

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD APRIL 15, 2009

The governing body met in regular session on April 15, 2009, 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.

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, Ted Collins, Roy Wilson, Megan Murdock, Ron Copple, Sara Hicks, Danny Parker, Sr. Judy Stephens, Royce Bruntzel, Ron Deal, Don Lanoue, Marcia Allen, Janet Eubanks, Mallory Gilliland, Brenda Gilliland, Marvin Copple, Denise de Rochefort-Reynolds, James Ganson, Larry Eubanks, Linda Sutton, Joe Fakler, Ruth Fakler, Larry Remmenga, Ruby Maline.

There was no invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Hattan asked for changes on the agenda. There were no changes.

COMMISSION REORGANIZATION:

ELECTION RESULTS

Interim City Manager Uri read the report from the Cloud County Clerk and Election Officer Linda Bogart, certifying the results for the City Commission of Concordia held April 7, 2009 to be as follows:

Charles B. Johnson	582
Phil Gilliland	5
Joe Strecker	7
Art Slaughter	4

Twenty-two (22) people received one (1) vote each.

Charles Johnson was declared the winner for another three (3) year term.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Ordinance prescribes that elected officials take the Oath of Office before entering into the duties of his/her office. City Clerk Crum administered the Oath of Office to Charles Johnson for a three (3) year term.

Mayor Hattan recessed for refreshments.

ANNUAL COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

Commissioner Jindra voiced his opinion that things have been running smoothly with the commission as it is, and moved that Mayor Hattan continue as mayor. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved to elect Commissioner Lanoue as mayor pro-tem. Commissioner Jindra seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

There were no comments.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2009, meeting. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #7

APPROVED

Commissioner Hosie asked if the Blue Cross bill was for one month. Interim City Manager Uri answered that it was for one month, plus the employees that were omitted on last month's billing. Commissioner Johnson asked about the League LEAPS payment, which is for the second payment of the city manager search, and did we already make two payments? Interim City Manager Uri said he would look into it.

Commissioner Hosie moved to approve appropriation ordinance #7. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS:

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Mayor Hattan read a proclamation and declared April as Fair Housing Month.

ARBOR DAY

Mayor Hattan proclaimed April 24, 2009 as Arbor Day.

KANSAS JUNIOR MISS

Mallory Gilliland was recently named Kansas Junior Miss. Mayor Hattan read a proclamation of congratulations to Miss Gilliland. Miss Gilliland was on hand for pictures with the mayor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPOINTMENTS

Denise de Rochefort-Reynolds, of the library, asked for the reappointment of MaryDean Nelson to another four year term. Frank Burwell, who had served two terms and could not be reappointed, was recognized for his years of service, and several projects were listed that had been accomplished during Mr. Burwell's tenure.

Commissioner Hosie moved to appoint MaryDean Nelson to the library board. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:**SPONSORSHIP OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

The Small Business Development Center has been housed at Cloud County Community College for several years, and is moving downtown. They are requesting a grant of \$2000 from the Duclos Foundation. One of the requirements of the Duclos Foundation is that grants must be sponsored by a non-profit organization or a municipality.

Commissioner Johnson said that the Duclos Foundation was set up to help families and private individuals in need of funds, and he felt that this did not fall into that category, whether they have income guidelines or not. He said he would like to see the sponsorship disapproved for this reason. Mayor Hattan said it is the Duclos board's decision who receives the money. The Small Business Development Center helps small businesses get started, so he felt that indirectly the Duclos Foundation was helping the needy in that way. Commissioner Jindra agreed that it is not the commission's job to determine who gets the funds.

Commissioner Jindra moved to approve the sponsorship of the grant for the Small Business Development Center and to authorize the mayor to sign it. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: Commissioner Johnson.

FUND BALANCE – FINANCIAL SOFTWARE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Interim City Manager Uri explained that Fund Balance is the company providing the financial software, and as the billing is over \$5000, was asking for approval.

Commissioner Lanoue asked if GASB is being used. Interim City Manager Uri said that Ruby Maline was starting to utilize that, and it will be used in the future. Commissioner Johnson didn't think it was a necessary component. Ms. Maline explained that the recent monthly financial reports that she has been providing have been generated by GASB 34. Commissioner Lanoue also stated that she felt the GASB program was unnecessary, as city assets are recorded in a book. Interim City Manager Uri said that the college intern working for the city this semester is in the process of inputting all asset data into the computer.

Commissioner Hosie moved to approve the financial software annual maintenance agreement. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

GAZEBO DONATION

Joe Fakler talked of the anticipated donation of a gazebo for the city park by Boy Scouts Troop 31. The gazebo would be built by Peltier's Foundry and additional volunteer help, at a cost to the Troop of \$10,000. Projected completion is September. The city would be responsible for the concrete base, sidewalks, electrical outlets and lighting. The choice of location by the Troop is the south edge of the park, with the removal of the old girl scout building.

Mayor Hattan said he thought that the area between the tennis courts and the pool would enable the gazebo to be used more. After discussion, it was decided that this area could be considered.

Commissioner Hosie moved to accept the donation of the gazebo from Boy Scouts Troop 31. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Uri updated the commission on recent news on the flood control project with the Corps of Engineers. The city is ready for the next phase, and should be hearing from the Corps in a few weeks. Discussion included the possibility of this project being part of earmarked government money.

Interim City Manager Uri discussed the employee handbook, and the newest additions.

