

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

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

5:30 p.m.

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The governing body met in regular session on November 7, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Sacco, Hasch, Lambertz, and Matthew.

Absent: Commissioner Snavelly.

Other Officers: City Manager Lange, City Clerk Smith, Finance Director Farha, and City Attorney Ferrell.

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

Visitors: Toby Nosker, Jim Lowell, Gary Reynolds, Megan Murdock, Taley Murdock, Justin Murdock, John Christensen, Mary Jo Thummel, Brendon Callihan, Traci Snyder, Kendra Krier, Jeanne Keazer, Dave Garnas, Jodi Baker, Charles Johnson, Denise Baumann, Cher Knudsen, Jane Boling, Dick Boling, Jim Menard, Rick Knudsen, Marilyn Pierce. Staff present: Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Chris Atkins, Recreation Director; Ric Fredrickson, Police Chief.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

City Manager Lange noted two items have been added under Proclamations/Recognitions.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ITEMS SCHEDULED AT A CERTAIN TIME**

*Award Presentation to the First Dept./EMS*

Representatives from OCCK were on hand to present the award to Concordia's public safety entities. The County was also recognized.

*Presentations – Employee Recognition*

The following employees were presented with service awards for years with the City: Ric Fredrickson for 20 years; Megan Murdock and Rick Knudsen for 10 years. Jared LeDuc and Tim Halfhide, both with 15 years' service, were not in attendance.

*Proclamation – Great American Smokeout*

Denise Baumann, representing Cloud County Health Center, presented the proclamation, which was read by the mayor. November 15, 2018 was proclaimed Great American Smokeout Cold Turkey Day.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeanne Keazer and Marilyn Pierce again talked about the 200 block of West 18th and the dangerous traffic.

Gary Reynolds asked for potholes to be patched on Country Club Drive.

Charles Johnson discussed the speed of traffic on Archer Street.

Commissioner Lambertz read a letter he received from Tracy Vignery, who is concerned about possible dangerous dogs near her house.

**DISCUSSION AGENDA** (*Items Deserving of Brief Discussion, Action may be taken*)

None.

**ACTION AGENDA** (*Action Expected*)

*Approval of Minutes of the October 17, 2018 Meeting*

Commissioner Matthew moved to approve the October 17, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

*Approval of Appropriation Ordinance #20*

Commissioner Matthew moved to approve appropriation ordinance #20. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

*Approval of Change in Work Comp Provider/Midwest Public Risk*

Stacey Smith said Midwest Public Risk, the City's current property and liability carrier, has been allowed by the Kansas Insurance Trust to start doing business in Kansas. A current quote has been obtained, which would save the City about \$4,000. She said the customer service has been wonderful with MPR. She stated rather than her making a determination of medical attention, a nurse would be called when an employee is injured. MPR offers superior wellness and preventive training. Staff recommended the change.

Commissioner Matthew moved to approve the change in work comp providers to Midwest Public Risk. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

*Approval of Pool Family Slide Purchase*

Amber Farha discussed the family slide, of which a quote was received from Avalanche Waterslides. The slide would cost \$65,000, with an additional canopy for \$3,100. The concrete work, plumbing, and electrical will be an estimated cost of \$21,600. This would be paid for jointly from the \$2 fee on the water bills and the Special Parks and Recreation Fund.

Commissioner Hasch moved to authorize the city manager to sign the contract with Avalanche Waterslides for a pool family slide and canopy at a total cost of \$68,100. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

*Approval of Appointments to Planning Commission*

Three positions are up for appointment on the planning commission. Current members Cheryl Lanoue, Dennis Smith, and Mike Gallagher have all expressed interest in continuing to serve. Bruno Rehbein approved the reappointments for three year terms.

Commissioner Matthew moved to reappoint Cheryl Lanoue, Dennis Smith, and Mike Gallagher to the planning commission. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

*Manager's Report*

City Manager Lange gave an update on the curb & gutter and sidewalk program. It was extremely successful. Installation of the snowflakes will be completed by Thanksgiving, of which fifteen of them have been refurbished this year by the Christmas lighting committee. She announced that Sunday alcohol sales narrowly passed yesterday.

*Staff Reports*

Bruno Rehbein gave an update on the properties currently on the demo program. He said vehicles were towed yesterday at 10th & Valley after repeated requests to tag and move the vehicles.

Ric Fredrickson responded to the concerns of the residents on 18th Street. He is looking into purchasing a camera which would read the tag numbers.

*Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports*

Commissioner Matthew has been contacted by citizens discussing vehicles with dangerous speeds on 17th Street. He was also contacted by those interested in putting lights in the downtown trees which would remain up year round.

Commissioner Lambertz was encouraged about the OCK award. He wondered about an ordinance not allowing vehicles to park in the yards of residences. He thanked the citizens for voting him in for another term.

Mayor Sacco thanked those who put together the recent Halloween events.

**INFORMATION AGENDA** *(Written Reports Only, No Discussion/Explanation Required)*

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**ADJOURN**

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

There being no further business, at 6:27 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

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Stacey Smith  
City Clerk