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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD OCTOBER 1, 2008

The governing body met in regular session on October 1, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Mayor Hattan, Commissioners Johnson, Lanoue, and Hosie.

Absent: Commissioner Jindra

Other Officers: Interim City Manager Uri and City Clerk Crum.

A quorum was present.

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Megan Murdock, Ron Deal, Jim Ganson, Ted Collins, Danny Parker, Don Lanoue, Janet Eubanks, Marvin Copple, Steve Womack, LaDonna Peltier, Andria Hicks, Todd Schmit, Leonard Hicks, Janet Lowell, Tony Studt, George, DeBauche, Ron Copple, Larry Remmenga, Larry Eubanks, Michael Wentz, Tom Tuggle, Suzy Tuggle, Kirk Lowell, Joe Walter, Sara Hicks, Ruby Maline, Bruno Rehbein.

Pastor David Redmond gave the invocation followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hattan asked for changes on the agenda. Interim City Manager Uri stated that Ordinance #2008-2967, Adopting Commercial Vehicle Safety Act would be moved to the study session, due to questions from commissioners.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson questioned why several items were omitted from the minutes. He felt that more of the discussion should be included, and that the reason for having a clerk was for more complete minutes. Mayor Hattan and Commissioner Lanoue agreed that more information could be included. Commissioner Hosie stated that the minutes are the official record of business transaction, and that discussion items are not business transacted. Therefore, the clerk would be asked to edit information if details of discussion are expected. After discussion by the commission and Interim City Manager Uri, it was decided that there would be a more expansive set of minutes in the future, and that the subject would be discussed in a study session. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2008 meeting as presented. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #18

APPROVED

Commissioner Lanoue questioned whether the \$33,519.63 hail damage money was being transferred to the 222 (vehicle replacement) fund only. Ruby Maline had received an email from former city manager Skiles on the breakdown of this money, and promised to forward that email. There was a question on the breakdown of the \$1,314,720.55 budgeted transfers, and discussion on tracking these transfers. Commissioner Johnson noted the increased amount paid to IMA over the normal monthly premiums. Commissioner Hosie made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #18. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ted Collins questioned where the minutes could be found for the public to see. It was noted that there is a copy placed at the library, and that minutes can be requested at any time at City Hall.

Kirk Lowell reminded the commission and the public of the town hall meeting for the hospital project at the Brown Grand Theatre. He stated there would be a power point, panel discussion and a question and answer session. A similar meeting will be conducted at the airport on Oct. 12, with Jerry Moran in attendance, and aircraft for Life Flight.

David Redmond stated that the minutes are a legal record of transactions, and suggested that any commissioner wanting certain items to be included in the minutes could address it at that time.

NEW BUSINESS:

BENEFIT ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS - EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE

Joe Walter gave a presentation to the commission and the public concerning the City's health care plan. He explained the stop loss premium and how claims are paid. Typically, health insurance companies charge between 10% and 18% for administrative costs. This could have amounted to possibly \$60,000 had the City kept their previous insurance. BAS charges approximately \$12,000 per year for administrative costs. Mr. Walter explained the benefits of being self-insured and the taxpayer savings of approximately \$23,500 at this point in the year. He explained how Benefit Administrative Systems is actually a third party administrator for the City's policy. Mr. Walter promised to be back in November with 2009 policy figures for the commission.

DEMOLITION PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector, presented two properties to the commission for approval for demolition. Estimates for the properties:

220 E. 1st \$3200.00
534 E. 6th \$4250.00

Mr. Rehbein reminded the commission that the City will pay half the costs, up to \$4000 per property. He stated the owner will have to bring paid receipts to City Hall before being reimbursed.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the demolition program for 220 E. 1st. Mayor Hattan seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Hattan made a motion to approve the demolition program for 534 E. 6th. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE #2008-2967
ALLEY VACATION-MUSEUM ANNEX

APPROVED

Bruno Rehbein presented to the commission an ordinance vacating a portion 1 feet by 44 feet of the alley adjoining lots 3 and 4 in block 136; property adjacent to the Cloud County Museum Annex. The extra property is needed for the museum to complete the wall project. Larry Uri noted that the Kansas Community Development Block Grant has approved deeding nine feet of the parking lot at 6th and Lincoln to the Cloud County Historical Society. Commissioner Hosie made a motion to approve Ordinance #2008-2967. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with the vote being as follows:

Yea: Hattan, Johnson, Hosie, and Lanoue

Nay: None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Interim City Manager Uri discussed purchase cards. He has been in contact with a sales rep from UMB Bank. The plan is to have a representative from UMB present a plan at a future commission meeting.

He also gave an update on the Broadway sewer project and stated that Larry Remmenga has met with Campbell and Johnson to discuss a proposal for their engineering services for the project.

He presented the completed budget book to the commission, which was recently compiled by Ruby Maline and Katrina Sorell.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Commissioner Hosie thanked City staff for their hard work during Fall Fest.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Police Chief Danny Parker discussed the recent Amber Alert training in Concordia with area law enforcement. He explained the process of an Amber Alert. The program is strictly for abducted children under 17 years of age, with solid suspect information. Another program that Chief Parker will be implementing in the near future is called "A Child Is Missing." This includes, along with missing children, disabled adults, Alzheimer patients, and the like. Toby Nosker from KNCK Radio shared how this program works with area media.

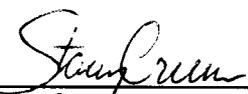
Fire Chief Larry Eubanks provided the final reports of the LMI (Low to Moderate Income) Surveys that had been mailed to all Concordia residents this past summer. In view of the results, the City qualifies for a community block development grant. The results will be discussed in the study session. Also, he reminded the commission of the battle of the badges next week.

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business, Commissioner Lanoue moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Hattan seconded. Motion carried.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

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