

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD AUGUST 4, 2010

The governing body met in regular session on August 4, 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, Toby Nosker, Armand Balthazor, Retta Waite, Larry Bergstrom, Gloria Bergstrom, Jean Rosemarynoski, Ken Johnson, Cory Jadwin, John States, Marcia Allen, Kirk Lowell, Cheryl Lanoue, Denise de Rochefort-Reynolds, Robin Isaacson. Staff present: Chad Buckley, director of public utilities; Larry Eubanks, fire chief; Ron Copple, director of public works; Chris Edin, chief of police, Bruno Rehbein, building inspector.

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

RECOGNITION OF PEE WEE STATE CHAMPIONS**RES. 2010-1881**

Mayor Hattan read the resolution recognizing the accomplishment of the Concordia Lions winning the 2010 Pee Wee baseball state tournament. The team, coaches and families were on hand. Matt Bechard, head coach, spoke to the commission. The trophy was presented, which will be on display at City Hall for a period of time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**APPROVED**

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2010, meeting. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #14**APPROVED**

Commissioner Hosie moved to approve appropriation ordinance #14. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Armand Balthazor voiced his displeasure that the American flag had not been flying at the sports complex, due to the chain being broken.

Retta Waite had several concerns about the construction company working around 2nd Street, citing open meter pits, shutting off citizens' water, and lack of barricades around dangerous areas. City Manager Uri and Chad Buckley addressed the problems.

Commissioner Johnson entered at 5:49 p.m. and took his seat.

PUBLIC HEARING:**124 W. 11TH FIRE PROCEEDS**

Bruno Rehbein said the house has been demolished, the property is cleaned up, and has been declared safe. The proceeds have already been returned to the property owner, so therefore there was no need for a public hearing.

2011 BUDGET

Amber Farha said that the new budget proposes no mill levy increase. She explained that the TIF fund is now levied on its own. Mayor Hattan listed upcoming projects in the new budget, and included this year's projects and funds to be expended for the current budget.

Cheryl Lanoue asked the commission how the new positions being added in 2011 in the street and police departments would be paid for in future years.

Armand Balthazor said there is overspending and the City needed to find a way to bring in more revenue. He stressed that blighted properties needed to be cleaned up.

Mayor Hattan moved to close the public hearing for the 2011 budget. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wentz moved to adopt the 2011 budget as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

TOBY NOSKER, CHERYL LANOUE

City Manager Uri said that the board currently has six members, but two more have expressed interest in serving. He suggested raising the number allowed from seven to eight and amending the charter to reflect the change, while still keeping the quorum at four.

Mayor Hattan moved to expand the number of members of the recreation advisory board to eight, and to appoint Cheryl Lanoue and Toby Nosker to the board. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

BROADWAY SEWER

The City was notified just this week that it has received a CDBG grant for \$466,500 to pay for the Broadway Sewer from 3rd to 5th Street. Plans are for the project to be completed in 2010. Ken Johnson stated that most of the engineering is done but permits from KDHE and the railroad have not been obtained.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said he'd met with the college on the flood control project, and received their feedback on the recent meeting.

City Manager Uri revisited the idea of throwing support behind possible legislation moving back the budget deadline for cities. He contacted the County on the issue, and was told that there would be other deadlines that would need to be moved if this were passed. City Manager Uri recommended showing no support at this time.

City Manager Uri presented a copy of a contract from Nex-Tech, a wireless company requesting to place antennas on one of the water towers.

Mayor Hattan moved to approve the contract with Nex-Tech. There was discussion on other companies paying the City a monthly charge for this service, and whether the fees should be raised. Currently, US Cellular is paying \$600 per month, which is also the fee which was negotiated with Nex-Tech. It was decided to postpone this topic until the next meeting, when a list of current companies paying tower rent could be collected.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson said he would like to know the capacity of the dam if it was moved farther north, and said he'd prefer the dam be moved as far north as possible. He also felt a street should not be placed there, and that the slope be changed to safely maintain the banks.

Commissioner Hosie asked if copying charges had been investigated, as requested at the last meeting. City Manager Uri promised to email this information to the commission.

Commissioner Fraser asked if the boring under the river had taken place. Ken Johnson answered questions concerning the boring, and casing the pipes. The river bores aren't sleeved.

Mayor Hattan thanked Finance Director Farha and staff for this year's budget process and commented on it being passed with so few meetings.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ken Johnson gave an update on 5th Street, noting that the main south lane is done. Mr. Johnson also commented on the north development project. Two water lines and a sewer line under the highway will be connected next week. The project is no longer ahead of schedule with the recent rains. The contract states the project will be completed by November.

Chad Buckley gave an update on the college water pressure project. The pumps were recently turned on, and there is more than adequate pressure for the college and the new dorm.

Mayor Hattan expressed his appreciation to City Manager Uri, Ken Johnson, and Chad Buckley for their diligence on applying for and receiving the Broadway sewer grant.

ADJOURN

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

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

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Stacy Crum
City Clerk