

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD DECEMBER 7, 2011 (AMENDED)

The governing body met in regular session on December 7, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Wentz, Pounds, Johnson, and Parker.

Absent: Commissioner Fraser.

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, Joe Sinnett, Kirk Lowell, Kent Otott, Kristina Edin, Tina Barnett, Mark Morgan, Julie Smith, Charolette Deneault, Kent Smith, Bev Mortimer, Tom Tuggle, Quentin Breese, Mackenzie Parker, Courtney Lanoue, Brian Marks, Janet Lowell, Blake Woellhof, Drew Erkenbrack, David Strait, Drew Knapp, Rissa McNichol, Kaitly Buckland, Anna Christensen, Gail Engle, Johnita Crawford, Gary Casper. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Director of Public Utilities; Larry Eubanks, Fire Chief; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Director of Public Works; and Chris Edin, Police Chief.

Kent Otott gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri said the resolution recognizing the CCCC men's soccer team had been removed from the agenda, to be brought back at a later date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**APPROVED**

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2011, meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #22**APPROVED**

Commissioner Pounds asked for an explanation of the Court of Tax Appeals payment. City Manager Uri said the City has requested a tax abatement of the Alco and Mosher properties, which was filed with the County Appraiser and sent to the Court of Tax Appeals.

Mayor Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #22. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS:**PEARL HARBOR DAY OF REMEMBRANCE**

Commissioner Parker read the proclamation, and Mayor Wentz declared December 7, 2011, Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance, on the 70th anniversary of the attack.

APPOINTMENTS:**PLANNING COMMISSION**

City Manager Uri presented several expressions of interest for the planning commission. Thea-Dora Lineberry has resigned, and LaDonna Peltier's term has expired, with staff recommending her reappointment. Mike Linden's and Cheryl Lanoue's expressions have been on file, and Joe Strecker recently expressed his desire to serve. Staff did not make a recommendation, but asked for the commission's decision.

Commissioner Pounds moved to appoint LaDonna Peltier and Joe Strecker to the planning commission. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kent Smith voiced his displeasure of the City's recent decision to sell property at 435 E. 1st, which was acquired after the house was demolished. Mr. Smith claimed to have already purchased the property from the former property owner's son, but the deed was not filed with the Register of Deeds. City Manager Uri acknowledged that the City should have asked for bids, as staff was aware Mr. Smith was interested in the property. Mr. Smith was compensated \$450 to settle the matter. Unhappy that the lot was not sold through the bid process, Mr. Smith asked for payment of what the City received from the sale, or what the property is worth. Mayor Wentz said the commission would take the request under advisement.

ORDINANCES:**2011-3026 KANSAS GAS FRANCHISE AMENDMENT****PASSED**

Thereupon, there was presented an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-3024, WHICH GRANTED TO KANSAS GAS SERVICE, A DIVISION OF ONEOK, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS A NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE, PRESCRIBING THE TERMS THEREOF AND RELATING THERETO, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH OR IN CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS HEREOF.

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said ordinance duly passed and the ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2011-3026 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri discussed next week's special meeting, which will be on the flood control project. Costs will be presented at that time, for the dam and the park. The engineers and architects will be in attendance.

City Manager Uri said the County commissioners were present for the study session's jail discussion. The County has three sites for consideration, and wants a cost figure for the Mosher property.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Pounds said the County won't be helping us with our south flood control project, and didn't feel the City can afford to help the County with the jail project.

Commissioner Johnson asked if the property the County desires should be advertised for bids. City Manager Uri said the City is not obligated to advertise or take bids for any property. Commissioner Johnson asked about ACH water bills. City Manager Uri said that it was decided to quit mailing utility bills to those on auto pay. A letter was sent out to each, asking for an email address to email the bill if so desired. City Manager Uri said that a customer had requested a regular bill still be mailed. That would be done. Commissioner Johnson asked if it had been determined what caused the water towers to nearly run empty earlier in the year. City Manager Uri stated a pressure gauge was faulty, giving wrong readings. Commissioner Johnson requested estimated costs on the dirt fill at MSMT's property on the highway side of the flood control area, saying at one point it was deemed unaffordable and is now being done.

STAFF COMMENTS

Larry Eubanks stated he's like to apply for a grant for a new power cot. With the grant, the City's contribution would be no more than \$2000. Mr. Eubanks said he'd also like to look into purchasing an automatic CPR machine, eliminating manual compressions.

Chad Buckley addressed the water pressure problem, and listed some things that had been done this year to isolate the problem. Mr. Buckley said the meter replacement project is nearly halfway done.

Ron Copple said the City had received funding for the KLINK project for mill and overlay. The State will pay for 75% of construction costs and inspection for the project which will be done in the summer of 2013.

Chris Edin gave an update on the SRO program and the budget cuts with USD 333 which now only pays for the officer half time. Superintendent Bev Mortimer discussed the SRO program and how valuable it is to the school system. Mr. Edin said the animal shelter is nearly complete, and commended the street and the water departments for the work that's been done. Mr. Edin said the CAD dispatch system will be installed next week.

ADJOURN

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

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

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 Stacey Crum
 City Clerk