

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

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on May 3, 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, Jim Lowell, Don Dean, Charles Johnson, Bryson Johnson. Staff present: Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Chris Curtis, Wellness and Recreation Director; Ric Fredrickson, Police Lieutenant.

There was no invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Manager Uri noted the appropriations included two more hand checks that needed to be approved. The college street use item on the study session was moved to New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Sacco moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2017, meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #8

APPROVED

Commissioner Sacco moved to approve appropriation ordinance #8. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Dean noted that the railroad crossing near his house is blocked by trains for long periods of time, and wondered how safe that is. City Manager Uri promised to look into it.

Charles Johnson referenced the ordinance designating \$10 a month on the water bills which would be used to make the payment for the upcoming wastewater treatment plant project, but noted the ordinance passed at the last meeting stated the payment for the bonds would be made with ad volorem taxes. City Manager Uri explained the ordinance gives us the option of using taxes should the water bill fee not cover the bond payments.

PROCLAMATIONS

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

The proclamation was read, and Mayor Lambertz proclaimed May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

NEW BUSINESS:

CCCC STREET USE REQUEST

APPROVED

The college is requesting the use of a blocked off area of the street at Broadway Plaza to be approved for alcohol during a function this August. The commission was in favor, and City Manager Uri will draft an ordinance for the next meeting.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT VEHICLE

APPROVED

Two bids were received for the pickup for the utility department. They were as follows:

Vendor	Vehicle	Amount	Trade	Difference
Womack Ford	2017 Ford F150 XL	\$24,128.00	\$650.00	\$23,478.00
Concordia Chevrolet	2017 Chevy Silverado	\$25,115.53	\$500.00	\$24,615.53

All specs were met by both bidders, and Jeremy Arnold recommended the Ford.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the purchase of the 2017 Ford from Womack Ford for \$23,478.00 with trade. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried.

DEMO PROJECTS

APPROVED

Bruno Rehbein introduced two projects for the demo program. 603 E. 7th was recently damaged by fire, and the owners have no insurance for clean up. The individual who purchased 213 W. 9th intended that lot to be a parking lot for her rental property next door. Mr. Rehbein said several have been interested in the program, but the owner of the 9th Street property contacted him first for the limited funds available. Only \$3700.00 will be left after these projects are done.

Commissioner Sacco questioned why the City uses funds to clean up dilapidated structures such as the 9th Street property, stating it is the property owner's responsibility. Mr. Rehbein gave a brief history of the demo program.

Commissioner Pounds moved to accept 603 E. 7th into the demo program, based on the bid from Snavely Excavating for \$8,657.50. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parker moved to accept 213 W. 9th into the demo program, based on the bid from Brandon Jensen for \$5,500.00. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Sacco objecting.

ORDINANCES:

2017-3120 ZONING 500 STATE ST.

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, AND ORDERING THE OFFICIAL CITY ZONING DISTRICT MAP TO BE CHANGED TO REFLECT SUCH AMENDMENTS.

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. 2017-3120, 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 discussed the new dog park sign north of Belleville. He said the official Note to Proceed with treatment plant improvements has been signed. The contractor was given one year to complete the project. City Manager Uri told the commissioners we have heard from Midwest Public Risk, which denies our claim for damage to the Brown Grand. It was supposed this damage came from numerous earthquakes last year. He suggested a special budget meeting for discussion on projects the commissioners would like to see next year. Lastly, City Manager Uri produced a map of Willow Street by the football stadium which shows a possible solution to the parking issues, at a cost of over \$100,000.00. Staff recommendation for now is to place no parking signs on the east side of the street, and to enforce it.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Sacco discussed the two hour parking signs downtown and wondered if they are necessary when they aren't enforced. It was decided to discuss the issue with the chamber and get the merchants involved in solutions with the downtown parking shortage.

STAFF COMMENTS

Bruno Rehbein said bids have been awarded for the KDOT project in the north development.

Jeremy Arnold said the 18th Street waterline was completed today.

Chris Curtis stated umpire clinics are starting, and discussed what's happening now in recreation.

Don Dean said there will be a pre-construction meeting tomorrow with the 18th Street contractor. He said the contractor for the trail plans to start in August, with completion in 5-6 weeks.

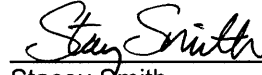
Amber Farha discussed possible budget discussion dates.

Ric Fredrickson said the recent drug take back program was a success, with over 30 pounds obtained.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 7:24 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

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Stacey Smith
City Clerk