

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD OCTOBER 19, 2011

The governing body met in regular session on October 19, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Wentz, Pounds, Johnson, Parker, and Fraser.

Absent: None.

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

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

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Kirk Lowell, Matthew Knight, Bobbie Paulsen, Jane Richard, Steve Richard Ray Palmer, Slater Champlin, Paige Evans, Kadin Zimmerman, Shane Zimmer, Satero Mares, Arlene Clayton. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Director of Public Utilities; Ron Copple, Director of Public Works; Larry Eubanks, Fire Chief; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; and Chris Edin, Police Chief.

There was no invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2011, meeting. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #19

APPROVED

Mayor Wentz asked if the soccer medals were paid out of the soccer fees collected. City Manager Uri said they were paid out of the recreation budget. Mayor Wentz asked about the fire truck repairs. Larry Eubanks said Engine 2 had an electrical problem.

Commissioner Fraser inquired if we recoup court interpreter fees. City Manager Uri said it is added to the court costs and we are reimbursed if the fine is paid.

Commissioner Parker questioned the Department of Revenue water protection fees. City Clerk Crum and Chad Buckley answered that we collect these fees in lieu of sales tax and the collected portion is paid to the State.

Commissioner Johnson asked about the Abrams bill. Ron Copple said the concrete was for 17th Street, and a portion of the bill was for salt hauling.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve appropriation ordinance #19. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arlene Clayton delivered several comments.

APPOINTMENTS:

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Kirk Lowell announced that Ray Palmer had resigned from the airport advisory board, leaving one vacancy. The board voted to appoint Lance Link, an ex-officio member. Other applications from the past were considered, with several now serving on other City boards. The board voted to appoint Beverly Taddiken as an ex-officio member, and to remove Don Sheetz as an ex-officio member, as he had not attended any meetings in the last year. Mr. Lowell asked for a vote on the board's recommendations.

Mayor Wentz moved to accept the recommendations of the airport advisory board. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lowell presented Ray Palmer with a plaque and he was thanked for his years of service.

Mr. Lowell then gave an update on the airport master plan. He said it would possibly be ready for the commission to approve it before the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

METER FINANCING PROPOSAL

Chad Buckley followed up with more information since the last meeting about immediately replacing all the meters to be read remotely, eliminating the meter reader position. Spreadsheets were presented, showing the savings and the bond payments that would start in 2013. The meter reader payroll and extra revenue received with the new meters will repay the bond, which will be taken out for six or seven years. The total cost of the remaining meters to be replaced is just under \$400,000, and can be paid for immediately with temporary notes, to bond by the end of the year. Substantial savings can be seen if the City crew installs the meters, rather than hiring it out. Mr. Buckley stated that would be done.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the purchase of the meters and get the financing to pay for the project. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

CAD SOFTWARE PROPOSAL

Chris Edin introduced the Enterpol software, and Matthew Knight gave a brief demonstration. The software will be utilized by the dispatchers, with future use by patrol officers as well. The software can be purchased with funds from the emergency telephone systems fund and the 911 wireless fund. The proposal total cost is \$73,527.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the cost of \$73,527 for the CAD software. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LION'S CLUB GRANT

The Lion's Club is asking for \$4,000 from the Duclos Foundation and needs a nonprofit sponsor for the grant. The funds will be used for trees for the cemetery, to continue the replacement program they have begun to implement.

Commissioner Fraser moved to allow the City's tax number to be used for the purchases. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

2011-3025 PRAIRIE LAND ANNEXATION

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, ANNEXING PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 12-519 ET SEQ.

Thereupon, Mayor Wentz moved that said ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pounds. 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 Wentz, Pounds, Johnson, Parker, and Fraser.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said ordinance duly passed and the ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2011-3025 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri discussed a pdf app for the iPad, and said it will be implemented at the next meeting.

City Manager Uri shared an invitation to the Frank Carlson Library's refurbished Carlson Room.

City Manager Uri talked about budget cuts for each department, and said future plans need to include these cuts. He said that future spending and new bonds for anything other than those projects supported by revenues, such as utilities projects, could only be repaid with a mill levy increase.

A tentative special meeting was scheduled for December 14 to discuss major projects now in the works.

City Manager Uri said the deed from the Kansas Military Board has been filed at the courthouse. This deeds a portion of land near the armory to the City.

The Belleville City council has voted to erect a spec building to attract industry. This was compared to the newly purchased Alco building.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson asked if the money was repaid to Melina Hemphill. The commission approved forgiving the large water bill at the last meeting, due to a leak of which the exact origin could not be pinpointed. City Clerk Crum said the overpayment was credited to the account. Commissioner Johnson stated he thought the money should be refunded, or have interest accrue on the credit. The amount credited was \$187.41, after an initial adjustment of \$197.24 for the leak. Commissioner Johnson noted there was a hospital meeting, and felt the commission should have been invited. Mayor Wentz stated the panel had requested the mayor's and the City Manager's presence. Commissioner Johnson wondered if the City should have an agreement with the hospital to recoup the costs incurred so far by the City for the hospital project.

Commissioner Parker asked who cared for the small trees downtown. Ron Copple answered that generally his crew takes care of them.

Commissioner Fraser discussed information he'd received at the League conference, concerning public comments. He said the presenter's City has a policy of five minutes per speaker, with fifteen minutes for each discussion total.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Uri postponed the executive session until the next meeting.

Bruno Rehbein gave an update on the animal control shelter. City crews are doing the work. Mr. Rehbein provided photos of the progress.

Ron Copple answered Commissioner Johnson's question about the fence at Rasure Field. He stated the fence was removed and is at the City shop.

ADJOURN

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

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

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk