

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JULY 2, 2008

The governing body met in regular session on July 2, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Mayor Hattan, Commissioners Jindra, Johnson, Lanoue and Hosie.

Absent: None

Other Officers: City Manager Skiles, City Attorney Uri and Deputy City Clerk Crum.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hosie 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, Armand Balthazor, Ron Copple, Marvin Copple, Fredic Voelker, Janet Eubanks, Larry Remmenga, Larry Eubanks, John Davis, Bruno Rehbein, Kirk Lowell, James Ganson, Ima Jean Chavey, Larry Bergstrom, Jack Gould and Ruby Maline.

Mayor Pro Tem Hosie asked if there were any changes to the agenda. City Manager Skiles asked to add item 4B - Police Department telephone platform bids. Skiles asked that 3 items be added to the study session: Budget Schedule, Resolution 2008-1815 - Employee Residency and Downtown Revitalization Program Boundaries. Skiles also asked that item 6A be removed under resolutions.

Commissioner Lanoue made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with the vote being as follows:

Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Hosie, Commissioners Johnson Jindra and Lanoue

Nay: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2008 regular meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Hosie seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with the vote being as follows:

Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Hosie, Commissioners Johnson, Jindra, and Lanoue.

Nay: None

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #12

APPROVED

City Manager Skiles told the Commission that check #49229 was voided as it was a duplicate billing. Commissioner Johnson had questions in regards to BWR, Gades and KRWA. Commissioner Lanoue asked questions in regards to police department petty cash, airport project money, notary bill that needs to be re-coded, the billing to the county for dispatch and the ambulance agreements to the township. Mayor Hattan arrived at this point and asked if there were any more questions or comments.

Mayor Hattan made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #12. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion carried 4-1 with the vote being as follows:

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

Nay: Commissioner Lanoue

NEW BUSINESS:

CHAPMAN CONTRIBUTION

APPROVED

City Manager Skiles presented a recommendation of \$1,000 to give as a contribution to the City of Chapman. Commissioner Hosie asked what we gave to Greensburg and was informed that it was \$500. Commissioner Lanoue stated that she had citizens of the community tell her that they didn't feel that the City should be sending money, personnel or equipment to assist in the clean-up of Chapman.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the contribution to Chapman. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion carried 4-1 with the vote being as follows:

Yea: Mayor Hattan, Commissioners Johnson, Jindra and Hosie

Nay: Commissioner Lanoue

POLICE DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE PLATFORM BIDS

APPROVED

Sergeant Fredric Voelker was present to present the bids for the telephone platform to be installed at the police department. They had requested 3 bids and only received 2 back. AT&T bid was \$117,565 and 911 Incorporated's bid was \$105,808. The police department recommended that the AT&T

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bid be accepted for the following reasons: AT & T is their current carrier for phone service, they have local service, the system is already tied to AT & T and AT & T has been very active and extremely helpful to the city in regards to getting grants. After some discussion and questions Voelker also stated that AT & T will begin the work as soon as the Commission approves the bid and the system should be up and running within 6 months.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the bid from AT & T for \$117,576. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried 5-0 with the vote being as follows:

Yeah: Mayor Hattan, Commissioner Johnson, Jindra, Hosie and Lanoue

Nay: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Armand Balthazor was present to thank the Commission and Ron Cople for their hard work in erecting the flag pole at the sports complex. Balthazor invited the Commission and the public to the complex Thursday July 3 at 8:30p.m. to watch as the Boy Scouts raise the flag for the first time.

Ima Jean Chavey asked the commission if the 2007 audit had arrived. Mayor Hattan stated that it has not arrived yet. Mayor Hattan asked staff when they thought the audit would arrive and staff informed him that as soon as they received it then everyone else would receive their copies.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2008-1815
DANGEROUS STRUCTURE 833 E. 6th

APPROVED

Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector gave the report on the dangerous structure at 833 E. 6th. The property owner had asked for a 30 day extension and the 30 days are up. This resolution deals with authorizing the city to go ahead and demo the structure.

Commissioner Hosie asked if the City would receive the insurance money and was informed that this particular structure was not insured; therefore, for the City to receive any type of reimbursement the cost would have to be assessed to the property taxes.

Mayor Hattan inquired on how much it would cost to demolish the property; Rehbein said that we do not receive bids until it has been approved by the commission.

Commissioner Lanoue made a motion to approve the resolution 2008-1815. Mayor Hattan seconded. Motion carried 5-0 with the vote being as follows:

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

Nay: None

RESOLUTION 2008-1816
CREDIT/DEBIT CARD POLICY

TABLED

Commissioner Johnson asked about the purchase cards. City Manager Skiles stated that this would allow us pursue an arrangement with a vendor providing this service. Commissioner Johnson is concerned about the number of cards that will be issued and does not feel that it should be left up to the City Manager. Johnson wants to see a final number of cards; Skiles stated that he did not intend to give every city employee a purchase card.

Mayor Hattan stated that he feels that everyone has had a chance to review everything that needs to be looked at on this policy. City Manager Skiles said that he would try to get someone from UMB Bank to come and present a plan on purchasing cards. The debt cards will stay in place until a decision has been made on what to do.

Mayor Hattan made a motion to table resolution 2008-1816. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried 5-0 with the vote being as follows:

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

Nay: None

RESOLUTION 2008-1816
DEMOLITION POLICY

APPROVED

City Attorney Uri presented the policy with the changes that were requested in the review by the Commissioners in the study session. Commissioner Lanoue stated that she did not remember that the City Manager had sole discretion to determine the property will be eligible for demolition. Lanoue would like that to be changed to City Commission in consultation with City Manager and staff to decide which properties are eligible.

Commissioner Hosie disagreed with making that decision as it would place the issue in a political arena, slow the process and diminish the effectiveness of the program.

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Commissioner Jindra stated that we changed the nuisance policy to speed up the process by eliminating the step that included the Commission and that this would go against the nuisance policy action and; therefore, is sending things backwards.

Mayor Hattan said that the nuisances and dangerous structures are two totally different things and feels that the demolition procedures need to go through the Commission.

Commissioner Lanoue made a motion to approve resolution #2008-1816 adding the change that the City Manager does not have sole discretion in determining the properties that will be eligible for demolition and that those properties will come before the Commission. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried 3-2 with the vote being as follows:

Yea: Mayor Hattan, Commissioners Johnson and Lanoue

Nay: Commissioners Jindra and Hosie

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Skiles noted that the roof at the Brown Grand was determined, by the insurance adjuster, to be a total loss. As the building is on the National Historical Registry, the replacement of the roof must be approved by the Kansas Historical Society. Campbell and Johnson are in the process of formulating and submitting the necessary paperwork. Skiles also stated that one vehicle and two trailers had also been determined to be a total loss.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson again requested a list of the inventory from the Police Department. City Manager Skiles informed him that he would provide the list by the end of next week.

Commissioner Hosie thanked the staff for cleaning up the property at 16th and Lincoln. Hosie also voiced his concerns with the skate boarding going on downtown.

Commissioner Lanoue thanked the City staff for taking care of all the nuisance abatements and the tour of the City facilities.

STAFF COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURN

Mayor Hattan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried 5-0 with the following vote:

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

Nay: None



Stacey Crum
Deputy City Clerk

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