

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

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on August 17, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Hasch, Sacco, Parker, and Pounds.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: City Manager Uri, City Clerk Smith, and Finance Director Farha.

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

Visitors: Ashley Hutchinson, Ashley Carlgen, Becky Kindel, Shirley LeDuc, Arlene Clayton, Charity Brown, Kenny Allen, Robert Frasier, Megan Murdock, Thea McMillan, Amanda Jeardoe. Staff present: Ron Copple, Public Works Director; 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2016, meeting. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sacco moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2016, meeting. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #15

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve appropriation ordinance #15. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Numerous people discussed the recreation department, in light of the recent news that the City intends to utilize office staff to take over the department. The commissioners said all comments would be considered.

Amanda Jeardoe appealed to the commission to reimburse a portion of her plumber bill during a recent sewer backup at her residence. The City could not find the manhole, which had been covered over and was not shown on any city maps. It was eventually found by her plumber.

NEW BUSINESS:

BLADE-EMPIRE DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT GRANT

APPROVED

The Blade's awning was damaged. The grant would cover a portion of its replacement.

Mayor Hasch moved to approve the Blade-Empire downtown improvement grant for \$1115.33. Commissioner Sacco seconded. Motion carried.

EL PUERTO DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT GRANT

APPROVED

The grant would help in the exterior painting. Color samples were shown.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the El Puerto downtown improvement grant for \$1852.23. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

2016-3113 ZONING CHANGE

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS; ORDERING THE OFFICIAL CITY ZONING DISTRICT MAP TO BE CHANGED TO

REFLECT SUCH AMENDMENTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ARTICLE IV OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS.

Thereupon, Commissioner Pounds moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parker. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Yea: Commissioners Hasch, Lambertz, Sacco, Parker, and Pounds.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2016-3113, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

2016-3114 FIREWORKS

FAILED

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING HOURS DURING WHICH DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS IS PERMITTED WITHIN THE CITY OF CONCORDIA; REPEALING CONCORDIA CODE SECTION 10-303; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 10-303.

Thereupon, Commissioner Parker moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sacco. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Yea: Commissioners Sacco and Parker.

Nay: Commissioners Hasch, Lambertz, and Pounds.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly failed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said the executive session would be held to discuss the recreation department. He added that no programs would be dropped in the event a fulltime director was not hired. Discussion included a recreation department that handled all rec activities in the city, but the added activities would require a sales tax to pay for the department. Ads have started being run on the Plaza screen. Over \$5,000 in contracts have been received for this.

The Jeardoe sewer backup was discussed. Commission consensus was that the City was at fault for not being able to find the manhole, and was the City's obligation to pay a portion of the bill.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to reimburse Amanda Jeardoe for 50% of her bill of \$2472.00 from the plumber. Commissioner Sacco seconded. Motion carried.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Pounds commended the street crew for the repairs at 13th & Broadway.

Commissioner Lambertz thanked the citizens who speak out and give input. He said the back-to-school movie night was this weekend at Hood Park.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ron Copple said the LED lights have been installed at the pool.

Eric Voss said the fire department would be doing the annual boot drive.

Bruce Johnson informed the commission that the state renewed the license on the animal shelter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

HELD

Commissioner Pounds moved that the commission recess into executive session for twenty (20) minutes for non-elected personnel. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:22 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

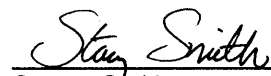
Mayor Hasch announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business, at 7:44 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

(Seal)



Stacey Smith
City Clerk