

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD MAY 6, 2009

The governing body met in regular session on May 6, 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, Jeremy Keezer, Connie Morrison, Janet Eubanks, Danny Parker, John States, Harry Morrison Jr., Don Lanoue, Eric Johnson, Mary Jo Thummel, Anna Marie Broxterman, Larry Eubanks, Richard Eakins, Ron Deal, Marvin Copple, Susie Haver, Ron Copple, Sara Hicks, Larry Remmenga, Kirk Lowell, James Ganson, Tammy Britt, John Davis, Steve Womack.

Pastor John States gave the invocation followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hattan asked for changes on the agenda. An item under new business, item D sign agreement, was moved to the study session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

There were no comments.

Commissioner Hosie moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2009, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #8

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson asked about the check to Computer Solutions. City Clerk Crum said the charges included anti-virus for each computer at city hall plus the server. Commissioner Johnson asked about the Gades Sales invoice. Ron Copple answered that it was parts for a stop light. Commissioner Johnson wondered if the fire truck is leased. Interim City Manager Uri said it is a lease/purchase. Commissioner Hosie questioned all the water deposit refund checks. City Clerk Crum explained that all water deposits are returned after twelve months of good service. The deposits for water accounts began one year ago. Commissioner Lanoue asked if a financial back page would be provided. Interim City Manager Uri said that staff did not feel qualified to provide this, but the new finance director would be starting and the page would be done next meeting. Commissioner Johnson questioned the checks that were mailed out before being approved. Interim City Manager Uri explained the reasoning for early payment to these vendors. Commissioner Johnson didn't think this was good policy.

Commissioner Hosie moved to approve appropriation ordinance #8. Mayor Hattan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS:

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

Janet Eubanks spoke to the commission representing the female side of motorcycle riding.

Eric Johnson spoke representing a new chapter of motorcyclists in Concordia called the Christian Motorcycle Association and gave statistics on crashes over the last several years.

Mayor Hattan read the proclamation and declared May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Mayor Hattan proclaimed May as Mental Health Month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

424 W. 16TH

Interim City Manager Uri reminded the commission that this residence was damaged by fire several weeks ago. Money from the insurance company has been held by the city until the homeowners have done the cleanup to the residence, and the area is declared safe.

Mayor Hattan asked if there were comments on this property from the public. There were none. Mayor Hattan moved to close the public hearing on 424 W. 16th. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

FIRE INSURANCE, 424 W. 16TH

Commissioner Johnson moved to pass resolution 2009-1836 and return the insurance proceeds to the homeowners. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

PERMISSION TO USE CITY RIGHT OF WAY FOR PRIVATE SEWER LINE

Larry Remmenga discussed the McDaniel Memorial property on 7th St., which currently has a septic system. Because city sewer is available in that area, the new owner would like permission to tie into the city's line for sewer for his new property by a private company. Commissioner Lanoue asked if there is a legal agreement to ensure that any damage would be the owner's responsibility. Interim City Manager Uri said there is no policy to do an agreement but it could be done.

Mayor Hattan moved to give permission to use city right of way for private sewer line. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FOLLOW UP WITH KANSAS SAMPLER FEST

Susie Haver and Tammy Britt provided a small skit to show appreciation for city staff and commission support of the 2008 and 2009 Kansas Sampler Fest. They shared the "We Kan" award that Concordia was awarded by the Kansas Sampler Foundation.

CASH MANAGEMENT POLICY

Interim City Manager Uri presented a cash management policy reflecting the process of cash handling at the city.

Mayor Hattan moved to approve resolution 2009-1837. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HAIL DAMAGE INSURANCE

Ron Copple discussed last fall's hail storm and the damage to city buildings. He has been working with the insurance company since then to make sure the bids and the estimates are close. The wastewater treatment plant had a \$38,759 difference between the bid and the insurance company. He asked for approval on all properties except the treatment plant at this point, and to replace everything with Heritage shingles for only \$2,572 more than 3 tab shingles. He recommended Geisler Roofing be awarded the bid. Insurance proceeds of \$72,657.04 have already been paid out of a total of \$113,942.00. He suggested the Brown Grand Theatre be completed first.

Mayor Hattan moved to authorize the project of roof replacement with Heritage shingles by Geisler Roofing, with the exception of the wastewater treatment plant. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Uri said the annual refund from EMC Insurance Company of \$12,701.89 was received. The amount received is based on the company's overall claims during the year. He spoke on the upcoming TIF meeting with the local governing bodies. A water rate study is being pursued by the city.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson said that he would like to see handrails on the bleachers at the sports complex. He recently attended a meeting of the nuns and they would like to see a proclamation in September to make 2010 a year of peace. Commissioner Johnson also asked if there was progress on updating the dais in the commission room. Eric Johnson said he had a couple of sketches that he could share.

Commissioner Hosie thanked the city staff for getting involved in the Sampler Fest, and also thanked travel & tourism. He talked about the possibility of the girls' school in Beloit closing, and wondered if there was anything our community could do to help keep that from happening. He applauded the progress of the whole wall project. Commissioner Hosie asked about the policy on uncollected water bills and court fines. Interim City Manager Uri updated the commission on this process. Commissioner Hosie asked for an update on the citywide cleanup. Ron Copple shared the amount of loads collected.

Commissioner Lanoue also thanked the staff, and Susie Haver and Tammy Britt for the success of the Sampler Fest, and also commended the whole wall project. She asked about the nuisance abatements. Letters have been sent out.

Mayor Hattan echoed the Sampler Fest sentiments and the whole wall project.

STAFF COMMENTS

Danny Parker talked about the communication system that the police department now has to bring the equipment up to date. In three years, about \$180,000 in grant money has been awarded and the city has spent approximately \$100,000 out of the 911 reserve. The old system will be used as a backup in times of emergency.

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



MENTAL HEALTH MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone's overall physical health and emotional well-being and caring for your mind as well as your body is good for your overall health and vital for success in personal life, at work, and at school; and

WHEREAS, mental illness will strike nearly one in four adults and children in a given year, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, mental health problems are as treatable as many physical illnesses, and people who have mental illnesses can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, an estimated two-thirds of adults and young people who have mental health disorders are not receiving the help they need; and

WHEREAS, the cost of untreated and mistreated mental illnesses and addictive disorders to American businesses, governments, and families has grown to \$113 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, community-based services that respond to individual and family needs are cost-effective and beneficial to consumers and the community;

WHEREAS, Pawnee Mental Health Services has been helping people to achieve healthy minds and healthy lives for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the National Mental Health Association, the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare and their national partners, including Pawnee Mental Health Services and this city, observe Mental Health Month every May to raise awareness and understanding of mental health and mental illness,

THEREFORE, I, Gregory L. Hattan, the Mayor of Concordia does hereby proclaim May 2009 as

Mental Health Month

in the city of Concordia, and call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Cloud County to recognize the importance of mental, as well as physical health, and to commit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people who have mental illnesses.

Mayor

Gregory L. Hattan

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, motorcycle riding has become a popular form of recreation and transportation for many people in Concordia, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote safety, there is a growing need for cooperation among drivers of all motor vehicles, and

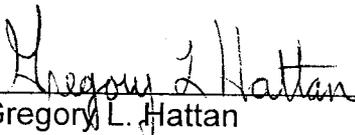
WHEREAS, it is especially important that drivers be aware of motorcycles on our streets and highways; and

WHEREAS, during the month of May, 2009, all street and highway users should unite in the safe sharing of roadways within The City of Concordia;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gregory L. Hattan, Mayor of The City of Concordia, Kansas, hereby proclaim May 2009 to be:

"MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH"

We ask all motor vehicle operators to unite in this effort to keep our streets and highways safe as motorists and motorcyclists share the roadways of our city.



Gregory L. Hattan
Mayor

Attest:

(Seal)



City Clerk
Stacey Crum