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

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on November 4, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Matthew, Hasch, and Wentz. Commissioners Snavelly and Lambertz were in attendance via Zoom.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: City Manager Amy Lange, City Clerk Stacey Smith, Finance Director Farha, City Attorney Justin Ferrell.

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

Visitors: Toby Nosker, Jim Lowell, Brandi Bray, Kim Reynolds, Dwight Housch, Sandy Housch, Denise Baumann, Tom Tuggle, and Ashley Hutchinson. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Ric Fredrickson, Police Chief; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Chris Atkins, Recreation Director.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amy Lange said the county health department would have a report, and the 4 Kids CMB license needed to be removed due to not getting the background check returned.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Tuggle spoke on the City being more diligent about abandoned vehicles, and cited one that has been parked at 10th & Lincoln for many years.

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

Great American Smoke Out Day Proclamation

Denise Baumann read the proclamation, and the mayor declared November 19, 2020 as Great American Smoke Out Day.

Cloud County Health Department Report

Brandi Bray, county health department administrator, spoke on the recent spike in COVID cases. She encouraged the commission to encourage mask wearing. She said cases are surging in the health care field. The majority of cases in the county have come predominantly from Concordia and Clyde. Commissioners discussed whether a mandate should come from local government, with the majority not in favor. It was decided to do public service announcements in support.

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

Revolving Loan Fund Disaster Relief Grant Program

Kim Reynolds said on August 5 the commission approved the forgiveness of RLF relief loans, making them grants instead. The application process remained open, with each new grant capping at \$15,000. At that time, the commission recommended discussing this in November to see if the grants should continue. Ms. Reynolds stated no new applications for the funds have been received other than one she is currently working on, and she recommended funneling any interested parties to the county SPARK funds.

Financial Quarterly Report

Amber Farha stated everything is as expected. Property taxes are in line with budgeted amounts. We are ahead \$30,000 on sales tax. The alcohol tax is down due to shuttering restaurants early in the pandemic. Expenses are as budgeted as well.

Public Hearing – 1909 Lincoln

Mayor Matthew opened the public hearing.

Bruno Rehbein stated that since the resolution setting the public hearing was passed on September 16, the owners of the bowling alley had actively been working to remove the structure. The City has not received any insurance proceeds. However, Mr. Rehbein was confident the cleanup would meet City approval.

Mayor Matthew closed the public hearing.

ACTION AGENDA (*Action Expected*)

Resolution 2020-2112 Condemnation of 1909 Lincoln

There was presented to the City Commission a Resolution declaring 1909 Lincoln unsafe and dangerous.

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

Yea: Commissioners Matthew, Hasch, Lambertz, Snavelly, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2020-2112 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

Minutes of October 21, 2020 Meeting

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the minutes of October 21, 2020. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #20

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #20. Commissioner Snavelly seconded. Motion carried.

Meter Reading Equipment Purchase

The City has had the remote meter read system for almost 10 years. The meters currently in use are discontinued. New meters cannot be read by our system. The new software and equipment will allow the new meters to be read remotely, as well as the old meters.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the purchase of the meter reading equipment and software in the amount of \$6,300.00 from Mueller Systems. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-3169 Eminent Domain 326 W. 6th St.

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, ORDERING THROUGH THE EXERCISE OF EMINENT DOMAIN THE CONDEMNATION AND APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN INTERESTS IN CERTAIN REAL ESTATE IN CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS, FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION TO DOWNTOWN PARKING FOR CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES, ADDITIONAL PARKING, INSTALLATION OF CAR CHARGING STATION, AND EFFICIENT SNOW REMOVAL IN THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, ALL PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 26-201.

Thereupon, Commissioner Hasch moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Snavelly. 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 Matthew, Hasch, Snavelly, Lambertz, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2020-3169, 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.

Supplemental Agreement South Highway 81 Project

The Kansas Department of Transportation has made some minor changes to the agreement with the City for the south Highway 81 project.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the mayor to sign the KDOT supplemental agreement No. 1. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

Amy Lange said she has submitted another round of purchases for reimbursement of the COVID funds.

Staff Reports

Chris Atkins stated new software has been purchased for recreational activities and registrations.

Ric Fredrickson said 45 lb. had been taken during the drug take back program.

Ron Copple gave an update on the airport runway project, saying the storm sewer pipe has been installed.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Mayor Matthew said the commission room remodel looks great. He reiterated his position on supporting mask wearing, but not approving making wearing them mandatory.

Commissioner Hasch congratulated Ron Copple on his winning the election for county commissioner, and Ashley Hutchinson for winning the election for city commissioner.

Commissioner Lambertz also congratulated Ron, Ashley, and Ragen Belden, for their elected seats. He discussed his family's current situation with COVID, and thanked Brandi Bray for what she does.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 6:45 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith
City Clerk