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

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on April 15, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. via remote access, with the following members being present: Commissioners Matthew, Hasch, Snavelly, Lambertz, and Wentz.

Absent: None.

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

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

Visitors: Jim Lowell, Toby Nosker, Mary Jo Thummel, Kim Reynolds, Sabrina Scott. Staff present: Ron Cople, Public Works Director; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ric Fredrickson, Police Chief; Chris Atkins, Recreation Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amy Lange said four revolving loan items have been added since the packet came out - for Jitters Coffee House, ServiceMaster, Taco Grande, and Urban Couture Salon and Spa.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sabrina Scott asked if there were plans to continue streaming the commission meetings after the pandemic has passed, and if there is a plan for notifications of city items if the Blade stops publishing.

ACTION AGENDA (*Action Expected*)

Approval of April 1, 2020 Minutes

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the minutes from April 1, 2020. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Appropriation Ordinance #7

Commissioner Snavelly moved to approve appropriation ordinance #7. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Emergency Revolving Loan for Britt's Fountain and Gifts

Kim Reynolds of CloudCorp explained that with the ongoing CoronaVirus pandemic, the Kansas Dept. of Commerce has instructed cities with a revolving loan fund to disperse the funds to help local businesses.

Businesses need to show low to moderate income jobs saved. Britt's has requested \$12,000, of which only half will be dispersed until the owner submits invoices, payroll, and other expenses. The revolving loans are 0% interest, with the first payment deferred for six months. Ms. Reynolds stated Britt's will retain .75 fulltime equivalency jobs, which is three part time positions, not counting the owner.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the Britt's Fountain and Gifts revolving loan for \$12,000.00. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Emergency Revolving Loan for Jitters Coffee House and Lounge

Jitters has applied for the full \$25,000. One fulltime equivalency position will be retained, which includes four part time positions, not counting the owner.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the Jitters Coffee House and Lounge revolving loan for \$25,000.00. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

Emergency Revolving Loan for ServiceMaster

ServiceMaster has applied for the full \$25,000, which retains three fulltime positions, for a total of seven employees, including the two owners. The positions are 100% LMI.

Commissioner Snavelly moved to approve the ServiceMaster revolving loan for \$25,000.00. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Emergency Revolving Loan for Taco Grande

Taco Grande has applied for the full \$25,000, which retains seven fulltime positions, for a total of fifteen employees. The positions are 100% LMI.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the Taco Grande revolving loan for \$25,000.00. Commissioner Snavelly seconded. Motion carried.

Emergency Revolving Loan for Urban Couture Salon and Spa

Ms. Reynolds said salons are in a different situation than the other requests for funds, in that they had to fully close due to the governor’s orders. The owner has stated with the requested \$25,000, .75 fulltime equivalency positions will be retain, which comprises four employees not including the owner. The positions are 67% LMI.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the Urban Couture Salon and Spa revolving loan for \$25,000.00. Commissioner Snavelly seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Manager’s Report

Amy Lange said all employees will be brought back to fulltime starting next week. However, lobbies at City Hall and the police department will be closed until May 3 as per the governor’s guidelines. She said the runway bid letting is on track. Phase 3 pool equipment has been ordered and will be installed soon. It is yet to be decided if the pool and summer rec programs will take place this summer. Staff will make a decision by May 1.

Staff Reports

None.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Mayor Matthew said Sen. Jerry Moran’s office had contacted him to set up a conference call to check on the status of Cloud County.

Commissioner Hasch said she’d heard good things about a recent ambulance run by EMS staff.

All commissioners thanked the public and asked them to continue following the guidelines.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 5:56 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith
City Clerk