

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD APRIL 20, 2011**

The governing body met in regular session on April 20, 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, Bob Baumann, Janice Hattan, Jean Rosemarynoski, Margo Hosie, Joe Strecker, Kirk Lowell, Marcia Pounds, Lyle Pounds, Dallas Nading, Ryan Anderson, Art Slaughter, Leah Haden, Tim Parker, Marcia Allen, Tom Tuggle, Joe Jindra, L. Dean Thompson, Karen Freeman, Les Freeman, Retta Waite, Cheryl Lanoue, Phil Gilliland, Ken Johnson. Staff present: Chad Buckley, director of public utilities; Ron Copple, director of public works; Larry Eubanks, fire chief, and Chris Edin, police chief.

Pastor L. Dean Thompson gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kirk Lowell thanked Mayor Hattan for his insight into the financing at the north development. He thanked Commissioner Hosie for helping with economical development.

**COMMISSION REORGANIZATION:**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

City Manager Uri announced the dates of service for Mayor Hattan and Commissioner Hosie, and presented both with plaques for their years of service.

Commissioner Wentz acknowledged Mayor Hattan's twenty years of service, and Commissioner Hosie's nine years.

Commissioner Johnson said they were both good guiding hands, and said he'd served five years with Commissioner Hosie and three with Mayor Hattan.

Commissioner Fraser said he'd enjoyed working with both outgoing commissioners.

Commissioner Hosie thanked the citizens for the opportunity to serve, and said Concordia's future is bright.

Mayor Hattan said the current commissioners had made much progress in the last three years. He spoke about each department head by name, citing accomplishments and accolades. He also thanked Kirk Lowell, the Sisters of St. Joseph, his wife Janice, the media, and the commissioners.

**ELECTION RESULTS**

City Clerk Crum read the report from the Cloud County Clerk and Election Officer Linda Bogart, certifying the results for the City Commission of Concordia held April 5, 2011, to be as follows:

Tim Parker	831
Leroy D. Parks	92
Lyle L. Pounds	832
Darrel Hosie	2
Greg Hattan	16
Cheryl Lanoue	6
Eldon Wisdom	1
Art Slaughter	1
Jessica LeDuc	1
Toby Nosker	1

Tim Parker and Lyle Pounds were declared the winners for three (3) year terms.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

City Ordinance prescribes that elected officials take the Oath of Office before entering into the duties of his/her office. City Clerk Crum administered the Oath of Office to Lyle Pounds and Tim Parker for three (3) year terms.

**ANNUAL COMMISSION REORGANIZATION**

City Ordinance requires that the Commission annually elect one of its members as a chairman to serve as Mayor and preside at commission meetings and perform as official head of the City on formal occasions.

Commissioner Fraser moved to appoint Commissioner Wentz as mayor and Commissioner Johnson as mayor pro-tem. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Johnson opposing.

Commissioner Parker volunteered to represent the Commission on the CloudCorp board.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2011, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2011, special meeting. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #7**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Pounds inquired about light bars. Chris Edin answered that they are the bars on top of the police car housing the lights. Commissioner Pounds also asked about the Dumbbells check. Finance Director Farha explained that the employees get a discount by the City paying, but the monthly fee is withheld from the employees' paychecks.

Commissioner Wentz asked who attended the grant writing workshop. The answer was Chris Edin.

Commissioner Parker asked why there were two checks for Kansas Gas Service. City Clerk Crum answered that this was for two months of service, with the first being a hand check.

Commissioner Pounds asked about Waite Excavating and how many houses had been demolished, which was three.

Commissioner Johnson asked what repairs were done to the fire truck. Larry Eubanks answered that a fan had blown apart and ruined the radiator, and shared what was saved by City employees repairing the truck rather than a shop. Commissioner Johnson asked about the Tyler Technologies regional user meeting. City Clerk Crum said that she and Finance Director Farha had attended the meeting by the software company to learn about new updates and products. Commissioner Johnson asked about reimbursement for crop damage. City Manager Uri the landowner was reimbursed for damage when the contractor crossed Union Road with pipe at the north development. Another question about sewer pipeline crossing was answered that it is a rental payment to the railroad for using their right of way. The question about the laptop purchase was explained that it replaced the stolen laptop in the fire department. The rotary dues paid for Larry Eubanks' membership.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve appropriation ordinance #7. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

#### **FRANK CARLSON LIBRARY BOARD**

City Manager Uri said that the library requested two new members, as Christy Hasch had served two terms and was not eligible for reappointment, and Max Reeves had been filling an unexpired term and chose not to be reappointed.

