

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD APRIL 6, 2011

The governing body met in regular session on April 6, 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: Sharon Coy, Toby Nosker, Lee Doyen, Ken Johnson, Tina Barnett, Cameron Thurner, Brad Waller, Kirk Lowell, Kayla Champlin, Chris Fabarez, Chelsie Monzon, Wyatt Brichalli, James Kindel, Mark Headrick, Terri Headrick, Frank Headrick, Ryan Anderson, Lyle Pounds, Jim Wahlmeier, Tim Parker, Marcia Allen, Cheryl Lanoue. Staff present: Chad Buckley, director of public utilities; Ron Copple, director of public works; 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 Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2011, meeting. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. #6

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson asked about the setoff payment. Finance Director Farha answered that it was to reimburse a customer, who'd paid the City for an overdue water bill but also paid through the State setoff program. Commissioner Johnson asked about the overhead door repairs. Larry Eubanks said it allowed for the openers to work at longer range. Commissioner Johnson inquired about the tree trimming that was paid on this appropriation. Mr. Eubanks answered that trees had been trimmed on 8th Street, and was part of the budgeted tree trimming program.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #6. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lee Doyen thanked those responsible for changing the name on the baseball field with his namesake. He also thanked Mayor Hattan for his years of service.

Cheryl Lanoue also thanked the mayor, and commended him for the award for 5th Street. She also wished good luck to the two new commissioners.

PROCLAMATION:

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Cameron Thurner spoke of accomplishments of the local office, and read the proclamation. Mayor Hattan proclaimed April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

NEW 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

James Kindel, of Budreau Muffler, and Ryan Anderson, of CTI, were on hand to discuss the advantages of the mowers they bid. Staff recommended the low bids from Budreau Muffler.

Commissioner Johnson questioned whether propane mowers had been considered. After discussion, Mayor Hattan moved to table the bids until more information was received on a possible propane option. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

KDOT AGREEMENT – FEDERAL FUNDS EXCHANGE

Ron Copple presented the agreement, which would allow for the exchange into KDOT funds, as federal funds can't be used for slurry seal projects. This agreement would make the City eligible for a maximum of \$60,625.10 from a total of \$67,361.22 available, after the 90/10 match.

Commissioner Hosie moved to approve the KDOT agreement – federal funds exchange. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CLIENT REPRESENTATION LETTER

City Manager Uri said the letter simply states that everything given to the auditors represented the City's true financial situation, according to the city clerk, finance director, city manager, and mayor.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the mayor to sign the client representation letter. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

WATER METERS

Chad Buckley talked about the meter replacement program, with 250 having been replaced so far this year. The meter inventory has been depleted, and Mr. Buckley asked that he be allowed to purchase \$10,000.00 of each size of 5/8, 3/4, and 1" meters. He estimated at the current replacement rate, this would be enough meters for the next two months.

Commissioner Hosie moved to approve purchasing water meters. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

2011-3012 ZONING CHANGE 301 W. 7TH

Thereupon, there was presented an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS; ORDERING THE OFFICIAL CITY ZONING DISTRICT MAP TO BE CHANGED TO REFLECT SUCH AMENDMENTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ARTICLE IV OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS.

Thereupon, Commissioner Wentz moved that said ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fraser. 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 Hattan, Wentz, Johnson, Hosie, and Fraser.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said ordinance duly passed and the ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2011-3012 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION FOR ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE HELD

Commissioner Fraser moved that the commission recess into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes for preliminary discussion for acquisition of real estate. Inviting: City Manager Uri and Brad Waller. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:17 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:32 p.m.

Mayor Hattan announced there was no binding action taken.

City Manager Uri said the hospital had authorized an environmental assessment on the desired land for the new hospital north of the airport. As it is airport land, the assessment must be done for any non-airport use. The assessment has been completed.. City Manager Uri also presented another possible alternative for the hospital, at Airport Park.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri discussed the planning commission public hearing of the previous evening. City Manager Uri also said that experimental wi-fi would be installed at City Hall next week, which should cover much of the downtown area.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Wentz thanked the planning commission for their hard work.

Commissioner Johnson asked if the flag was flying at the sports complex. Ron Copple answered yes. Commissioner Johnson asked about the rules concerning alcohol consumption on City property. City Manager Uri said it can be allowed, but only with special permission from the commission. Commissioner Johnson wondered if the street in front of Kearns Auction would be done. Ron Copple said there is a grant which may take care of that. Kirk Lowell also answered that Kearns is looking into doing a TIF project.

Commissioner Hosie asked about firefighter reserves. Larry Eubanks reported that two more had been hired.

Commissioner Fraser noted that the street signs at 5th & Cedar were missing ever since the 5th Street project had been completed.

STAFF COMMENTS

Chad Buckley reported that a water line valve was installed at the corner of Broadway and 17th Street. He also stated that the contractors were ready to bore under the railroad since starting the Broadway sewer project.

Ron Copple said there is a preliminary plan for dirt work at Rasure Field. The fence will be moved and a sewer manhole in the middle of the field must be moved.

Chris Edin said police department volunteers addressed issues at the animal shelter and it's now ready for a future inspection. Mr. Edin also said he would be coming to the commission in the next few months with changes to security measures required by the federal government because of the department's access to highly protected information.

ADJOURN

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

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

(Seal)



Stacey Crum
City Clerk

