

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 16, 2011

The governing body met in regular session on November 16, 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 and City Clerk Crum.

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

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Bob Burns, Jean Rosemarynoski, Tina Barnett, Ike Uri, Marcia Allen, Kirk Lowell, Dylan Moore, Gail Engle, Johnita Crawford, Gary Casper. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Director of Public Utilities; Eubanks, Fire Chief; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; and Chris Edin, Police Chief.

Pastor Bob Burns gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri stated that an analysis for the cost of utilities for the proposed jail location had been received from the engineers, and most likely the County commissioners would be present for the study session.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2011, meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #21

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds inquired about the cemetery lots purchase. Ron Copple said the purchase was for three spots, for \$150.

Commissioner Johnson asked about the CDL licenses, and if they were new employees we were reimbursing. Mr. Copple stated two were new employees, one was not. Commissioner Johnson said he does not approve of the City paying for CDL licenses; they should have them when hired. Commissioner Johnson asked about the TIF feasibility study. City Manager Uri said it's for the TIF portion of the refinancing and new bonds to be discussed later tonight.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve appropriation ordinance #21. Mayor Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### REFINANCING AND NEW BOND ISSUES

City Manager Uri said the bonds would be refinanced to get a lower interest rate. The estimated rate is 2.2%. This would include the new radio read meters purchase, and the TIF financing for the south development flood control.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the call for redemption of bonds. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### DUCLOS FOUNDATION – D.A.R.E. GRANT REQUEST OF FUNDS

A D.A.R.E. grant was awarded from the Duclos Funds. A signature from the mayor is needed to request the funds.

Commissioner Pounds moved to authorize the mayor to sign the request letter. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

### **2011-1914 BOND REFINANCING**

**PASSED**

The matter of providing for the offering for sale of Taxable General Obligation Bonds, General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds and General Obligation Tax Increment Refunding and Improvement Bonds came on for consideration and was discussed.

Mayor Wentz presented and moved the adoption of a Resolution entitled:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND GENERAL OBLIGATION TAX INCREMENT REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS, OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS.**

Commissioner Parker seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Pounds indicated the \$100,000 budgeted next year for meter replacement and repairs should be put towards the bond. Thereupon, the Resolution was read and considered, and, the question being put to a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yea: Commissioners Wentz, Pounds, Johnson, Parker, and Fraser.

Nay: None.

The Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted; the Clerk designating the same Resolution No. 2011-1914.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Uri said there will be a special meeting on December 14, with the south development park designers to be in attendance. Discussion will include costs and design. KLA Environmental, the engineer, may also have a preliminary estimate for the cost of the configuration of the dam by that date as well.

City Manager Uri discussed the economic development meeting he attended earlier in the day in Salina.

## **MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Pounds said American Legion riders cleaned up a yard in town, and asked Larry Eubanks to provide the names of the volunteers. Commissioner Pounds suggested it might be a good project for future nuisance properties, and thanked the volunteers for their efforts.

Commissioner Johnson asked if 435 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St., a property the City recently acquired through voluntary deed after the property owner accrued specials, was a vacant lot. Bruno Rehbein said the house was one of the demo projects this year. City Manager Uri said that someone had made an offer of \$1500 on the lot to set a mobile home, and encouraged the commissioners to accept the offer.

Commissioner Johnson moved to accept the offer for the lot, and put in water and sewer, on 435 E. 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson requested the minutes continue being placed in the library.

Commissioner Fraser asked about the plans for the the house at 11<sup>th</sup> & Washington that burned. Bruno Rehbein said it's inhabitable, but doesn't know what the owner intends to do.

Commissioner Parker asked for the policy on how close vehicles can be parked to intersections. City Manager Uri said he would report back with the answer.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

Bruno Rehbein said the shelter is nearly complete. The dog kennels have been ordered. Commissioner Pounds mentioned having an open house for the shelter. Mr. Rehbein also said that courtesy letters were sent out to those with abandoned vehicles.

Chad Buckley said the crew installed two new valves at 18<sup>th</sup> & State this week, and installed seventy-three meters. This week, six hundred eighty-six meters were read in less than four hours. In answer to Commissioner Johnson's question about sewer repair in the alley behind the Short Stop near Broadway & Lincoln, Mr. Buckley said the project wasn't a top priority and funds were not available.

Ron Copple said the geometric improvement grant from KDOT was not received. He also discussed ADA requirements for lifts, steps and ramps at the pool. Several improvements will need to be done. Commissioner Johnson asked if there are specifications to be followed for posts in the park. Mr. Copple said he would call the State to get the answer.

Larry Eubanks said the property cleaned up by the American Legion was chosen because the resident was a veteran, and also because there were issues getting in and out in an emergency. Mr. Eubanks said the department received a new ID card system, to be used for large scale emergencies like Greensburg. Mr. Eubanks said long distance transfers for this year have already surpassed last year.

City Clerk Crum answered questions from Commissioner Johnson about customers not receiving their utility bills in the mail.

Commissioner Johnson asked for financial reports such as those that had been supplied in the packets monthly earlier in the year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

**HELD**

Mayor Wentz moved that the commission recess into executive session for ten (10) minutes for an attorney-client privilege discussion. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Wentz, Pounds, Johnson, Parker, and Fraser.

Nay: None.

Time: 6:25 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Wentz announced there was no binding action taken.

**ADJOURN**

Mayor Wentz announced there would be a study session.

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

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Stacey Crum  
City Clerk