

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

The governing body met in regular session on September 17, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Hattan, Johnson, Lanoue, Jindra and Hosie.

Absent: None

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

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

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Walt Huber, Armand Balthazor, James Ganson, Ron Deal, Kirk Lowell, Larry Remmenga, Danny Parker, Megan Murdock, Sara Hicks, Marvin Copple, Ron Copple, Mel Steinle, Don Lanoue, LaDonna Peltier, Jim Wahlmeier, Ted Collins, Janet Eubanks, Larry Eubanks, Phil Gilliland, Tom Tuggle.

Pastor Dean Thompson gave the invocation followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Skiles asked that an Item B be added to the Study Session, Mid America Auto Center. Commissioner Hosie requested that Study Session item "Allocation of Downtown Improvements Funds" be moved to New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2008 meeting as presented. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried 5-0 with the vote being as follows:

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

Nay: None

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #17

APPROVED

Commissioner Lanoue and Commissioner Johnson had some questions concerning the appropriation ordinance. Mayor Hattan made a motion to approve appropriation ordinance #17. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried 5-0 with the vote being as follows:

Yea: Hattan, Johnson, Hosie, Jindra and Lanoue

Nay: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Concerning the new city manager, Jim Ganson expressed his desire to hire from amongst the citizens of Concordia, and believes a city administration type of government might be beneficial.

Armand Balthazor questioned the advertising for city manager, and wondered if local citizens would be considered for the position.

Kirk Lowell praised City Manager Skiles for his service to the community.

Phil Gilliland and Mayor Hattan discussed remarks made September 3 by Mayor Hattan concerning the financial status of the City, as quoted in the Blade-Empire.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANIMAL CONTROL VEHICLE

TABLED

Chief Danny Parker gave bids he received for the new animal control vehicle from Babe Houser Motors, Womack Sunshine Ford, and Concordia Auto Mart. The bids were as follows:

USED VEHICLES

Babe Houser - 2007 Ford F-150 Ext. Cab 4x4	\$18,648
Concordia Auto Mart - 2006 Ford F-150 Ext. Cab 4x4	\$16,875
Womack Ford - 2005 Ford F-150 Ext. Cab 4x4 with hail	\$16,990

NEW VEHICLES

Womack Ford - 2008 Ford F-150 Ext. Cab 4x4 with hail	\$21,875
Babe Houser - 2008 GMC 1500 Ext. Cab 4x4	\$21,952

Comparing used prices and new prices he'd received, he recommended accepting the bid from GSA, which is a government partners program. This vehicle is a new 2009 Ford for \$18,887. As the commissioners had not seen the bids prior to the commission meeting, it was moved by Mayor Hattan to table voting on this until they

could study the bids further. Commissioner Charles Johnson seconded. Motion to table said bids passed with the vote being as follows:

Yea: Hattan, Johnson, Hosie, Jindra and Lanoue

Nay: None

ZISTRO'S CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE

APPROVED

City Attorney Uri pointed out that, although the application states they want a beer garden, this is just for the CMB license. Mayor Hattan moved to approve the Zistro's Cereal Malt Beverage License. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried 5-0 with the vote being as follows:

Yea: Hattan, Johnson, Hosie, Jindra and Lanoue

Nay: None

AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERSHIP

APPROVED

Kirk Lowell asked for the approval of Susan Retter, which would be the first time in many years that the board had a full membership of nine. Concerning the members that were approved at the last meeting, all were willing to serve. Commissioner Johnson voiced Belden Blosser's concern that new members did not have direct connections to aviation. City Attorney Uri said that the agreement only states that preference should be given to those connected to aviation, but does not break the agreement should a member be approved without direct connections. Commissioner Hosie moved to approve Susan Retter to the Airport Authority Board. Commissioner Jindra seconded. Motion carried 5-0 with the vote being as follows:

Yea: Hattan, Johnson, Hosie, Jindra and Lanoue

Nay: None

ALLOCATION OF DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

There was discussion regarding allocation of funds for downtown improvement projects and demolition projects in the 2009 budget. After discussion of these projects it was determined that \$20,000 was budgeted for 2009 for demolition, and \$10,000 was budgeted for downtown improvement projects.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Skiles introduced new city clerk Stacey Crum and new staff Megan Murdock and Katrina Sorell. The front office is now fully staffed. He also thanked the department heads for the steak meal that day. He gave thanks to the staff for a job well done.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

Commissioner Jindra stated his position on what he felt was a witch hunt of staff during the budget process this year.

Commissioner Johnson asked who owned Cloud Village and where the minutes and audits were kept. There were also questions concerning the transportation resolution that had been passed in the previous commission meeting, nuisances, and airport by-laws.

Commissioner Hosie expressed his concern on making decisions on construction projects in the study session, rather than in an open meeting. He stated that the commission does not manage the City, but sets policy and budgets.

Commissioner Lanoue congratulated City Clerk Crum, welcomed new front office staff, and thanked City Manager Skiles.

Mayor Hattan stated he stood by the budget and the numbers presented, and congratulated City Manager Skiles and Ruby Maline on a more complete and correct budget. He addressed Commissioner Hosie's comments on the construction projects. He also thanked City Manager Skiles.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Ron Copple talked of a KDOT meeting in Abilene he would be attending the next day and invited any commissioner to go, and would be taking the recently passed transportation resolution with him.

City Attorney Uri asked permission to send a letter verifying city support of permission to use part of the sidewalk at 6th & Lincoln for the brick wall project. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the transfer of property of the sidewalk in the parking lot of city property at 6th & Lincoln. It was seconded by Mayor Hattan. Motion carried 5-0 with the vote being as follows:

Yea: Hattan, Johnson, Hosie, Jindra and Lanoue

Nay: None

ADJOURN

Mayor Hattan stated that there will be a study session following the adjournment of the meeting.

Mayor Hattan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lanoue seconded.

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

Nay: None

(Seal)



Stacey Crum
City Clerk