Interim City Manager Uri thanked Ruby Maline for her service and said she would be missed. This week is her last week.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Jindra talked about his recent participation with a lobbying group in Washington D.C. He has had contact with Congressman Jerry Moran's office and the flood control project is his number one priority project. Commissioner Jindra made a motion to contact Congressman Moran's office to request a representative of the Corps of Engineers be in Concordia to answer questions. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

In response to recent discussion on cash found at City Hall in a manila envelope, Commissioner Jindra requested an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss policies and procedures to assure this won't happen again.

Commissioner Johnson asked about the progress in the city manager search. The commission had agreed to discontinue the search until after the budget process is over. Commissioner Johnson felt that Interim City Manager Uri's contract would expire before someone was hired if we aren't actively looking now. He also asked if we have received applicants for Ruby Maline's position, and Interim City Manager Uri updated the commission on the progress.

Commissioner Hosie asked for explanation on understanding the purchasing card statement. Commissioner Hosie also felt that the city manager search should continue to be on hold until after the budget process. He asked that Interim City Manager Uri update the commission on the latest with the cash found. A copy of the check had been received from one of the check stubs found in this envelope, showing that the check had been endorsed before being deposited into the city's account. In this process, apparently the check was traded for cash out of the cash drawer before being placed in the envelope in the City Clerk's office.

Commissioner Lanoue thanked Frank Burwell for his library service.

Mayor Hattan echoed Commissioner Lanoue's sentiments for Frank Burwell. He thanked Interim City Manager Uri for a job well done, and said that all city employees were doing the city proud.

The commissioners thanked Ruby Maline for her service and the job she'd done during her tenure with the city, and wished her well in future endeavors.

STAFF COMMENTS

Larry Eubanks talked about last year's grant for a new fire truck through the CBDG (Community Block Development Grant), which was obtained after doing an LMI (low to moderate income) survey in the city. This grant of \$168,720.00, which is 50% of the cost of a fire truck, was awarded to the fire department. With these grant funds, the city has purchased a new fire truck.

Ron Copple updated the commission on the money recently awarded through the Recovery Act 2009. A selection committee must be organized to select an engineering firm. Isadore Bombardier and Mr. Copple would make up the committee, and Mr. Copple asked for a member of the commission to be included. Commissioner Johnson volunteered.

Larry Remmenga talked about the recent atrazine scare, and assured the commission and the public that the city's water is safe.

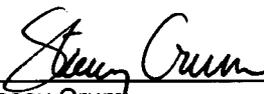
ADJOURN

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

James Ganson addressed the commission on the whole wall project that has recently begun, and gave an update on the progress.

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

(Seal)



Stacey Crum
City Clerk

**PROCLAMATION
FAIR HOUSING MONTH
CITY OF CONCORDIA**

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States passed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, of which Title VIII declared that the law of the land would now guarantee the rights of equal housing opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Concordia is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all, and today, many realty companies and associations support fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing groups and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development have, over the years, received thousands of complaints of alleged illegal housing discrimination and found too many that have proved upon investigation to be violations of the fair housing laws; and

WHEREAS, equal housing opportunity is a condition of life in our City that can and should be achieved,

I, Gregory L. Hattan, Mayor of the City of Concordia, Kansas, on behalf of its citizens, do hereby proclaim the month of April as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

And express the hope that this year's observance will promote fair housing practices throughout the City.

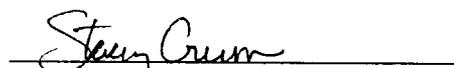
Dated this 15th day of April, 2009.



Mayor

(Seal)

Attest:



Stacey Crum
City Clerk

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and
- WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and
- WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and
- WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and
- WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and
- WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and
- WHEREAS, Concordia has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregory L. Hattan, Mayor of the City of Concordia, do hereby proclaim **April 24, 2009** as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Concordia, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our city's community forestry program, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

DATED this 15th day of April, 2009.

Gregory L. Hattan
Mayor

(Seal)

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April 10, 2009

Stacy Crum
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I, Linda Bogart, Cloud County Clerk/Election Officer of Cloud County, Kansas do hereby certify the results of the Concordia City General Election, held on April 7, 2009 to be as follows:

Charles B. Johnson	582
Phil Gilliland	5
Joe Strecker	7
Art Slaughter	4

Each receiving one (1) vote:

Steve Womack
George DeBauche
Lisa Huber
Roger Koester
Ben Retter
Susan Retter
Dana Brewer
John State
John Jones
Verna Ferguson
Todd Nicholson
Gary Cairns
Jane Linden
Irene Brown
Brad Lowell
Ross Doyen
Steve Nelson
Tom Tuggle
Larry Uri
Sandra Moore
Greg Errebo
Greg Askren

Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of April 2009.



Linda Bogart

Linda Bogart
Cloud County Clerk/Election Officer

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2009, Mallory Gilliland was named 2009 Kansas Junior Miss; and

WHEREAS, as Kansas Junior Miss, she will represent our community as she travels the state of Kansas promoting the "Be Your Best Self" program to young girls; and,

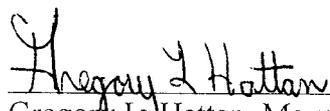
WHEREAS, she will represent the State of Kansas at the 52nd America's Junior Miss competition in Mobile, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Concordia desires to express the pride that the community shares in her achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED

That the Concordia City Commission, on behalf of the citizens of Concordia, does hereby take note of the work, preparation, and effort put forth by Mallory Gilliland in earning the title of 2009 Kansas Junior Miss, congratulates her on this achievement, commends her for undertaking the responsibilities that go with the title, and wishes her well in the national competition.

Proclaimed by the governing body and signed by the mayor this 15th day of April, 2009.



Gregory L. Hattan, Mayor

ATTACHMENTS

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