

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 1, 2006

The governing body met in regular session on November 1, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room in the City Hall, the following members being present and participating, to wit: Commissioners Hosie, Johnson, Jindra and Gilliland.

Absent: Commissioner Strecker.

Other Officers: City Manager Paine, Deputy City Clerk Deneault and City Attorney Uri.

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Danny Parker, Ron Copple, Ted Collins, Larry Eubanks, Margo Hosie, Larry Remmenga, Jack Gould, Marvin Copple, J.T. Klaus, Ron Deal, Kirk Lowell, and Cheryl & Don Lanoue.

Pastor Gay Robertson, Trinity United Methodist Church, provided the invocation before the city commission meeting.

Commissioner Jindra moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2006, regular meeting, with the following amendment: Commissioner Jindra made the motion and Commissioner Gilliland seconded, the motion carried to change the city's cell phone policy in the personnel handbook Section 15.5D. Personal use of City provided cell phones is prohibited. The use of all city cell phones would be restricted to official city business. Commissioner Gilliland seconded. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 20

APPROVED

Commissioner Gilliland moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 20. Commissioner Jindra seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

JIM METRO, CHARLES NONDORF

Commissioner Gilliland acknowledged two city employees were eligible for 10 year service awards. Jim Metro with Public Works and Charles Nondorf with the Fire Department. Charles Nondorf was present to receive his 10 year service award.

DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

City Manager Paine presented information to the commissioners about continuing the downtown improvement project. The project was initially started to improve the appearance of the downtown area tying it to the new theater that was being built, with those projects being completed before Fall Fest. If the city was going to offer this again, the commission would give direction as to what they wanted to do, if they would like to have this put into the 2007 budget. On those projects that have been completed the city has spent \$38,000-\$40,000 dollars. The impact of these projects has been very good and the city manager recommended that by using CIP funds the city could offer this program again. With the Kansas Sampler Fest coming to Concordia, Commissioner Jindra was in favor of offering the program again. Commissioner Gilliland stated he would abstain from any discussion or voting because of the banks' involvement, it would not be appropriate. Commissioner Hosie stated that if the city considered doing this again in 2007 there are a few things that might be included in the agreements. One thing would be a completion date; another thing would be if they decide not to do the project after being accepted, that they let us know so that someone else can be considered. Also he wondered if maybe the program should be expanded to include 5th Street and 7th Street in the downtown area or side streets. Commissioner Johnson asked if there was any way we could encourage other businessmen downtown to fix up their store fronts. He felt like it ruined the total effect when some of the store fronts are not being fixed up. Larry Paine stated that we can only hope that those owners who haven't fixed up their store fronts will want to after seeing others being improved. Commissioner Jindra moved to authorize the city manager to set up a project for 2007 for downtown improvement grants. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Gilliland abstained from voting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-1730 NIMS

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS KNOWN AS NIMS AS THE INCIDENT SYSTEM TO BE USED FOR PLANNING, RESPONDING, RECOVERY AND MITIGATING FROM BOTH NATURAL AND MANMADE DISASTERS WITHIN THE CITY.

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Thereupon, the Resolution was considered and discussed, and on motion of Commissioner Hosie, seconded by Commissioner Gilliland, the Resolution was adopted by vote of the majority of all members present.

Thereupon, the Resolution, having been adopted by a majority vote of the members present, it was given No. 2006-1730, and was directed to be signed by the Mayor and attested by the Deputy City Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-1731

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION INDICATING THE INTENT OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, TO ISSUE CERTAIN TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$780,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING AND REDEEMING ITS OUTSTANDING TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS, SERIES A, 2002 (MT. JOSEPH SENIOR VILLAGE, LLC).

Thereupon, the Resolution was considered and discussed, and on motion of Commissioner Jindra, seconded by Commissioner Hosie, the Resolution was adopted by vote of the majority of all members present.

Thereupon, the Resolution, having been adopted by a majority vote of the members present, it was given No. 2006-1731, and was directed to be signed by the Mayor and attested by the Deputy City Clerk.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER
COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Hosie commented that in a recent editorial there was some concern about additional traffic especially large trucks going by the middle school if the ethanol plant was built. It could be a safety problem. It might be helpful to have any additional information in regard to this and maybe studies that state has done could be brought back and looked at.

Mr. Paine said that recently the city had met with K-DOT and one of the things that was thrown onto the table was a proposal for a bypass.

Commissioner Johnson asked if there was any ordinance dealing with skate boarders on main street. If not then maybe we need to draft an ordinance that deals with skateboard use on main street. Mr. Johnson also asked if there has been any progress finding a city clerk or finance officer. The City Manager stated that the first round of finance director applications received was not being considered. They would be readvertising and currently Phil Deneault was acting City Clerk. Mr. Johnson felt that it was a conflict if Phil Deneault was City Clerk and Treasurer.

Larry Paine brought the commission up to date on some of the things going on currently within the organization. He said the Police Department drug dog was now certified. The Fire Department had received a grant for new turn out gear and equipment and was in the process of ordering that equipment. There would be a resolution at the November 15, 2006 meeting to approve expending the grant money on the new equipment and turn out gear. Stupka Construction has begun work on the Salt Storage facility.

Larry Remmenga stated he had gone to Topeka and visited with the Chief Engineer with the water resources department to find out what we can do and can't do with the use of waste water for the ethanol plant. He said Topeka was very receptive to the idea and things are moving along satisfactorily. They are very satisfied with how we are doing things. The commission asked Larry how the 11th Street project was going. Larry said the project is going very well and they are doing a good job.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Gilliland announced there would be a study session following the meeting.

There being no further business, Commissioner Gilliland moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried.



Phil H. Deneault
Deputy City Clerk

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