

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

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on June 7, 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 and Finance Director Farha.

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

Visitors: Toby Nosker, Jay Lowell, Ashley Hutchinson, Shaley George. 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 17, 2017, meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #10

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve appropriation ordinance #10. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shaley George, curator of the National Orphan Train Complex, presented the City of Concordia with a plaque commemorating the "Special Achievement Award" for work done for the organization. She also invited everyone to the unveiling of the next two orphan train statues at 5:15 p.m. on June 8 at the Nazareth Motherhouse and handed out Orphan Train Town buttons.

NEW BUSINESS:

BREWER LAW FIRM DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT GRANT

APPROVED

Ashley Hutchinson explained the details of the project and that this would use up the last of the funds that were set aside for downtown improvement.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the Brewer Law Firm downtown improvement grant for \$5000.00. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

DEMO PROGRAM APPLICATION – 1022 WASHINGTON

APPROVED

Bruno Rehbein discussed the history of the property changing hands, permits being issued, and time for improvements being extended on several occasions. Commissioner Sacco voiced concerns on the demolition program stating that people outside of the city can take advantage of it. Commissioner Lambertz said that although that may be true, it still helps the community by removing blight. City Manager Uri explained the process for removal of a structure if it is not done voluntarily through the program.

Commissioner Hasch moved to accept 1022 Washington into the demo program, based on the bid of \$4500.00 from Precision Excavation. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Sacco opposing.

DEMO PROGRAM APPLICATION – 321 W. 3RD ST.

APPROVED

Commissioner Sacco again voiced concern of citizens utilizing this program when they have the means to do it on their own. He would like to discuss a policy that takes income into consideration. City Manager Uri put the current commission policy statement #2014-1 on the screen for all to review. He said that he would work on alternatives to be considered at a future meeting.

Commissioner Parker moved to accept 321 W. 3rd St. into the demo program, based on the bid of \$5160.40 from Mark Freimuth Builders Inc. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried 3-2, with Commissioners Lambertz and Sacco opposing.

RESOLUTIONS:

2017-2057 COLLEGE DRIVE PARK PRICING POLICY

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission a Resolution to approve the pricing policy for real estate at College Drive Park.

Thereupon, on motion of Commissioner Sacco, seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2017-2057 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

2017-2058 URGENT CARE CENTER SUPPORT

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission a Resolution in support of an application of Cloud County Health Center for Kansas Department of Commerce tax credits as part of the financing for an urgent care center in Concordia.

Thereupon, on motion of Commissioner Pounds, seconded by Commissioner Sacco, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2017-2058 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

APPOINTMENTS

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Two positions are eligible for appointment on the recreation advisory board. Ragen Belden, a member since the board's inception, has expressed an interest to continue. Expressions were also received from Ryan Harms, Becky Kindel, and Christina Henderson.

Commissioner Lambertz said he felt that all applicants were qualified and he thought the city could benefit from all of them. He suggested that we increase the positions allowed on the board to seven and include all those that applied.

Commissioner Hasch moved to modify the bylaws to increase the recreation advisory board members from five to seven. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sacco moved to appoint Ragen Belden, Ryan Harms, Becky Kindel and Christina Henderson to the recreation advisory board. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS:

PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

The proclamation was presented, and Mayor Lambertz proclaimed July as Parks and Recreation Month.

POPPY DAY

The proclamation was read, and Mayor Lambertz proclaimed June 14, 2017, Poppy Day.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri informed the commissioners that there were still seats available at the city table for the annual Chamber banquet held on Saturday, June 10 for anyone interested.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Hasch stated that she had been approached by several people expressing their approval of the Broadway Plaza.

Commissioner Lambertz reminded everyone that there is a free movie, Field of Dreams, showing at the plaza on Thursday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. He also revisited the issue of a need for a warning light or signage prior to the stoplight on the north side of town on Highway 81. City Manager Uri stated that KDOT said the city can do something there, but that they would not pay for it. He and Ron Copple will get some ideas and figures together for a future meeting.

STAFF COMMENTS

Bruno Rehbein discussed and showed pictures of the tank removal at 104 Lincoln. He said that they should take approximately 3 weeks to complete their removal.

Ron Copple gave an update on the storm drainage installation on 18th St. He also stated that the Kansas Fly Tour would be in Concordia on September 29. Additionally, he stated that the dirt work occurring at Hood Park is to prepare an area for the new shelter that will be built using funds from the wind farm, applied for by Amber Lambertz and the "Hood Park Neighbors".

Jeremy Arnold discussed the wastewater treatment plant construction timeline. He also notified the commissioners that the water tower painters have arrived and will begin work shortly.

Bruce Johnson reported that SRO Thoman received \$1200 from the county diversion fund for community policing activity. Also, COPS will be hosting the movie Honey, I Shrank the Kids at the Broadway Plaza on June 16 at 8pm. They will also be hosting "Soda Pop with a Cop" for seniors at Britt's June 27th from 2pm to 4pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

HELD

Commissioner Hasch moved to go into executive session to discuss a matter involving non-elected personnel, in order to protect the privacy of the persons involved, and to reconvene in open session in fifteen (15) minutes. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:17 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

Mayor Lambertz announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

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

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Amber Farha
Deputy City Clerk