

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD MARCH 4, 2009

The governing body met in regular session on March 4, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Mayor Hattan, Commissioners Johnson, Lanoue, Jindra, and Hosie.

Absent: None

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

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

Visitors: Brad Lowell, Toby Nosker, Don Dean, James Ganson, John Kullman, Jeff Jamison, Jean Rosemary Noski, Judy Stephens, Larry Eubanks, Don Lanoue, Marvin Copple, LaDonna Peltier, Shirley Gropp, Chris Workman, Danny Parker, Cory Shipley, Ron Deal, Larry Remmenga, Jeff Nelson, Ruby Maline.

Pastor Cory Shipley gave the invocation followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hattan asked for changes on the agenda. Interim City Manager Uri noted the addition of Shirley Gropp with a presentation for People's Insurance. Interim City Manager Uri dropped the study session discussion on pool concessions and closing, and added discussion on a request to put an antenna on a water tower. Commissioner Johnson requested an executive session for non-elected personnel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson said that changes he requested on the February 4 minutes still needed to make mention of the \$43,508 difference in non-departmental expenditures which related to unbudgeted delinquent taxes on the budget amendment. Interim City Manager Uri promised to make that change and distribute a corrected copy.

Mayor Hattan moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2009. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #4

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson asked which department purchased the pagers from Pierce Electronics. Larry Eubanks responded that the fire department purchased these.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve appropriation ordinance #4. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

INSURANCE PRESENTATION BY IMA

IMA Insurance spokespersons Jeff Jamison and John Kullman were on hand to persuade the commission to allow them to continue to quote the city's insurance through EMC Insurance, after the last meeting's vote gave the rights to People's Insurance, the local EMC agent. Only one EMC carrier may be allowed to quote the insurance. IMA has provided this service to the city for 10 years. Mr. Jamison said that his company could provide the best service, considering they have several specialty departments, including a claims unit, company negotiations and administration of clients, and several attorneys on staff that provide legal answers at no extra charge to the client.

SHIRLEY GROPP - PEOPLE'S INSURANCE

Shirley Gropp of People's Insurance spoke next in support of the city doing their insurance with a local agent. Ms. Gropp said that she could provide all the services that IMA does, and could also negotiate with EMC to get the best rates. She asked that the commissioners stay with their decision at the last meeting to allow her company to quote the insurance.

Interim City Manager Uri said that city policy had always been that if at all possible, go with the local business. He also said that RFP's had been sent out to all the insurance agents in town, and it was possible that at least one would return theirs with a quote.

Commissioner Johnson moved to continue with the decision to allow People's Insurance to give the quote for EMC. Commissioner Jindra seconded, but noted that he was disappointed with the lack of time to consider all the facts in this process, and wished in the future to be given more time. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES TO ADDRESS COLLEGE WATER ISSUES BG CONSULTANTS

Interim City Manager Uri presented the proposed agreement addressing the college's concerns over water pressure. After reviewing last year's agreement on this issue, staff decided to pursue other advice as last year's engineers didn't seem to have the needed experience. BG Consultants has been retained for these services. It was established that adequate pressure could be attained with pumps at each low pressure location.

The first phase of the engineering would involve evaluating the booster stations, and would not exceed \$3,450.00. The next step would be evaluating raising each water tower, at a price not to exceed \$9,850.00 each.

Commissioner Jindra moved to approve the agreement for services to address college water issues. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Mayor Hattan then said that he had reservations about BG Consultants, with the fact that they have not had the experience of raising water towers like other consulting firms, and would like the opportunity to hear testimonials. He agreed with parts, a, b, and c of number 3 which calls for BG to evaluate alternatives for addressing existing pressure conditions, but disagreed with part d on evaluating raising the water towers. Larry Remmenga reminded the commission that pumps would be a short term fix to this problem.

Commissioner Jindra amended his motion to omit item d from the study. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion for amendment carried unanimously. The vote was then called to approve the agreement for services to address college water issues with BG Consultants. Motion carried unanimously.

SLURRY SEAL BIDS

BALLOU CONSTRUCTION

Ron Copple said that two bids had been returned for slurry seal. The bids were as follows:

Ballou Construction Co.	\$178,196.50
Vance Brothers	\$178,819.45

Campbell & Johnson's estimate had been \$150,163.75, based on last year's average of high and low bids. Mr. Copple said that there would be approximately 50 blocks done this year. It was staff's recommendation to go with Ballou Construction.

Commissioner Hosie moved to go with Ballou Construction for \$178,196.50. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT TRACTOR PURCHASE

CONCORDIA TRACTOR

Larry Remmenga presented a state contract bid of \$83,886.92 from Concordia Tractor for the wastewater treatment plant tractor. This includes the trade in of \$33,000.00.

Commissioner Johnson moved to purchase the 8130 tractor for \$83,886.92 from Concordia Tractor. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS USING RECOVERY FUNDS 2009

Ron Copple presented a construction project for KDOT which would cover Davies Dr. to State St. on 5th. The total estimated cost of the project is \$450,282.50. The survey and design cost for Campbell & Johnson is \$50,000.00, and is not included in the total cost of the project. Along with the city paying for the design cost, a question on the application asked if the city would participate in any other funds. It was decided that an extra \$25,000.00 could be contributed, in order to have a better chance of getting the project approved by KDOT. Commissioner Hosie asked who would do the labor. Mr. Copple answered that the labor would be done through the state.

Commissioner Jindra moved to submit the request for construction projects using recovery funds 2009 and for the city to participate in \$25,000.00 of the project, and to allow Interim City Manager Uri to sign the Campbell & Johnson contract should the project be approved by KDOT. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Uri said that the newest billing from Blue Cross included in the packet omitted eleven employees, and promised to furnish a new billing as soon as it was corrected. He also suggested including a study session item for the next meeting to discuss the 2010 budget, to get a list of goals and priorities from the commissioners.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Jindra said that he would be out of the state on April 1.

Commissioner Hosie again expressed concerns over the money recently found in the front office. Commissioner Hosie made a motion that the vendor be contacted, to see how these checks had been

endorsed before being cashed, then withdrew the motion when Interim City Manager Uri said that the company had already been notified, but had not gotten back with the city clerk.

Commissioner Johnson asked of the progress on procuring an internal audit. Interim City Manager Uri said the plan was to wait for the new auditors to come and discuss this with them.

STAFF COMMENTS

There were no staff comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION OF NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL HELD

Mayor Hattan moved that the commission recess into executive session for ten (10) minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Inviting: Interim City Manager Uri. Commissioner Jindra seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Hattan, Johnson, Jindra, Hosie, and Lanoue.

Nay: None.

Time: 7:57 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Hattan announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

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

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

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk