

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JULY 1, 2009 (Amended)

The governing body met in regular session on July 1, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Jindra, Johnson, Lanoue, and Hosie.

Absent: Mayor Hattan.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Lanoue declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Sister Judy Stephens, Ted Collins, Mary Dean Nelson, Joshua Meyer, Denise de Rochefort-Reynolds, Jean Rosemary Noski, Danny Parker, Susan Sutton, Susan Cantine-Maxson, John States, Marvin Copple, Larry Eubanks, Tim Halfhide, Chad Buckley, Don Lanoue, Jim Stromberg, Thaniel Monaco, Betty Remmenga, Larry Remmenga, Wade Carter, Cathy Feriend, Justin Poore, Janet Lowell, Gary Dvorak, Ron Copple, Bruno Rehbein, Amber Hein.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Lanoue asked for changes to the agenda. Interim City Manager Uri said an updated agenda was handed out which added Thaniel Monaco, to speak about the college water issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**APPROVED**

There were no comments.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2009, meeting. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**APPROVED**

Mayor Pro-Tem Lanoue said that she would like the minutes to reflect that her husband was served notice of the special meeting.

Commissioner Hosie moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2009, special meeting as amended. Mayor Pro-Tem Lanoue seconded. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #12**APPROVED**

Commissioner Johnson asked for what project Campbell & Johnson were being paid. Interim City Manager Uri answered that it was the Broadway sewer project.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve appropriation ordinance #12. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

OLD BUSINESS:**THANIEL MONACO – UPDATE ON CCCC WATER PROJECT**

Thaniel Monaco of BG Consultants presented pay request #2 for the wastewater treatment plant improvement project for ongoing construction activities and demo of screening equipment and clarifier.

Commissioner Johnson asked if this project would be covered by temporary notes. Interim City Manager Uri answered in the affirmative.

Commissioner Jindra moved to approve payment #2 to Walters-Morgan Construction for \$125,513.10. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Monaco discussed the college water project. He explained the different types of booster stations that may be utilized to provide a pressure increase within the evaluation area and discussed the two options to help maintain pressure, including different sizes of tanks.

Mayor Hattan entered and took his seat.

Mayor Hattan requested information on other cities using one of the discussed options. Commissioner Jindra asked if a tower in the college area could also serve other customers, and if a larger tank could run at less than full capacity if the larger is purchased for future potential growth. Mr. Monaco said that it could. A reasonable conservative estimate on a smaller tank would be \$1,000,000. The larger tank would be roughly \$1,300,000, with a booster system adding \$500,000.

NEW BUSINESS:**FRANK CARLSON LIBRARY – REQUEST OF FUNDS**

Joshua Meyer of the library board presented a letter to the commissioners. The library's appropriations request, not more than 3% from the previous year, is \$143,301. Commissioner Lanoue inquired if this amount includes the library benefit. Mr. Meyer said it did not. He spoke of successful past and ongoing projects and future goals for the library.

BROWN GRAND THEATRE – REQUEST OF FUNDS

Susan Cantine-Maxson, executive director of the Brown Grand Theatre, told the commission that a recent request for a grant for air conditioning, curtains and rigging was denied. The AC unit is well over fifty years old and in dire need of replacement. An earlier bid of \$54,461 was received during the grant process.

RESOURCE COUNCIL – REQUEST OF FUNDS

Cathy Feriend spoke of the services the resource council provides to the community. She requested funds of \$12,000, the same as the last two years.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER – REQUEST OF FUNDS

Gary Dvorak, of the North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, talked of the local senior citizens center. One high point he shared is that Concordia serves more meals each day than all surrounding communities, including Salina. Mr. Dvorak's request was \$4,000, the same as last year.

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS**KIRK LOWELL, RAY PALMER**

Ron Copple said that both Kirk Lowell and Ray Palmer currently serve on the board, and expressed interest to be reappointed.

