

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

The governing body met in regular session on February 2, 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, Jeff Nielsen, Lyle Pounds, Tammy Britt, Tim Parker. Staff present: Chad Buckley, director of public utilities; Ron Copple, director of public works; Bruno Rehbein, building inspector; Larry Eubanks, fire chief, and Chris Edin, police chief.

Pastor Jeff Nielsen gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES**APPROVED**

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2011, meeting. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #2**APPROVED**

Commissioner Johnson asked for what project we were paying BG Consultants. Chad Buckley answered it was for the north development. Commissioner Johnson inquired about the electric bill to Rolling Hills, to which Mr. Buckley stated it was for the new lift station at the north development.

Commissioner Hosie moved to approve appropriation ordinance #2. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPOINTMENTS:**HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD****VICKI CONN**

City Manager Uri reminded the Commission that a previous expression of interest to serve was from an individual not residing in City limits. It was determined that members must be in the City limits. Tammy Britt, housing authority director was asking the Commission to consider Vicki Conn for the housing authority board.

Commissioner Fraser moved to appoint Vicki Conn to the housing authority board. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said he would be attending the USDA loan closing in Ellsworth on February 10.

City Manager Uri had received a list of questions from Mayor Hattan this week and he answered each one, with the department heads' assistance.

City Manager Uri spoke of visiting Highland Community College last week to look at their recreation center, and talked about the possibility of such a center for Concordia.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Wentz thanked the City crews for this week's snow removal.

Commissioner Johnson asked who bought the City's bond, and how it was advertised. City Manager Uri promised a report.

STAFF COMMENTS

Chad Buckley explained the problem of last week's water towers issue, in which both towers were either empty or nearly. He spoke of how it could have happened, and what could be done to assure this will not happen again.

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Ron Copple provided information on voice controls installed on stoplights, to assist the visually impaired. Upon being questioned, he stated that the Boy Scouts gazebo still needed to be sandblasted and painted, and the job would need to wait until spring, when the work could be done outside.

Larry Eubanks reported he'd received a grant from the Kansas Board of EMS to purchase a power cot and Zoll monitor for the new ambulance. Of the approximately \$30,000 to be received, the City will expend \$7,000.

Chris Edin talked about the drug problem with bath salts, and said the legislature is looking at passing a law concerning this issue.

Bruno Rehbein said next week there would be an invitation to bid the demo projects. Also, the LDS Church has a temporary certificate of occupancy.

Finance Director Farha said the auditors would be here the week of March 8.

The commission reminded everyone of next week's intergovernmental meeting, to be held at the hospital.

ADJOURN

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

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk