

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD APRIL 1, 2009

The governing body met in regular session on April 1, 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, and Hosie.

Absent: Commissioner Jindra

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: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Ruth Bombardier, Isadore Bombardier, Ronald Deal, James Ganson, Larry Remmenga, Thaniel Monaco, Danny Parker, Ron Copple, Larry Eubanks, Don Lanoue, Eric Johnson, Sr. Mary Jo Thummel, Marvin Copple, Amber Meczywor, Regina Ann Brummel, Kirk Lowell, Tammy Britt, Greg Gallagher, Tom Gennette, Dave Dutton, Ruby Maline.

There was no invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Hattan asked for changes on the agenda. A study session item was added for Kansas Rural Development financing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

There were no comments.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #6

APPROVED

Interim City Manager Uri gave answers to Commissioner Lanoue's earlier emailed questions. Questions included information on checks written to Computer Solutions, HWS Consulting, Pawnee Mental Health, and the check for the fire pup program.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve appropriation ordinance #6. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

BUDDY POPPY DAY

Isadore & Ruth Bombardier, representing the VFW post and auxiliary, spoke of the importance of purchasing Buddy Poppies assembled by disabled veterans and asked that May 16 be proclaimed Buddy Poppy Day. Mayor Hattan signed the Proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPOINTMENTS

Tammy Britt of the Housing Authority asked that John Davis be appointed to another four year term.

Commissioner Hosie moved to appoint John Davis to the Housing Authority. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Interim City Manager Uri presented a letter from Denise de Rochefort-Reynolds of the library, asking for the appointment of Brenton Phillips, who would replace Frank Burwell. Mr. Burwell has completed two terms and is not eligible for reappointment.

Mayor Hattan moved to appoint Brenton Phillips to the library board. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

ERIC JOHNSON – COMMISSION ROOM REMODELING

Eric Johnson of Campbell & Johnson spoke of the possibilities of remodeling the commission room. Belleville had been visited earlier in the week and their arrangement was discussed. He asked for the commission's input on what they would like. Mayor Hattan said he would like to see the current setup inverted into a U shape, with the press and the staff table facing each other. Commissioner Hosie is not in favor of the current raised platform, feeling like this puts the commission on a different level from the public,

affecting the mood of the commission meetings. At this point, there are no estimates on the cost of the project.

CMB LICENSE

HEAVY'S BBQ

This is the new BBQ restaurant opening later this month.

Mayor Hattan moved to approve the CMB License for Heavy's BBQ. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DAVE DUTTON – BARKING DOGS

Dave Dutton spoke of the barking dog problem in his neighborhood. He has brought this to animal control's attention, and feels that no action has been taken. Mr. Dutton asked the commission if a change in the law was possible. Interim City Manager Uri said that this could be a nuisance issue, or could possibly be taken to court. Interim City Manager Uri said the next action would be for Mr. Dutton to sign a formal complaint, which he agreed to do.

RESOLUTIONS:

2009-1835 CONCORDIA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The city recognized the high school girls basketball team on their recent state championship. Coach Derek Holmes thanked the city for the recognition and spoke a bit on their outstanding undefeated season. In attendance were: Heather Bergmann, Skyler Muff, Ashleigh Johnson, Jordan Mastin, Leah Haden, Skye Balthazor, Chelsie Monzon, Mallory Backstrom, Paige Champlin, Taryn Johnson, Coach Nikki Flinn, Coach Kevin Johnson, Karly Buer, Alex Muff, and Kaitlin Woellhof. The team assembled for photos.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Uri said he had not yet contacted other governing bodies on the TIF meeting in May.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson asked that a resolution also be done for Mallory Gilliland, who was just named Kansas Junior Miss.

In regards to the money found in the clerk's office, Commissioner Hosie asked if we had heard back from Snack Express. Staff had contacted them to get a copy of a cancelled check to see how the checks were endorsed. At this point, they have not responded to these requests. There was discussion on this money. Mayor Hattan recalled a previous city manager several years ago giving approval for employee use of these funds.

Mayor Hattan congratulated Ron Copple on being rewarded recent stimulus money for a street project. Only 10% of submitted projects were accepted. Commissioner Johnson asked if there would be a more explicit detail of expenses. He thought the concrete price was high.

Commissioner Johnson commended Larry Eubanks and staff on a program they did at a recent AARP meeting.

Mayor Hattan said the selection of the Royals/Yankees game the recreation department is selling tickets for was an excellent choice.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ron Copple said that Terry Cibolski had retired from the city, and David Gilkeson had taken his place, as mechanic.

Larry Remmenga told the commission that a representative of Pittsburg Tank & Steel would be checking the structure of the water tower next week to see if the tower raising would be a possible solution to the college's water pressure issue. Also, Concordia Tractor has notified the city that they have a buyer for the city's tractor trade. Since the transaction won't take place until July, CTI has agreed to provide a loaner until then.

Larry Eubanks said the new ambulance was in, and also the ambulance in Glasco was in place. There is now a backup unit for events such as football games and races, and also to be used for long distance transfers.

Danny Parker gave an update on a meth lab that was recently found. Also, there have been arrests made on those responsible for several burglaries in town.

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. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

(Seal)



Stacey Crum
City Clerk

STATE CHAMPIONS!



RESOLUTION NO. 2009-1835

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Concordia, Kansas:

WHEREAS, the Concordia High School girls' basketball team finished its 2008-2009 season as the undefeated Class 4A state champion, having won 26 games and bringing the school its third girls' state basketball championship;

AND WHEREAS, the Concordia City Commission desires to express the pride the community has taken with respect to this accomplishment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS:

The governing body of the City of Concordia hereby congratulates the members of the Concordia High School girls' basketball team: Skye Balthazor, Heather Bergmann, Karly Buer, Paige Champlin, Ashlee Haist, Ashleigh Johnson, Taryn Johnson, Jordan Mastin, Chelsie Monzon, Alex Muff, Skyler Muff, and Kaitlin Woellhof, and head coach Derek Holmes, assistant coaches Nikki Flinn and Kevin Johnson, and managers Mallory Backstrom and Leah Haden.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the governing body of the City of Concordia hereby congratulates the parents of the team members, the citizens of the community for the support given to the team, and the students of Concordia High School for the spirit and sportsmanship displayed during the season.

PASSED by the governing body and signed by the Mayor this 1st day of April, 2009.

Gregory L. Hattan
Mayor

ATTEST:

(Seal)

Stacey Crum
City Clerk

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental leaders since 1922, and

WHEREAS: VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, the widows and orphans of deceased veterans, and

WHEREAS: The basic purpose of the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living", therefore

I, Gregory L. Hattan, Mayor of the city of Concordia do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through the purchase of Buddy Poppies on the day set aside for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead.

I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

Signed Gregory L. Hattan
Mayor

Attested Stan Gumm
City Clerk