

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

The governing body met in regular session on September 1, 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, Tracy Cooper, Brett Becker, Deb Ohlde, John States, Jean Rosemarynoski, 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. There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**APPROVED**

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2010, meeting. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #16**APPROVED**

Commissioner Johnson asked about the ambulance lien fee. City Clerk Crum answered that it was to insure that the City got paid for an ambulance bill from a patient that the City's insurance company is negotiating a settlement with, due to a traffic accident involving a City vehicle. Commissioner Johnson asked where motion sensors were installed. Finance Director Farha said it was at the animal shelter. City Commissioner Johnson asked about the various reissued checks. Finance Director Farha explained that several payroll checks in past years were not cashed, and as per the auditor's instructions, the checks were reissued to the employees through accounts payable. City Commissioner Johnson inquired about the nature of the business with Orrick & Associates. City Manager Uri said that it is in regards to land acquisition for the hospital but declined to offer any information at this time until it's ready to be made public.

Commissioner Hosie asked about the check for the tree service. Ron Copple stated that it includes grinding out several tree stumps, along with the trimming along 5th Street.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #16. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING:**CDBG FINAL PERFORMANCE - FIRE TRUCK**

Deb Ohlde said the paperwork is the final step in the grant process with the fire truck. The paperwork will go to the State. There is still \$12,500 reimbursement remaining, which paid the grant coordinator's fees, and the City has already paid this bill, and will reimburse itself when the funds are dispersed.

Mayor Hattan declared the public hearing closed.

Commissioner Fraser moved to authorize the mayor to execute the CDBG final performance documentation for the fire truck. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:**BROADWAY SEWER GRANT AGREEMENT**

Commissioner Hosie asked Deb Ohlde about a clause in the agreement which states that the Department of Commerce may terminate the agreement if federal funds become unavailable. Ms. Ohlde said it is a standard agreement which isn't entered into without the funds being available. City Manager Uri said there was no time to table the agreement, as it must be returned to the State before the next meeting is held.

Commissioner Wentz moved to accept the Broadway sewer grant agreement. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEX-TECH CONTRACT

City Manager Uri said the antenna will be installed on the east water tower, at a monthly fee of \$600 to be adjusted or negotiated every five years.

Commissioner Johnson moved to accept the Nex-Tech contract. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DOCUMENT IMAGING

Staff recommended DocumentMall as the City's document imaging source. The police department can utilize this off-site, since nothing is installed on the server. Brett Becker and Tracy Cooper were on hand to answer questions.

Mayor Hattan moved to approve the agreement with DocumentMall. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LEAGUE VOTING DELEGATES

The League of Kansas Municipalities encourages voting delegates to participate in management of the affairs of the League. A business session will be held during this year's League meeting.

Commissioner Hosie moved to nominate Commissioners Wentz and Fraser as voting delegates, and Commissioner Johnson as an alternate delegate. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said sales tax was up for the last month, but is down 2.3% for the year, over the previous year.

City Manager said a meeting was held last week with several commissioners, Frank Mercurio and interested property owners around the flood control area. Many issues were discussed, and Mr. Mercurio will be bringing new designs for the commissioners and staff to consider.

A spreadsheet was presented with the County's contribution to dispatch showing that the contribution is fairly equal to the County's usage over the years since the County has been contributing. Currently, it appears the County's contribution is covering the costs, but when another dispatcher is added, future contributions may not be sufficient to cover the costs. City Manager Uri said he would discuss this with the County.

Mayor Hattan asked if anything had been heard about the USDA grant. City Manager Uri said he had not heard anything from Loren Medley, but would check into it.

Commissioner Hosie asked if property owners near the Plum Road dam needed to be included in discussion. City Manager Uri said he knew that property owners want limited public access, and minimal tree clearing.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Fraser commented that the back slope will go from a 4 to 1 slope, to a 5 to 1 slope, which will take more dirt in the design. He also asked about a manhole in the street by the Health Department. Chad Buckley said it's repaired.

STAFF COMMENTS

Chris Edin said that he is looking at law enforcement working more closely with the public, and shared something that happened at the hospital over the weekend.

Ron Cople gave an update on the 5th Street project, saying the contractor has started on the north side, and the dirt work is done and storm drainage is in.

Chad Buckley gave an update on the north development, The line has been buried from Trail Road to Union Road, and on 2nd Street, the contractor is cleaning up.

Ron Cople answered a question about Rasure Field, saying that the Optimist Club has expressed a willingness to help. The Rasure family is procuring a sign to be installed soon, and hopes to have a dedication of the field during Fall Fest.

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 Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk