

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD MARCH 16, 2011

The governing body met in regular session on March 16, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Hattan, Hosie, Wentz, and Johnson.

Absent: Commissioner Fraser.

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, Regina Ann Brummel, James Hedstrom, Tina Barnett, Lyle Pounds, Judy Stephens, Cheryl Lanoue, Betty Laverdure. 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 Tina Barnett gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Hosie moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2011, meeting. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #5

APPROVED

City Manager Uri answered an earlier commissioner question concerning long distance charges paid to the County. The City and County are partnered together on local and long distance service for law enforcement which gives a better rate for service.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #5. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

US CELLULAR PRESENTATION

James Hedstrom of US Cellular presented a proposal to purchase electronic tablets for the commissioners and department heads, allowing for paperless meetings, and answered questions concerning the items.

LIFT STATION DISCUSSION

The lift station located east of the old Alco buildings contain two pumps that are twenty-four years old, far beyond normal life. \$60,000 has been budgeted to replace this equipment. Chad Buckley presented a proposal from the Ray Lindsey Company for \$45,437, which would include the installation and start-up service.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the purchase of the pumps for \$45,437. Mayor Hattan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ULTRASONIC LEVEL CONTROL

The control monitors the water level of a water tower. The proposal presented by Mr. Buckley is for the west water tower only, for \$1800. Additional charges include estimates from Gerard Tank & Steel for \$1300 and Hood's Heating & Plumbing for \$2554 to install and get power to the unit.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the charges for the ultrasonic level control and the cost to install. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said \$1000 had been budgeted for the Concordia Swim Team, and the team was requesting the funds.

Mayor Hattan moved to approve the funds for the swim team. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Uri spoke of today's meeting with an architect from Bowman, Bowman & Novick on a possible park at the south development. Many ideas are being considered.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson asked if fees paid on the latest bonds had been budgeted. It was answered that the fees came from the proceeds. Commissioner Johnson asked about the FEMA grant spoken about at the last meeting by Kirk Lowell. Larry Eubanks answered that the first of June is the deadline. The County has made the application for this grant.

Commissioner Hosie inquired what work was being done on 11th Street. The answer was that Cunningham is laying fiber optic cable.

Mayor Hattan asked if there was a list of properties with abandoned vehicles, and if an ad should be run in the Blade urging the property owners to remove the vehicles before the City is forced to do so. City Manager Uri promised to run an ad.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ron Copple handed out an agreement from KDOT that will be on next meeting's agenda regarding the federal funds exchange. Mr. Copple's plan is to ask for the funds for the slurry seal project. Mr. Copple also stated that next week in Abilene, the State is giving the City of Concordia a plaque for the 5th St. project.

Bruno Rehbein presented a preliminary comp plan and stated the time line for public hearings.

Larry Eubanks said that after advertising aggressively for reserves for the fire department, he received four applications from interested parties. Mr. Eubanks requested enlarging the residency requirements for reserves from six miles to county wide, in order to use those from the area who have expressed an interest in serving in this capacity.

Mayor Hattan moved to include all of Cloud County for reserves for the fire and ambulance departments. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION FOR ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE HELD

Mayor Hattan moved that the commission recess into executive session for ten (10) minutes for preliminary discussion for acquisition of real estate. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:40 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:50 p.m.


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, Commissioner Wentz moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Hattan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk