

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

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on May 17, 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, Jay Lowell, Tony Burnett, Ashley Hutchinson, Sheila Jackson, Rosella Hubert, Janice Swenson, Hadyn Murphy, Tonya Merrill, Aline Luecke, Shaley George, Denise deRocheffort-Reynolds, Teddy Lineberry, Nancy Reynolds, Neil Phillips. Staff present: Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Sacco moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2017, meeting. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #9

APPROVED

Commissioner Parker moved to approve appropriation ordinance #9. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shaley George discussed the upcoming activities planned during the orphan train complex's celebration June 1-4.

APPOINTMENTS

BOARD OF BUILDING TRADES

Cheryl Lanoue, a current member, has expressed interest to continue serving on the board. James Reynolds expressed interest in taking a general contractor position. By appointing both, this will give the board a quorum for meetings. Mr. Reynolds' position would be for an unexpired term.

Commissioner Sacco moved to appoint Cheryl Lanoue and James Reynolds to the board of building trades. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION OF 2016 AUDIT

APPROVED

Neil Phillips, of Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, presented the City's 2016 audit, explaining it in detail and answering the commission's questions. There were no issues found, and Mr. Phillips said due to staff's advance preparation, his firm would again be discounting the bill.

Commissioner Pounds moved to accept the audit and to authorize the mayor to sign the management representation letter. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

CLOUDCORP BUDGET REQUEST

Ashley Hutchinson presented the budget request of \$55,000.00, stating that amount has not changed since 2012. An additional \$3,000.00 is requested for the small business development center, which is headed by Linda Sutton.

CLOUD VILLAGE BUDGET REQUEST

Sheila Jackson, new property manager for the complex, presented the budget request. Though the Housing Authority is set up through the City, the property technically is not owned by the City. No past request has

been made for funds since the complex was built in 1978, but the building is falling into disrepair, with very little funds to do the necessary repairs. She requested \$5,000.00.

RESOURCE COUNCIL BUDGET REQUEST

Tonya Merrill said the resource council is requesting the same as last year. She discussed how the organization contributes to the community, including utility bill aid, food for families, and Christmas baskets.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER BUDGET REQUEST

Tony Burnett said this year, \$30,000 is being requested, which is \$10,000 more than last year. The additional \$10,000 would be for floor replacement. He said the center also wished to give a slight salary increase for the kitchen workers. Mr. Burnett noted the center gave over 17,500 rides last year. The center provides much needed help and activities for older citizens.

FRANK CARLSON LIBRARY BUDGET REQUEST

Hadyn Murphy discussed the many activities for adults and children at the library. The programs increased substantially over 2015. Due to the activities, the library is short on help, and has decided to move a part time employee to fulltime, which would make a slight increase to the benefits fund. No other increases are requested.

ORDINANCES:

2017-3121 SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOL

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSING OF A PUBLIC STREET AND SIDEWALK AND FOR THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AT A SPECIAL EVENT WITHIN THE CITY OF CONCORDIA.

Thereupon, Commissioner Parker moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pounds. 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 Lambertz, Hasch, Parker, Sacco, and Pounds.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2017-3121, 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.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri shared information received at recent city manager meetings concerning citizen engagement and participation.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Pounds discussed a citizen complaint of the condition of railroad tracks on Washington leading to the orphan train museum.

Commissioner Hasch noted we'll be seeing more requests as funding is cut by the state and federal governments.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ron Copple discussed the success of spring cleanup this year. He provided pictures of staff enclosing a ditch on 18th & Olive.

Bruce Johnson said the new body cameras were received. Bluetooth is being installed on every vehicle which will commence activation of the camera when certain things happen, such as turning on the lights and siren. The two newest officers recently returned from the academy.

Stacey Smith announced that Kelsey Larson, front office staffer, had passed her EMT test.

Amber Farha discussed possible CIP projects. She presented the new budget book to the commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS DATA

HELD

Commissioner Hasch moved to go into executive session to discuss confidential business data or trade secrets of a business, in order to protect the interests of the business to be discussed, and to reconvene in open session in twenty (20) minutes. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:10 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Lambertz announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business, at 7:32 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

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Stacey Smith
City Clerk