

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2008

The governing body met in regular session on November 19, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Hattan, Johnson, Lanoue, Jindra, and Hosie.

Absent: None

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

Commissioner Hosie declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Danny Parker, Bruno Rehbein, Ron Deal, Ted Collins, Ron Copple, Marvin Copple, Jim Ganson, Don Lanoue, Janet Eubanks, Kirk Lowell, Larry Eubanks, Ken Johnson, Tony Studt, Bob Maxson, Larry Remmenga, Everett Ford, Ruby Maline.

There was no invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Hosie asked for changes on the agenda. Interim City Manager Uri declared there was not.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2008 meeting as presented. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously by the commissioners then present, Johnson, Jindra, Lanoue, and Hosie.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #21

APPROVED

Commissioner Lanoue asked about the Tallgrass Veterinary check, which is for the police dog. Commissioner Lanoue also asked what is included in the Kansas Peace Officers Association dues. Danny Parker responded to that question. Mayor Hattan entered at 5:33 p.m. Commissioner Lanoue asked where Lambert Vet Supply is located, and questioned why the items could not be purchased locally. Commissioner Johnson asked who the vendor Gordon Janie is, on check #49939. This check was supposed to be issued to Heart of America Chapter. Commissioner Hosie made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #21. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVE 2009 SLURRY SEAL PROJECTS AGREEMENT

Ron Copple introduced Ken Johnson of Campbell & Johnson to address the change the Commission had requested in the agreement. Mr. Johnson explained that the paragraph of concern states it protects Campbell & Johnson from the City using a project that the firm designed for another project and holding the firm liable, or for the City using the wrong specs on a project and a contractor holding the City liable. Mayor Hattan moved to approve the 2009 slurry seal projects agreement. Mayor Hattan moved to amend the motion for the Mayor to sign the agreement. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE BROADWAY SEWER PROJECT ENGINEERING CONTRACT

Larry Remmenga recommended accepting the sewer project engineering contract, which would replace and upsize the existing sewer line from 3rd Street to between 7th and 8th Streets. He explained that there is also an area behind the old Wal-Mart building that is in dire need of sewer replacement. He requested that be included with this project. Commissioner Hosie asked Mr. Remmenga to elaborate on the problems with this area. There was discussion on the size of the sewer line. Mr. Remmenga addressed these questions and concerns. Commissioner Hosie stated he would like more time to discuss this project, due to the cost. Mayor Hattan disagreed, stating that this project has been pushed aside for years. There was discussion of the procedure required for the use of TIF financing for this project. There was also discussion on the cost of the design engineering, a concern of Commissioner Hosie's, as this would be money spent whether or not the project was approved. Commissioner Jindra asked how many TIF development agreements remained to use the money in the TIF fund. Ruby Maline said there are possibly two, which are Shady Lake and Womack. Mayor Hattan moved to approve the Broadway sewer project engineering contract and feasibility study, design engineering for \$46,292.06, and Concordia Plaza (old Wal-Mart) design engineering for \$5000.00, with \$47,619.82 of engineering fees for supervision of construction not to be approved at this time. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried 4-1 with the vote being as follows:

Yea: Commissioners Hattan, Johnson, Jindra, and Lanoue

Nay: Commissioner Hosie

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the Mayor to sign the revised contract for the sewer project. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried 4-1 with the vote being as follows:

Yea: Commissioners Hattan, Johnson, Jindra, and Lanoue

Nay: Commissioner Hosie

NEW BUSINESS:

CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE

CASEY'S

There were no comments. Mayor Hattan moved to approve the CMB license for Casey's. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE

PIZZACO

There were no comments. Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the CMB license for PizzaCo. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Interim City Manager Uri said the City offices would be closed Thanksgiving Day and the day after, and Christmas Day and the day after.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Commissioner Johnson asked if the financials were available for the housing authority. Interim City Manager said that the accountant has not completed their audit in two years, and in the future the housing authority would prefer to have their audit done with the City's.

Commissioner Hosie commented that possibly the library could get a reduction in insurance once the shingles are replaced. It was determined that the library pays their own insurance.

Mayor Hattan noted he has received much praise from the public for the demo of a recent house.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Bruno Rehbein provided a breakdown of the cost of the first demo project at 229 E. 1st. The total cost to the City was \$1785. Commissioner Lanoue requested that in the future the Commission be allowed to see the projects before paying. Other finished demo projects are 833 E. 6th and 534 E. 6th. The final two projects coming up are 219 W. 3rd and 221 W. 3rd. Mr. Rehbein said the costs of the projects so far totaled between \$3300 and \$3500.

Larry Remmenga updated the Commission on the water tower project. He stated that the crew is doing an excellent job. Also he discussed the wastewater treatment plant project, which will come before the Commission for approval at the first meeting in December.

Larry Eubanks talked about the emergency operation plan and debris management plan. He will bring this before the Commission for approval at the next meeting.

Danny Parker said that AT&T was completed with their project. The dispatchers are now being trained.

ADJOURN

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

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

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk