

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

Wednesday, September 6, 2017 5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on September 6, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Lambertz, Hasch, Parker, and Pounds.

Absent: Commissioner Sacco.

Other Officers: Interim City Manager 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, Doris Hale, Mary Jo Thummel, Don Dean, Ashley Hutchinson. Staff present: Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Chris Atkins, Recreation Director; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

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

Interim City Manager Smith said Doris Hale was in attendance who requested a proclamation be read for Poppy Day.

PROCLAMATIONS:

POPPY DAY

The proclamation was read, and Mayor Lambertz proclaimed September 23, 2017, as Poppy Day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2017, meeting. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

APPROVED

Commissioner Parker moved to approve appropriation ordinance #16. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Dean gave an update on current city projects. The 18th Street project has been delayed by a product shortage. Once the items have arrived, it should be finished in a couple of weeks. Much dirt is being moved at the dam area for the KDOT trail. The contractor anticipates the project to be completed in three to five weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

REVOLVING LOAN FUND PLAN

APPROVED

Ashley Hutchinson presented the updated plan approved last month, with minor changes recommended by the Kansas Department of Commerce.

Commissioner Pounds moved to accept the changes to the revolving loan fund plan. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL POOL

Finance Director Farha gave a presentation with several items that staff recommended be purchased for the pool. In order to pay for the items, it was suggested adding a \$2.00 fee on all water bills, which would generate over \$56,000 a year. Using these funds as well as those in the parks & rec special alcohol fund, a slide could be purchased for the first year. In subsequent years, items could be added, including toddler slides and floatables. This could be accomplished without raising property taxes or creating a special sales tax. Also suggested would be to offer the pool free of charge. Commissioners expressed interest in continuing the discussion at future meetings, and felt the information provided by Waters Edge would be needed to move forward.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the pool improvements booklet from Waters Edge for \$1800.00. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

2017-2060 CHECK SIGNERS

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission a Resolution revising the number of check and account signers by adding the director of utilities.

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

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2017-2060 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Smith asked the commissioners if they wished to revisit the topic of grass clippings in the street, stating an ordinance could be presented at the next study session. All were in favor.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Pounds noted there is a pothole in front of McDonald's. He asked whether it was possible to stream KU and KSU games at the plaza. Interim City Manager Smith said she would contact the plaza coordinator.

Mayor Lambertz talked about the problem with pigeons at the old Sears building. Discussion included this being a nuisance due to the broken windows and droppings. Mayor Lambertz requested writing a letter to the property owner, asking them to take care of the problem. He also mentioned the lightpoles downtown, which Prairieland has been painting an attractive black.

STAFF COMMENTS

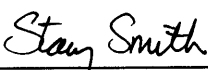
Ron Copple asked for permission to have Bryant & Bryant give him an estimate to put in the sidewalk behind Pizza Hut, while they are doing the trail project. Otherwise, a cement truck would have to drive across businesses' parking lots or pump it from a considerable distance. He also announced that we did not receive a geometric improvement for 1st and Lincoln for the turning lane on the highway. Mr. Copple said the federal funds exchange program now exchanges at 75/25 rather than 90/10. All funds must be used within a year.

Chris Atkins made his first commission appearance, stating soccer was underway. His first advisory board meeting was last night.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 6:32 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

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Stacey Smith
City Clerk