

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JANUARY 5, 2011

The governing body met in regular session on January 5, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Hattan, Hosie, Wentz, Johnson, 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, Beth Stover, Marcia Allen. Staff present: Chad Buckley, director of public utilities; Ron Copple, director of public works; Bruno Rehbein, building inspector; Larry Eubanks, fire chief.

Sister Beth gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**APPROVED**

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2010, meeting. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #24**APPROVED**

Commissioner Hosie asked if the health care check included the employees' share. Finance Director Farha answered that the amount was the total cost of the plan.

Commissioner Johnson asked about the manhole that was replaced. It was answered that this took place at the north development, in order for a farmer to be able to farm over the lid. Commissioner Johnson questioned why the City paid for that, as it is on private land. City Manager Uri answered that it was done while the boring was being done under the road.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #24. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPOINTMENTS**LIBRARY BOARD**

City Manager Uri said two resignations on the library board have warranted two new members. The library board is requesting the positions be filled by Max Reeves and Maria Jindra, who have both expressed interest.

Commissioner Fraser moved to appoint Max Reeves and Maria Jindra to the library board. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:**RECREATION VAN BIDS**

City Manager Uri stated that only one bid had been received, from Car Zone, and it did not meet with Tom Gennette's approval. New bid sheets have been sent out to the dealers, with additional specifications in hopes of receiving more vehicle bids in which to choose. These bids and the recommendation will be brought back at the next meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:**2011-1893 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS****PASSED**

The matter of providing for the offering for sale of General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2011-A and General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011-B, came on for consideration and was discussed.

Commissioner Johnson presented and moved the adoption of a Resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2011-A AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2011-B, OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS.

Commissioner Wentz seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution. Thereupon, the Resolution was read and considered, and, the question being put to a roll call vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

Aye: Commissioners Hattan, Wentz, Johnson, Hosie, and Fraser.

Nay: None.

The Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted; the Clerk designating the same Resolution No. 2011-1893.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri discussed the comp plan progress, and said the planning commission has been going through the information, and won't be scheduling public meetings until it has all been examined.

On the flood control project, City Manager Uri said he would be discussing issues the next morning with Frank Mercurio. He has not heard from the Corps of Engineers lately.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORT

Commissioner Wentz's inquiry about gas service at the north development created discussion on the possibility of the City having its own service, as well as tapping in Jamestown's line and purchasing gas from them.

Commissioner Johnson requested that the commission be allowed to review the minutes earlier, and again requested an inventory of weapons from the police department. City Manager Uri promised both.

Commissioner Hosie asked if there were change orders for the 5th Street project. Ron Copple answered yes, but that he didn't yet know the cost of the change orders, which included sidewalks, storm drainage, and extra traffic control.

Commissioner Fraser asked if the comp plan would be included on upcoming meetings. City Manager Uri said there were still meetings with the planning commission before it would be brought before the commission. Commissioner Fraser also asked if there would be any more refunds from AT&T on the overpayment of the bill. City Clerk Crum answered that the account now had a large credit on it, and AT&T would not issue a refund check. Commissioner Johnson suggested asking for interest on this money. Staff promised to follow up on this request.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Clerk Crum provided a year end ambulance report, showing collections for 2010, ambulance runs, and outstanding balances on accounts. She praised the work of billing clerk Katrina Sorell, and the assistance that is received from the fire department.

Larry Eubanks followed up with praise for the working relationship with the hospital, and noted the increase in long distance transfers due to more personnel becoming EMT-I certified. Mr. Eubanks reported he'd received an American Firefighters grant for \$117,000, of which the City will contribute \$5000 in order to purchase twenty self-contained breathing apparatuses, and extra tank and fill station for the trucks. The grant has been awarded for three straight years, and Mr. Eubanks promised to continue applying. Finally, Mr. Eubanks said he hoped the new ambulance would be delivered in a few weeks.

Mayor Hattan questioned the staff on several issues, getting an update from Chad Buckley on the Broadway sewer project, which should start in March, and the demo program from Bruno Rehbein. Mr. Rehbein also reported that the LDS Church is within two weeks of completion, and Concordia Tractor should be issued a temporary certificate of occupancy before next Thursday's open house. He said the comp plan is two-thirds complete and there may possibly be a public hearing next month. Upon asking about the slurry seal for 2011, Ron Copple said that he would be bidding this in a couple of months. City Clerk Crum was asked about the water softener. She answered that one had been purchased from Salina Supply at a cost of \$684.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

HELD

Mayor Hattan moved that the commission recess into executive session for five (5) minutes for an attorney-client privilege discussion. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Hattan, Johnson, Hosie, Wentz, and Fraser.

Nay: None.

Time: 6:19 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:24 p.m.

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Mayor Hattan announced there was no binding action taken.

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 Grum
City Clerk