

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JUNE 18, 2008**

The governing body met in regular session on June 18, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Jindra, Johnson, Lanoue, Hosie and Mayor Hattan.

Absent: none

Other Officers: City Manager Skiles, City Attorney Uri and Interim City Clerk Knudsen.

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

Pastor John States gave the invocation followed by the citing of the Pledge of an Allegiance.

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, John States, Don Lanoue, Patricia Gerhardt, Ron Copple, Marvin Copple, Danny Parker, Janet Eubanks, Larry Remmenga, Larry Eubanks, Ron Deal, John Davis, Bruno Rehbein, Kirk Lowell and Laura Robinson.

Mayor Hattan asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Lanoue moved to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2008 regular meeting. Mayor Hattan seconded. Motion carried 5-0 with the vote being as follows:

Yea: Mayor Hattan, Commissioners Johnson, Jindra, Hosie and Lanoue.

Nay: None

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #11

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson requested that the following e-mail be "for the record".

**From:** Mark Skiles

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 17, 2008 8:40 PM

**To:** Charles Johnson (cbj100@nckcn.com); Cheryl Lanoue Home; Cheryl Lanoue Work; Darrel Hosie (mdhosie@sbcglobal.net); Greg Hattan; Joe Jindra (jejnck@sbcglobal.net)

**Cc:** Bruno Rehbein; Cher Knudsen; Dan Parker (dparker@concordiaaks.org); Larry Eubanks; Larry Remmenga (Larry.Remmenga@concordiaaks.org); Larry Uri; Ron Copple; Ruby Maline; Tom Gennette

**Subject:** FW: 6/18/08 Meeting Questions

1. Ms. Maline provided a summary of accounts for the Commission about two or three months ago and, as a footnote, stated that Ordinance #1860 had been repealed. I would like a copy of Ordinance #1860, the date when it was repealed, and a copy of the new ordinance replacing Ordinance #1860. Paragraph 2 of Ordinance #2004-2872 states that "All ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted on or before December 31, 2003, and not included in the Code or recognized and continued in force by reference therein, are repealed." Paragraph 3 goes on to state that this repeal should not be construed to revive any ordinances repealed prior to this one. I will be happy to e-mail a copy of #1860. It is my understanding that the commission has a copy of the current code. There was nothing that replaced #1860.

2. Four checks: 49030, 49031, 49032 and 49033 are missing from the end of the check register for Appropriation Ordinance #9. I would like to have photocopies of the checks and the rationale for the omission from the check register. They were voided. Do you still want photocopies?

3. Purchased items, guns for Police Department, what type, how many, for what purpose? Need a copy of the Police Department's equipment inventory. Three police shotguns were purchased for the patrol units. These were purchased to replace the three shotguns stolen from the police cars several months ago. No suspects were ever identified. DP With respect to the inventory request, I'm not sure that any of us want the crooks to know what we have. MS

4. Delissa's billing - How much was collected? \$21, 556.75 @ 7% plus \$110 monthly fee.

5. Video camera - A new camera or repaired one already owned? What are its uses? This is for the traffic light control, intersection of College Drive and Highway 81, that was struck by lightning. It is covered by insurance.

6. Kansas Gas Service - What are the City's gas demands for this time of year? Pool \$3,405, Pleasant Hill Cemetery \$72, Brown Grand \$30, Airport \$128, City Maintenance Shop \$209, City Hall \$313, City Water Dept. (521 Mill) \$173, FC Library \$35, Sports Complex \$23, Police Dept. \$48. The period for these charges is approx. 4/20 to 5/20.

7. Have previously asked about our electrical service for the street lights along U.S. Highway 81 and have yet to receive an explanation of the City's agreement with the power supplier as to whether the City can reduce power consumption at that source? The electricity for these lights is not metered, i.e. there

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is a monthly charge per light. The charge is for the existence of the installation, electricity and maintenance of the lights; therefore, disconnecting them would not reduce the fee. The lights were not installed with an on/off option. This isn't to say that they couldn't be turned by jury-rigging the optical eye or cutting the electrical line that provides power. I have addressed this with Prairie Land and am going to request that a representative attend a City Commission Meeting to address the situation.

These questions, and the reply, are to be included in their entirety in the minutes of the June 18, 2008 meeting of the Concordia City Commission. Because the business of the City Commission is public, I am requesting that all questions submitted by the Commissioners, and the corresponding replies always be included in their entirety in the minutes of the meetings of the Concordia City Commission. This can be accomplished by requesting, in open session, that the document be "for the record". The document can then be scanned and be made a part of the body of the Minutes.

Signed, Charles B. Johnson, Commissioner

There was discussion again regarding the 2007 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Treasurers Report. Finance Director, Ruby Maline responded that she can find no evidence that 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Treasurers Reports were re-published in years past. Mayor Hattan stated that he would like to have a copy of the corrected 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report. Ms. Maline told him that she did not make correcting forms. Mayor Hattan said he wants to see where the ending balance of the 2005 audit and the beginning balance of the 2006 audit are equal.

Commissioner Lanoue requested that the city's auditor, Doug Glenn, bring the adjusting entries for 2004, 2005 and 2006 with him when he attends the July 16, 2008 commission meeting.

Mayor Hattan made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #11. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried 5-0 with the vote being as follows:

Yea: Mayor Hattan, Commissioners Johnson, Jindra, Hosie and Lanoue.

Nay: None

NEW BUSINESS

Laura Robinson with Great Lakes Airline gave a presentation announcing the return of their airline to Salina Regional Airport. Among others, they fly from Salina to Kansas City and Denver with connecting flights on United and Frontier. For more information contact your travel agent or Flygreatlakes.com.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ORDINANCE 2008-2960  
ZONING CHANGE – CLOUD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

APPROVED

Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector gave the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the zoning change at Cloud County Community College. Commissioner Johnson asked with the change what can the college do with this change. Bruno explained that they could do anything that is educational.

Commissioner Hosie made a motion to approve Ordinance #2008-2960. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried with the vote being as follows:

Yea: Mayor Hattan, Commissioners Johnson, Jindra, Hosie and Lanoue

Nay: None

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Skiles reported on the staff that had been to Chapman to help after the tornado.

Performance Audit: Skiles stated he has contacted 4 firms, one of which he and Finance Director Maline met with, for 3 hours, on 6/18/08. He is still waiting to hear back from the other 3 firms. He also stated that the firms have indicated that they would be able to perform the audit any earlier than the end of August.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson questioned the 3 shot guns that were stolen out of police cars.. He stated that he would like an inventory of police equipment. Skiles stated that he wouldn't want the public

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to be aware of what armament the police department has. Commissioner Lanoue said that she would imagine that it would be open record anyway. Chief Parker said that he saw no benefit in publicizing this information. Commissioner Lanoue also said that she feels that the commission should be informed when something like this happens but doesn't really know that the public needs that information.

Commissioner Jindra expressed his concern in regards to the 20<sup>th</sup> street dam and handed out the following information sheet.

Concordia, KS Record Rainfall for 2-Day Period\*

Length of period: 2 days

Years: 1885-2008

Rank Value Ending Date

- 1 6.51 5/8/1950
- 2 6.48 6/10/1967
- 3 6.01 6/25/1904
- 4 5.69 7/28/1907
- 5 5.34 5/29/1903
- 6 5.29 9/6/1946
- 7 5.28 9/7/1946
- 8 5.24 7/23/1971
- 9 5.15 5/25/1970
- 10 5.14 5/24/1970, 7/23/1889
- 12 5.07 7/1/1982, 6/9/1967
- 14 5.05 6/24/1904
- 15 5.03 6/5/1908
- 16 4.87 9/11/2003
- 17 4.81 5/9/1950
- 18 4.79 9/4/1958
- 19 4.75 9/1/1935
- 20 4.66 7/18/1896

Ending Date is the last day of the 2-day period.

June 23, 2003, Republic County Rainfall\*

There is an entry in Storm Data for up to 12 inches of rainfall in Republic County on June 23, 2003.

September 11, 2003, Mitchell County Rainfall\*\*

By late evening, radar estimates and reports from around Mitchell County began to paint a picture of torrential rainfall and widespread flooding across the county. About 8 inches of rain was reported in Beloit, with 8 to 12 inches measured south and east of town. There were reports of numerous bridges and roads under water or washed out from west of Beloit to the east end of the county along and near the Solomon River. The Solomon River was out of its banks from west of Beloit downstream to Simpson. The flow recorded by the USGS at Simpson on the eastern Mitchell county line was greater than the flow recorded in 1993. Throughout Mitchell county, economic losses due to soil erosion, crop flooding and structural damage to farmstead buildings totaled from 1 to 3 million dollars.

Sources of information \*National Weather Service-Topeka provided by Jennifer Stark

\*\*National Weather Service-Hastings provided by Steve Kisner

Commissioner Hosie asked Ron Copple, Director of Public Works, about the street project. Ron said that everything was going well. Hosie thanked the staff that had helped in Chapman.

Commissioner Lanoue asked how the nuisance process was going. City Manager Skiles told her that the time frame had been shortened to allow 10 days from date of mailing. Commissioner Lanoue also gave addresses of two nuisances that she wanted looked into. Lanoue also requested that she receive a copy of the audit 2 weeks before the July 16, 2008 meeting. Skiles responded that the audit would be made available as soon as the auditor provided it.

Mayor Hattan asked where our public safety buildings were in case of a tornado. Fire Chief, Larry Eubanks, stated that the building behind the bowling alley (by the old OCCK bldg) and the basements in the Cloud County Courthouse and City Hall would provide this service.

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STAFF COMMENTS

Larry Eubanks reported that of the 2259 LMI surveys that had been mailed, 1639 had been returned. He also stated that, in conjunction with Ruby Maline, the fire department is working on an updated inventory. James Buller, Firefighter, EMT and Paramedic told the commission what he, Derrick Champlin, Nick Gerard and Captain Menard did when they arrived in Chapman the night of the tornado.

Danny Parker told the commission that he will be sending 2 officers to Chapman by the end of the week to help patrol.

Mayor Hattan stated that there would be a study session following the meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor Hattan moved to adjourn. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried 5-0.



Chér Knudsen  
Interim City Clerk

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