

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 2, 2009

The governing body met in regular session on September 2, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Hattan, Jindra, Johnson, Lanoue, and Hosie.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: Interim City Manager Uri, Finance Director Farha and City Clerk Crum.

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

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Jeremy Keezer, Larry Eubanks, Janet Eubanks, Kirk Lowell, Ron Deal, Marvin Cople, Don Lanoue, Sandra Moore, Arlene Clayton, Tom Tuggle, Ron Cople, Jim Ganson, Jean Rosemarynoski, Ken Johnson, Chad Buckley, Bruce Johnson, Harley Adams, Johnny Adams, Loretta Jaspers.

Pastor Sandra Moore gave the invocation followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hattan asked for changes to the agenda. Interim City Manager Uri asked to move the first study session item of the north project to old business, and to add an executive session to discuss confidential business matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**APPROVED**

Commission Hosie moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2009 intergovernmental meeting and the minutes of the August 19, 2009, meeting. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #16**APPROVED**

Ron Cople explained the \$1300 for curb and gutter design to Campbell & Johnson in response to Commissioner Lanoue's emailed question if this was a project, which it was not. Commissioner Lanoue asked why Wanda Backstrom's deposit for the sports complex concession stand was paid out of the pool department. City Clerk Crum stated that she had received the deposit in the wrong account, so paid that money back out where it was originally receipted. There was a discussion of storm drainage problems on 5th Street. Commissioner Johnson asked about the two Vantagepoint checks and the two Kansas Payment Center checks for the same amount. City Clerk Crum explained that they were issued during two different payroll cycles.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve appropriation ordinance #16. Mayor Hattan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arlene Clayton discussed her displeasure with pigeon droppings on the entryway to the old library and thought something should be done about it.

NEW BUSINESS:**ADMINISTRATION VEHICLE BIDS****TABLED**

Stacey Crum presented bids she'd received for a vehicle to be used for errands in town and out of town training. Of nine bids from four bidders, it was narrowed down to two vehicles: 2007 Saturn Ion 2 for \$8950.00 and 2004 Pontiac Grand Am for \$6450.00, both from Babe Houser Motor Co.

Commissioner Hosie felt that the city would save money by just paying mileage to the employees. Commissioner Lanoue was concerned about adding another vehicle to the fleet when a vehicle might need to be negotiated for a new city manager next year. It was suggested that certainly a current city vehicle could be found to use. Ms. Crum stated it was possible, but most vehicles were being used during the day by other employees. A list of all city vehicles was requested.

Mayor Hattan moved to table the administration vehicle purchase until a list of vehicles and an accounting of what has been spent on mileage are provided. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO 5TH STREET PROJECT

Ron Cople presented a supplemental agreement to the 5th St. project that will be using Recovery Act funds, and noted the changes from the original agreement.

Mayor Hattan moved to approve the supplemental agreement. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Uri updated the commission on the progress of the police chief search, and named the newly formed advisory committee consisting of several Concordia citizens. Members are Rob Walsh, Bev Mortimer, Rod Imhoff, Nancy Zenger-Beneda, Jim Kerr, and Jessica LeDuc. He asked that the commissioners

appoint one member of the commission to serve on the committee. The commission declined. In the survey being distributed around town, Commissioner Lanoue wanted a line added about consolidated law enforcement, which Interim City Manager Uri agreed to do.

Concerning a tree trimming program that has been discussed recently, Interim City Manager Uri said that if the city proceeded giving nuisances to homeowners, the city would be understaffed to handle the paperwork. According to Interim City Manager Uri, the money would be better spent hiring someone to trim trees rather than going through the nuisance process with possibly hundreds of cases.

The recent drop in sales tax receipts was discussed. Amber Farha provided a report showing projected sales tax for the remainder of 2009 if the trend continues. Commissioner Hosie suggested checking with the state to see if they had an explanation why the city saw such a large drop for August receipts, and also asking other area cities if their sales tax was down as well. Ms. Farha also provided bank reconciliation reports which bring them up to date through July.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson said that there are two interim department heads, and perhaps a permanent city manager should be hired before these positions are filled. He thought the city needed to make a better effort keeping city property mowed, and discussed cracks in various basketball and tennis courts. He requested the management letter be added to the August 5 minutes in the library. Interim City Manager Uri said this would be done. Commissioner Johnson said a building at 4th & Cedar is collapsing. Ron Cople said that this building is owned by the railroad and Bruno Rehbein has addressed this problem with them.

Commissioner Hosie said that low hanging limbs present problems to public safety, and asked that the public give the commission feedback on their thoughts on how to handle this problem.

Commissioner Lanoue praised the two new Orphan Train Complex/Nazareth Motherhouse/Brown Grand Theatre signs that were recently installed.

STAFF COMMENTS

Larry Eubanks commented on the tree trimming program, and stated that property owners could be held accountable through the nuisance abatement program, but if the city has no money to do the work, that the nuisance notices would be idle threats.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL (1)

HELD

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

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:25 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Hattan announced there was no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION (2) HELD

Mayor Hattan moved that the commission recess into executive session for thirty (30) minutes for discussion of confidential business information. Inviting: Interim City Manager Uri. Kirk Lowell, Harley Adams and Johnny Adams. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:37 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:07 p.m.

Mayor Hattan announced there was no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION (2) HELD

Mayor Hattan moved that the commission recess into executive session for twenty (20) minutes for discussion of confidential business information. Inviting: Interim City Manager Uri. Kirk Lowell, Harley Adams and Johnny Adams. Commissioner Lanoue seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:08 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:28 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 Lanoue seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Stacey Cruz
City Clerk