

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

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on August 16, 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, Finance Director Farha, and City Attorney Ferrell.

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

Visitors: Toby Nosker, Jim Lowell, Ken Johnson, Shaley George, Susie Haver, Steve Richard, Laverne Clintsman, Charles Johnson, Ashley Hutchinson, Dana Brewer, Tina Brewer, Therese Uri, Ike Uri, Joe Jindra. 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.

RECEPTION FOR CITY MANAGER URI

Stacey Smith thanked Larry Uri for his service to the community and presented him with a key to the city. A small reception was held in his honor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laverne Clintsman presented photos of his property, which shows his driveway being washed out by the neighboring property, Short Stop, whenever it rains. It was discussed speaking with the property owner, and taking action based on city code.

Ashley Hutchinson, CloudCorp, Susie Haver, travel & tourism, and Shaley George, orphan train complex, all spoke of their appreciation for City Manager Uri and his leadership in the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Sacco moved to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2017, meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

APPROVED

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

2018 BUDGET

HELD

Mayor Lambertz opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Lambertz closed the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

HEALTH INSURANCE

As discussed during the budget meetings, health insurance rates will be rising \$139,000 a year with Blue Cross. The decision had been made to pass along much of the increase to the employee dependent coverage, as well as all departments making cuts. The consensus was that the employee should be shown appreciation by being covered 100% by the City. All other plans would be covered 60%-66% by the City, depending on the deductible.

2018 BUDGET

APPROVED

The budget includes a 1 mill increase, which is the increase requested by the library for personnel. Changes discussed during the budget meetings included 10% decrease in all departments in the general fund, projects for the CIP, and funding other entities.

Commissioner Parker moved to accept the 2018 budget as presented. Commissioner Sacco seconded. Motion carried.

INTERIM CITY MANAGER CONTRACTS

APPROVED

With City Manager Uri's departure, Stacey Smith and Amber Farha have been named to fill the interim role until a new city manager is hired. City Clerk Smith would assume the duties of interim city manager, at an additional \$832.00 per month, with Finance Director Farha filling the role of interim assistant city manager, at an additional \$555.00 per month.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the contract with Stacey Smith for interim city manager. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the contract with Amber Farha for interim assistant city manager. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

KANSAS GAS AGENCY BOARD

APPROVED

KMGA requires one person from the City to be named to their board. Jeremy Arnold's term is soon to expire. KMGA asked that someone be appointed for another two year term. An alternate is also needed to be named, as City Manager Uri is currently in that role. Mr. Arnold recommended that Gary Strait be named the alternate.

Commissioner Hasch moved to appoint Jeremy Arnold to serve on the KMGA Board of Directors for a term to expire on August 31, 2019, and to appoint Gary Strait as the alternate member. Commissioner Sacco seconded. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

2017-2059 REVOLVING LOAN FUND

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission a Resolution revising the revolving loan fund plan to bring the plan into compliance with new rules issued by the Kansas Department of Commerce.

Thereupon, on motion of Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Hasch, 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. 2017-2059 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said the HVAC system in the fire department can no longer be repaired. Two quotes were received; Hood's with a Carrier unit at \$7,867.00, and Callabresi with a Trane unit at \$8,196.00. The funds to pay for the upgrade would come from the CIP.

Commissioner Pounds moved to purchase the unit from Hood's for \$7,867.00. Commissioner Sacco seconded. Motion carried.

The trail project was discussed. Considered is a crushed rock trail that would go behind the Hwy. 81 businesses, to be paid for with the Brosseau donation. This would be less costly than concrete, and can be done by the city crew.

The pool committee has been looking at additions such as a water slide and climbing wall. Waters Edge, pool architects, have been assisting. For \$1,800, they will assemble a booklet with prices, as well as how the items can work in our pool. Commissioner Sacco was not in favor of spending money when all departments have been cut. It was discussed bringing ideas to the citizens for their input before going any further.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Pounds asked about overhanging branches in the street.

Commissioner Sacco asked if a drain under the sidewalk at Short Stop could be put in to stop further erosion.

STAFF COMMENTS

Bruno Rehbein explained the ordinances that prohibit or allow the flow of water. He stated that demolition of the property at 11th & Washington should be starting any day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

HELD

Commissioner Sacco 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 ten (10) 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: 7:09 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:19 p.m.

Mayor Lambertz announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 7:22 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

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Stacey Smith
City Clerk