

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2011

The governing body met in regular session on November 2, 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, Amy Hadachek, Greg Hattan, Dalton Ediger, Devin Fleming, James Tyler, Christa Deneault. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Director of Public Utilities; Eubanks, Fire Chief; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; and Chris Edin, Police Chief.

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

City Manager Uri pointed out that the Arbor Day proclamation had been removed from the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson suggested stating the amount that was credited to the Hemphill account for the leak.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2011, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #20

APPROVED

Commissioner Parker questioned the Concordia Chevrolet Buick check for restitution. The check was not only for restitution, but for the new fire department vehicle.

Mayor Wentz asked if the check for health insurance included the employee contributions. City Clerk Crum answered yes. Mayor Wentz asked about the BNSF lease. It was answered it provided for an easement at the railroad tracks.

Commissioner Johnson asked if the check for Bryant & Bryant was the last payment, which it was. Concerning the check to Municipal Code, Commissioner Johnson wondered if the City code is on the website. City Manager Uri explained a bit about the online code and how it works. Commissioner Johnson inquired how many cell phones the City has, and about the US Cellular bill. City Clerk Crum stated there are approximately thirty-two phones, but only five are on US Cellular. The contracts are not up on them, and those lines could not be switched to Verizon. Commissioner Johnson asked about the wages paid to several employees. These are reserve firefighters and as per law, the first \$30 of their wages must be paid through accounts payable.

Commissioner Pounds asked if the City charges the County to collect landfill fees. City Manager Uri said no we don't, but it's done as a courtesy as there are things the County does for the City.

Mayor Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #20. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

City Manager Uri presented a letter of congratulations on his retirement from President Obama to former mayor Greg Hattan.

RESOLUTIONS:

2011-1913 WATER IMPROVEMENTS

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF.

The Resolution was considered and discussed; and thereupon on motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Fraser, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2011-1913 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said the airport advisory board is looking at final drafts, and it will most likely come before the commission next month in a study session.

City Manager Uri invited the commission to attend the Rural Opportunities Conference in Salina this month.

City Manager Uri said a booklet was left for each commissioner containing the employee job descriptions and pay scales.

On the topic of nuisances, City Manager Uri gave an update on junk vehicles, saying we would be sending courtesy letters giving the owners 30 days notice, and then the vehicles would be towed. He explained the process of cleaning up burn property, and said if there is insurance, the City receives a portion of the proceeds to hold until the property has been cleaned up by the property owner.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Pounds asked that the Optimist Club be thanked for their work with Rasure Field.

Commissioner Johnson asked who pays for the ambulance service at the high school. City Manager Uri stated the school would be charged starting next year. Commissioner Johnson said a fuel tanker truck has been parked for a lengthy period on Washington Street. City Manager Uri said an officer would be sent to investigate. Commissioner Johnson requested that the quarterly treasurer's report be included in the packets.

Commissioner Fraser asked about the planning for the new cemetery. City Manager Uri said it wouldn't be utilized for about five years. There was discussion about the newly acquired property.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Uri said there would be no study session.

Chris Edin updated the commission on the investigation of last week's farm vandalism. One suspect was in custody, and after a manhunt, the second suspect was apprehended this morning.

Bruno Rehbein said the exterior work was nearly done on the animal shelter, with a good portion of the interior done as well.

Chad Buckley said he'd made the decision to forego changing meters in unoccupied homes around town, saving about \$10,000 immediately. The new meters will be installed as the properties become occupied.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

HELD

Commissioner Fraser moved that the commission recess into executive session for twenty (20) minutes for an attorney-client privilege discussion. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:14 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:34 p.m.

Mayor Wentz announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

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

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Stacey Orum
City Clerk