

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

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on January 18, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Lambertz, Hasch, Parker, Sacco, and Pounds.

Absent: None.

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

There being a quorum present, Mayor Lambertz called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Toby Nosker, Brad Lowell, Susan Sutton, Susie Haver, Barbara Shunn, Shirley LeDuc, Troy LeDuc, Wonda Phillips, Jason Johnson, Roberta Lowrey, Paul Rimovsky, Lori Halfhide, Kasey Halfhide, Marsha Wentz, Irene Brown, Bruce Brown, Shaley George, Stephanie Tschetter, Kristina Frost, Spencer Brown. Staff present: Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

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

AWARD PRESENTATION

City Manager Uri presented Commissioner Hasch with a plaque for her service as mayor the past year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Sacco moved to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2017, meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #1

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve appropriation ordinance #1. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PROCLAMATIONS:

THE ORPHAN TRAIN TOWN

City Manager Uri recognized those in the audience instrumental in the establishment and support of the orphan train complex, specifically Susan Sutton. The proclamation was read, and Concordia was proclaimed "The Orphan Train Town."

Shaley George, curator, presented four new statues which have been purchased for placement next. The commissioners unveiled the statues, at which point Ms. George discussed the life of each rider represented by the statue. She announced that seventeen statues have been purchased so far, with more in the works.

APPOINTMENTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION

Bruno Rehbein stated his board had two vacancies with the expired terms of Suzy Tuggle and Steve Champlin. Both expressed interest in continuing on the board, with no other expressions received.

Commissioner Sacco moved to reappoint Suzy Tuggle and Steve Champlin to the planning commission. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

BROADWAY PLAZA OPERATIONS FORECAST

Jessica Brucken discussed the operations of the Broadway Plaza. She stated that more income has been received off advertising on the screen than had been originally planned. \$14,000 has been forecast for 2017. It has been decided that CloudCorp, administering operations, should be allowed to use 60% of this for future events. The remainder will go towards the operating budget. Ms. Brucken said she planned to advertise in the surrounding areas, in order to draw more people to town. Commissioner Sacco requested a projection of how the Plaza is affecting downtown businesses. It was stated that after the Plaza has been operating a year, sales tax figures will be studied.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said bid openings will take place next Tuesday for the 18th & 6th St. water and street projects. All permits have been completed for the south development trail. He stated bids would be opened in March for the wastewater treatment plant upgrades.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Sacco applauded the street department for its hard work during the recent ice storm.

Commissioner Parker got clarification of the process of branch pickup, necessary since the storm.

Mayor Lambertz said he appreciated the hard work of all city staff and the jobs they do.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ron Cople discussed the maintenance assurance statement from the Dept. of Wildlife & Parks, which must be completed and has been done ever since a grant was received for the swimming pool in City Park in 1974. Spring cleanup will be held April 10-14. He also stated that tomorrow the light pole at 6th & Lincoln, which was damaged in a traffic accident, will be replaced.

Bruno Rehbein said efforts will be increased with nuisances to coincide with spring cleanup, in the hopes that property owners will take advantage of the city hauling their trash away.

Eric Voss said he filed disaster paperwork with FEMA this week, requesting cleanup funds for the ice storm.

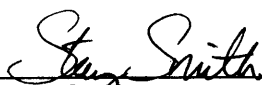
Bruce Johnson announced that there was only one accident on Sunday, the day the ice hit.

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business, at 6:21 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

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Stacey Smith
City Clerk