Mayor Wentz moved to approve Scot Henderson and Peggy Loveland to four year terms on the library board. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD**

The housing authority asked that Kim Wiesner be reappointed to serve another four year term on the board.

Commissioner Fraser moved to appoint Kim Wiesner to the housing authority board. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PROCLAMATION:**

#### **FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

City Manager Uri introduced the proclamation. Mayor Wentz proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**MOWER BIDS**

Ron Copple presented the mower bids received. They were as follows:

	<i>Model</i>	<i>Side Discharge</i>	<i>Rear Discharge</i>
Concordia Tractor	John Deere 997	\$12265.00	\$12475.00
Krier Mower	Toro 74274	\$10990.00	N/A
Budreau Muffler	Hustler Z Diesel	\$10600.00	\$10800.00

The bids had been tabled at the last meeting in order for staff to investigate the performance of propane mowers. After research, it was staff's recommendation to accept the bids from Budreau Muffler, and continue with mowers running on diesel. Commissioner Johnson requested that future mower bids include propane.

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve the purchases of Hustler diesel side discharge and rear discharge mowers from Budreau Muffler, for \$10600.00 and \$10800.00. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEWS BUSINESS:**

**VERIZON – TABLET PURCHASES**

City Manager Uri presented the proposal from Verizon, which gives an iPad to each commissioner and department head, along with new phones to replace the current US Cellular phones, with the touch-to-talk feature. The upfront cost for the iPads will be \$8819.86, at \$629.99 each. The monthly cell bill will be approximately \$1200.00.

Commissioner Johnson said that he would prefer to still have a paper packet. He also said that the animal shelter is looking for funds, and \$8000.00 could be better spent on such things.

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve the Verizon purchase for equipment. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Johnson opposing.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT VAN BIDS**

Chris Edin presented the van bids received. They were as follows:

<i>Dealer</i>	<i>Vehicle</i>	<i>Price</i>
Car Zone	2003 Pontiac Montana	\$3000.00
Car Zone	2007 Dodge Gr. Caravan	\$4000.00

Mr. Edin recommended the purchase of the 2007 Dodge Gr. Caravan, as the vehicle is considerably newer with fewer miles.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the bid for the Dodge Gr. Caravan for \$4000.00. Mayor Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**WELL 19 REPAIRS**

Chad Buckley explained that the pump for well 19 is now pulled, and waiting in a shop for repairs. The pump was last pulled in 2002. The repair costs were presented. Mr. Buckley recommended rebuilding the pump, rather than replacing it.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the costs for complete renovation of the well and pump. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Chris Edin introduced Ric Fredrickson and Justin Davis, Concordia's new bicycle cops. They showed off their new bikes, and discussed their certification course.

City Manager Uri gave a report from Tom Gennette on the numbers enrolled in softball, baseball and t-ball. He also gave an update on the pool administration. City Manager Uri discussed the substation to be erected to serve the north development, and its annexation into the City.

**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Fraser welcomed the new commissioners.

Commissioner Johnson asked if people from outside the City limits would be appointed to the Planning Commission. City Manager Uri answered that the Planning Commission's vote was 4-3 to include this recommendation in the comp plan.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Chris Edin announced that the police department was going to be the local sponsor for a program to take expired medications, to be held next week.

Ron Copple provided photos of damaged brick pillars on Willow Street to identify the Elmhurst edition. These pillars were erected in 1939. The commission gave the go-ahead to tear the worst one down, but to repair and leave the others standing for the historical aspect.

Chad Buckley gave an update on the Broadway sewer project.

Larry Eubanks provided information on the tree trimming program. Work is done on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, and currently they are doing 9<sup>th</sup> Street until they run out of money.

Bruno Rehbein explained the demo program for the new commissioners.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL**

**HELD**

Commissioner Johnson moved that the commission recess into executive session for ten (10) minutes for non-elected personnel. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:55 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor Wentz announced there was no binding action taken.

**ADJOURN**

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

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

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Stacey Crum  
City Clerk