

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD APRIL 21, 2010

The governing body met in regular session on April 21, 2010, 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: 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, Toby Nosker, Sister Beth Stover, Brad Waller, Mary Jo Thummel, Michael Wentz, RONALDA COPPLE, Carolyn Davidson, Marvin Copple, Linda Houser, Roberta Lowrey, Joan Fraser, Jean Rosemarynoski, Sara Hicks, Katrina Sorell, Maria Jindra, Margo Hosie, Tom Tuggle, Joe Strecker, Art Slaughter, Marcia Johnson, Muriel Anderson, Denise de Rochefort-Reynolds, Janet Lowell, Courtney Lanoue, Donald Lanoue. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, building inspector; Chad Buckley, director of public utilities; Ron Copple, director of public works; Chris Edin, chief of police.

Sister Beth gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hattan asked for changes to the agenda. There were none.

COMMISSION REORGANIZATION:**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Hosie thanked Commissioners Jindra and Lanoue for their service.

Mayor Hattan spoke of the big projects that this commission has taken on in the last couple of years, and had several comments on the outgoing commissioners. Mayor Hattan commended Commissioner Jindra on being the "big picture" commissioner, focusing on the bigger projects. He commended Commissioner Lanoue on her attention to detail, and her ability to raise the level of performance of all around her.

Commissioner Jindra had no comments.

Commissioner Lanoue named several projects that had been accomplished, and stressed that the citizens of Concordia should hold their elected officials accountable. She thanked City staff, City board members, and her family.

Mayor Hattan presented a plaque to Commissioner Lanoue for her service and noted that Commissioner Jindra requested no gift. City Manager Uri presented both with keys to the City. Mayor Hattan recessed for refreshments.

ELECTION RESULTS

City Clerk Crum read the report from the Cloud County Clerk and Election Officer Linda Bogart, certifying the results for the City Commission of Concordia held April 6, 2010, to be as follows:

Gary Fraser	726
Jeff Freed	50
Cheryl Lanoue	541
Richard Nault	24
Tony R. Studt	484
Marsha L. Wentz	652
Lisa Huber	1
Sherry Campbell	1
LeRoy Parks	1

Mayor Hattan declared Gary Fraser and Marsha Wentz to the Office of City Commissioner for three (3) year terms.

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 Gary Fraser and Marsha Wentz for three (3) year terms.

ANNUAL COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

City Ordinance requires that the Commission annually elect one of its members as a chairman to serve as Mayor and preside at commission meetings and perform as official head of the City on formal occasions. Commissioner Johnson moved to appoint Commissioner Hosie as Mayor. Commissioner Hosie declined. Commissioner Hosie moved to continue with Mayor Hattan serving as Mayor for another year.

Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Johnson moved that Commissioner Hosie be elected as Mayor Pro Tem. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson requested that Commissioner Jindra's motion on the TIF ordinance be elaborated. "By striking the 5th Street project" will be added to his motion. Commissioner Hosie moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2010, meeting as amended. Mayor Hattan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #7

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson asked what business was the recipient of the \$5000 downtown improvement money, which is Neighbor to Neighbor.

It was explained that the check to Charles Chartier was actually a wrong check number. The correct check number did not show up on the check register supplied to the commissioners.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve appropriation ordinance #7 with the change in the check number for the Chartier check. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPOINTMENTS

LIBRARY BOARD

Denise deRocheport-Reynolds said that Joshua Meyer had expressed interest in serving another four year term on the library board. The position held by Marilyn Douglass, who chose not to be reappointed, was needing filled, and Lori Kemling had expressed willingness to serve.

Commissioner Hosie moved to appoint Joshua Meyer and Lori Kemling to the library board, and thanked Marilyn Douglass for her service. Mayor Hattan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

WALK ME HOME DAY

Roberta Lowrey presented the proclamation, which recognizes the 75 years of the orphan train movement. The 5K walk in May is to raise awareness of foster care. Mayor Hattan signed it, proclaiming May 23, 2010, as Walk Me Home Day.

NEW BUSINESS:

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Larry Eubanks introduced the hazard mitigation plan, and explained that possible FEMA grants can be obtained with its adoption. Mr. Eubanks will present the plan in every City and school district in the county. Without its adoption, no grants can be obtained.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt the hazard mitigation plan. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

AIRPORT TAXIWAY BIDS

Brad Waller, of HWS Consulting Group, presented the consultant agreement for the taxiway rehabilitation. Wrench Construction, the low bidder for the project, came in much lower than expected, and it is believed that more of the project can be done, including lights and extra apron space. The FAA will pay 95% of the contract, leaving the City's share of \$19,368.81 on a total project cost of \$387,392.81. If the additional project work were to be done, the bid alternate total cost would be \$554,356.21, with \$27,718.21 being the City's share.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the Wrench Construction contract with the bid alternate, contingent upon FAA approval. Mayor Hattan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LDS CHURCH DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT & EASEMENT

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is planning to build a new church at 11th & L Streets. The storm sewer will be built across their property at their expense, and then the church will dedicate it to the City.

Commissioner Hosie moved to approve the mayor to sign the development agreement and enter into a contract with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEMO PROJECT – 529 E. 7TH

Bruno Rehbein explained this project as hazardous and unsafe and by resolution, the City has consent to remove the structure. The City received two bids, and staff recommended the bid from Waite Excavating for \$5286.00. The amount will either be collected from the property owner, or special assessments will be added on the property.

Mayor Hattan moved to accept the bid from Waite Excavating. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

2010-1872 REVOLVING LOAN FUND

PASSED

Thereupon there was presented a Resolution entitled:

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF CONCORDIA HAS REQUESTED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ROLLING HILLS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SPONSOR A RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN THROUGH THE RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE (RBS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$740,000.00 AND A GRANT FROM RBS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000.00, FOR A WATER AND SEWER UTILITY PROJECT OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA;

At an earlier meeting, the possibility of receiving a 1% loan from the USDA was discussed. The money must be administered through a cooperative, rather than paid to the City directly. Rolling Hills Electric has agreed to sponsor this loan. A revolving loan fund would be set up that is administered by the cooperative. Contingent upon receiving the loan, the City would contribute \$42,000 to this fund, with Rolling Hills contributing \$18,000.

Thereupon, Commissioner Johnson moved that said Resolution be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hosie. Said Resolution was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Resolution was carried by the vote of the City Commission, the vote being as follows:

Yea: Commissioners Hattan, Wentz, Johnson, Hosie, and Fraser.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2010-1872 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said the electricity will be off at City Hall on Friday to install generator hookups.

City Manager Uri said that the American Legion had solicited for funds for the fireworks display this year. Commissioner Hosie moved to appropriate \$500 for fireworks. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Uri said he had received the construction contract documents for the north development and would be presented at the next meeting.

City Manager Uri reported that the TIF projects approved at the April 7 meeting can be paid for from TIF funds on hand, and that a TIF bond issue will not be required.

City Manager Uri said that a review of the Broadway sewer camera data is underway, with the goal of presenting a report at the next commission meeting. A flow meter has been rented for \$1000 for one month.

City Manager Uri said that the commissioners should set aside some days in July for budget planning.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson asked about the sewer problem by the new Shortstop. Chad Buckley explained the flow problem at that portion of the sewer. Commissioner Johnson requested an upcoming study session involving credit card use and policies.

Commissioner Hosie congratulated Commissioners Wentz and Fraser, and wished Commissioner Wentz a happy birthday. He also asked about the fire truck and ambulance insurance. City Manager Uri said that the City is not covered for replacement cost, but is rectifying that situation.

Commissioner Fraser said he was happy to be serving.

STAFF COMMENTS

Chris Edin answered Commissioner Johnson's questions from the last meeting, including an update on the newly formed tactical team, the multi-jurisdictional team, and the drug dog.


Larry Eubanks invited the commissioners to see the new fire truck, delivered the previous day.

ADJOURN

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

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

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Stacy Crum
City Clerk