Commissioner Hosie moved to reappoint Kirk Lowell and Ray Palmer to the airport advisory board. Mayor Hattan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CURB & GUTTER APPLICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Hosie moved to accept the curb & gutter petitions. Commissioner Jindra seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hosie moved to approve resolution 2009-1842. Commissioner Jindra seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET PLANNING

Larry Eubanks presented his budget for the fire/EMS department, and invited Dr. Justin Poore to speak in support of the hiring of an additional two firefighters in order to accept more long distance transfers.

Interim City Manager Uri suggested that the rest of the meeting be finished, then continue with budget discussion during a study session if so desired.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Uri spoke of advertising to find someone with ideas for economic development, to expend \$4000 set aside for that purpose. Someone from the media had instructed him that we did not have enough budgeted to effectively advertise. Mayor Hattan said he'd like to go ahead with the advertising and make the attempt to find someone, as did Commissioners Lanoue and Johnson. Commissioner Jindra wanted to go on record stating "no comment" considering his conflict of interest.

Interim City Manager Uri wanted input on the short term safety measures with the dam project, whether it be shoring up the culvert or acquiring an emergency phone system. Both options would cost conservatively at least \$3500 each. Commissioner Lanoue asked if there was a way to utilize the school district's emergency system. Commissioner Hosie expressed reservations about the phone system. It was decided to explore the option of a liner for the culvert.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Jindra expressed his desire to improve the budget process over previous years. He said though the economy is tighter, with smaller sales tax numbers, there are great opportunities like north development, and listed the refinancing of existing debt to create more capital improvement projects as a great idea. He suggested keeping a book with the questions and comments concerning the budget so the public could see the discussion, and having more budget meetings after having time to review the material. Commissioner Jindra thanked Mayor Hattan for his leadership.

Commissioner Lanoue agreed, although she'd like to see what capital outlay items are being expended for, so she wouldn't have to ask each department head about their transfers. She'd also like an explanation of a substantial increase in a line.

The consensus was that a special meeting would be beneficial to discuss the large projects and bond refinancing before the final budget numbers could be ready. It was decided that the special meeting would be called for July 13 at 7 p.m.

Commissioner Johnson asked what materials had not been provided for the auditor when he was here. Interim City Manager Uri said that there were still problems reconciling, and that it was possible an independent CPA might need to be hired to get year end numbers to complete the budget. Commissioner Johnson asked if employee vacation time was tracked. Interim City Manager Uri said it was. Commissioner Johnson inquired about the status of the drug dog. Danny Parker said the dog was being used. Commissioner Johnson asked about the progress with the dais. Interim City Manager Uri said the engineer could be invited to the next meeting to discuss this. Commissioner Johnson requested that an accumulation of minutes be kept in the library.

Commissioner Hosie congratulated Danny Parker on his new position.

Commissioner Lanoue congratulated Mr. Parker. She also said that she did not agree with the decision to pay Mr. Parker vacation time over the allowed 160 hours according to the employee handbook. Commissioner Johnson inquired on this subject. Interim City Manager Uri explained that Mr. Parker has a signed contract from a previous city manager that is possibly a violation of personnel policies. Commissioner Johnson asked for a copy of the contract, which Interim City Manager Uri provided.

Commissioner Johnson talked of the interim police chief that has been hired. He asked if we currently have a second in command. Danny Parker said we do not. Commissioner Lanoue expressed her displeasure over the choice and questioned why the opportunity wasn't given to current staff. Commissioner Hosie said that the city manager's job is to hire and fire and that is not a commission role.

Mayor Hattan asked for an executive session for non-elected personnel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

HELD

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

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

Nay: None.

Time: 8:30 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

Mayor Hattan announced there was no binding action taken.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ron Copple told the commissioners that KDOT will be striping through Concordia on Highway 81. Upon a question about the five year plan by Mayor Hattan, Mr. Copple talked about possible funding of these projects through several avenues.

ADJOURN

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

(Seal)



 Stacey Crum
 City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

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