

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JULY 7, 2010

The governing body met in regular session on July 7, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Hattan, Wentz, Johnson, Hosie, and Fraser.

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, Joe Jindra, John States, Mary Jo Thummel, Jean Rosemarynoski, Tom Tuggle, Kristina Edin, Ken Johnson, Kirk Lowell, Cheryl Lanoue. Staff present: Chad Buckley, director of public utilities; Larry Eubanks, fire chief; Ron Copple, director of public works; Chris Edin, chief of police.

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

Mayor Hattan asked for changes to the agenda. City Manager Uri said there were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**APPROVED**

City Manager Uri said that the date was wrong on the minutes and would be changed. Also, in response to an earlier question by Commissioner Hosie, during the library discussion a figure of \$3578 was given as the requested increase from the previous year, when, in fact, it is \$3378. City Manager Uri said that the minutes must reflect what was said, but that the correct figure would be duly noted in the July 7 minutes.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2010, meeting. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #12**APPROVED**

Commissioner Wentz questioned why Brian Donovan was paid through accounts payable. City Manager Uri explained that the FBO is not a paid employee, but contract labor.

Commissioner Hosie asked what the cameras would be used for after the 5th Street project is complete. City Manager Uri said they could be placed around the community, such as downtown, in the same way.

In answer to Commissioner Wentz's question, City Manager Uri said that the grader purchase had been approved by a prior commission.

Commissioner Fraser inquired about the nature of the building permit refund. City Manager Uri promised an answer after talking to Bruno Rehbein.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Manager Uri said that Lisa Valcoure, of Mount Joseph, was on hand requesting the commission approve their fireworks display for July 11, due to the inclement weather the previous weekend.

Commissioner Hosie moved to permit Mount Joseph to hold their fireworks display on July 11. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:**ORD. 2010-2998 PRAIRIE LAND FRANCHISE****PASSED**

Thereupon, there was presented an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING PRAIRIE LAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., ITS LESSEES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE AND THE AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, MAINTAIN, AND EXTEND AN ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION PLANT AND SYSTEM, AND GRANTING THE RIGHT TO USE THE STREETS, ALLEYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE PRESENT OR FUTURE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, EXCLUDING THAT PORTION OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS KNOWN AS THE NORTH DEVELOPMENT, AS DESCRIBED IN ATTACHED EXHIBIT A AND HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE NORTH DEVELOPMENT

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

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said ordinance duly passed and the ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2010-2998 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPUTERS

Chris Edin presented the bids for the department computers. They are as follows:

Print 5	8 desktops, 5 laptops, 1 projector, MS Office	\$23,504.34
Computer Solutions	7 desktops, 5 laptops, 1 projector, MS Office	\$24,087.95

Therefore, Mr. Edin is recommending the bid from Print 5. He explained the difference in the number of desktops. Originally, both companies came in over the \$25,000 limit in the fund. Ideally, the police department needs nine desktop computers.

Mayor Hattan noted the different prices on the items, and suggested breaking up the bids in order to get the best price. Print 5 has the lowest prices on the laptops, and CSI is less expensive on the desktops. He said by doing it this way, nine desktops could be purchased and still be less than \$24,000. After discussion on this, installation, and the difference in warranties, it was decided to approve a dollar amount and the best deal would be sought out before ordering.

Commissioner Fraser voted to approve spending around \$24,000 for computers for the police department. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE SLUDGE WAGON PURCHASE

Chad Buckley said that, as discussed at the last meeting, he recommended the larger tank in order to cut down on the number of trips needed to haul off the sludge. The bid is for \$16,805.45 from Zeitlow Distributing.

Commissioner Johnson asked that Mr. Buckley make sure the tank's frame can handle the larger tank. Mr. Buckley said he would ask before ordering it.

Commissioner Hosie moved to approve the purchase of the sludge wagon tank for \$16,805.45 from Zeitlow Distributing. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOUDCORP 2011 APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Kirk Lowell asked the commission to consider \$50,000 for CloudCorp, the same as last year. Mr. Lowell offered information and his services during the budget process. Mr. Lowell spoke highly of City projects in the works.

2010 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Finance Director Farha explained the amendment is necessary in the Emergency Telephone System fund as the annual maintenance for the system had not been budgeted. The budgeted amount would go from \$21,500 to \$25,639.

Mayor Hattan moved to set the public hearing for the 2010 budget amendment for the July 21 meeting. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri reminded the commission of the July 14 budget meeting.

City Manager Uri said that the first public meeting for flood control would be held July 28 at 3 p.m. The contracts with KLA Environmental and the Corps of Engineers have been signed. The public is invited, and special invitations are being sent to landowners and businesses in the area. The configuration of the dam will be considered.

City Manager Uri talked about last year's tree trimming project. The fire department has \$5000 in their budget to continue this program, and would like to do 5th and 6th Streets.

Mayor Hattan said he was not in favor of the City doing this project, and thinks this is a homeowner responsibility.

Commissioner Hosie moved to authorize the city manager to spend up to \$5000 to trim trees on 5th & 6th Streets. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried 4-1, with Mayor Hattan opposing.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Wentz thanked the American Legion for taking over the fireworks display, and also thanked the City crew for picking up limbs after the last storm.

Commissioner Johnson asked about the City's liability with the reserves/volunteer positions, and the liability with the tactical unit. The responsibility is with the area being served at the time, unless gross negligence is involved. Chris Edin explained the roles of Explorers and reserve police officers. City Manager Uri said that our insurance company would be notified of these new positions.

Commissioner Johnson said a citizen had talked to him about overgrown trees in the alley of their property. Ron Copple said this was not a City maintained alley.

Commissioner Johnson asked if the City was still taking care of mowing nuisances. Ron Copple said some had been cleaned up. Commissioner Johnson gave some areas of town that hadn't been done yet.

Commissioner Johnson suggested next year there be fireworks education, as he saw someone throw a firecracker in a storm sewer.

Commissioner Johnson said that he'd seen near wrecks on 6th & Lincoln, and asked if that area is patrolled. Chris Edin said it is, and said possibly it could be patrolled in an unmarked vehicle.

Commissioner Hosie seconded the thanks given by Commissioner Wentz to the City crew.

Mayor Hattan discussed TIF financing, and bonding, to leave more funds for possible upcoming projects like Heavy's.

STAFF COMMENTS

Chris Edin thanked the Sisters of St. Joseph for their help on patch removal of older uniforms.

Larry Eubanks said the County has been declared a disaster from the last storm, and had a meeting with FEMA, to receive aid for the debris removal. He estimates the entire County's damage at \$400,000 to \$500,000.

Ken Johnson gave an update on the north development, and said despite the recent rains, the project is ahead of schedule.

Ron Copple gave an update on the 5th Street project.

Chad Buckley gave an update on the booster pump project, and said the project is two weeks ahead of schedule.

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 Hosie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

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