks the end of the airport land acquisition. City Manager Uri said the negotiations went smoothly enough that no property ended up in court or being condemned. The acquisition of the Keaton Lambert property is the largest acquisition, at \$270,000.00. The FAA will pay 90%, with the City's 10% coming out of the CIP fund. The agreement with Mr. Lambert allows for a three year lease to farm the land, and for the opportunity to match the top price should the land be bid out.

As the commissioners had not had time to study the information, they all agreed the item should be tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to table the airport land acquisition. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

CLOCK FOR BROADWAY PLAZA

City Manager Uri presented some photos of possible choices for a clock at the Broadway Plaza. The City received a \$15,000.00 grant from ITC for this purchase. Options were discussed that would cost over \$15,000.00. Commissioner consensus was to stay within the amount of the grant funds. A decision will soon need to be made where to place the clock.

MANAGER'S REPORT

A head count was taken for next week's intergovernmental meeting. City Manager Uri said with asphalt prices down, there might be some discussion about undertaking some extra projects. City Manager Uri discussed staff's plans to turn the community room into the fire department's new training room and eliminate having a public rental space.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

There were no commissioner comments.

STAFF COMMENTS

Amber Farha said the auditors would be here March 14-15, and would need to speak with Mayor Hasch.

ADJOURN

Mayor Hasch announced there would be a study session following the adjournment of the meeting.

There being no further business, at 6:24 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk