

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JUNE 1, 2011

The governing body met in regular session on June 1, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Wentz, Pounds, Johnson, Parker, and Fraser.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: City Manager Uri, Finance Director Farha, and City Clerk Crum.

Mayor Wentz declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Beth Whisler, Susan Sutton, Kim Krull, Ledona Dowell, Verna Ferguson-Hamel, Roberta Lowrey, Joan Fraser, Gertrude Breault, Linda Houser, Jim Wahlmeier, Jenny Acree, Tessa Zehring, Brenton Phillips, Wonda Phillips, Ken Johnson, Wendy Holt, Shirley Moynihan, Mike Copple. Staff present: Chad Buckley, director of public utilities; Ron Copple, director of public works; Larry Eubanks, fire chief, Chris Edin, police chief, and Bruno Rehbein, building inspector.

Tess Zehring gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri requested that the final item under new business, Cloud County Health Center, be moved to the first item. He also stated that the East Hills Estates discussion would be set for a later date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Fraser pointed out a misspelling, and Commissioner Johnson suggested rewording the library parking project as "east parking area".

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #10

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson inquired about physical therapy tests. City Clerk Crum answered that all new hires are subjected to a range of motion test. Commissioner Johnson wondered why the City pays for the CDL renewals. City Manager Uri said this is City policy, and could be addressed. Commissioner Johnson asked about the certificate of title. Finance Director Farha said the certificate was requested for a demo project. Commissioner Johnson discussed the payment to EMC Insurance for \$5000, which was the City's deductible in a recent employment lawsuit. City Manager Uri said the entire fees including the settlement were around \$30,000, with about half going towards litigation. The lawsuit was settled out of court. City Manager Uri pointed out that it's the insurance company's decision whether to settle or to fight.

Commissioner Parker asked about the generator repair at CTI. Chad Buckley stated the generator is at the treatment plant, older, and was in need of rebuilt heads. Commissioner Parker inquired about paying half of Glasco's utilities. Larry Eubanks answered that was the agreement when Concordia took over the ambulance service there. Chris Edin explained the Jackson's Glass Shop bill, which was for the back door security lock.

Commissioner Fraser asked about the tattoos purchased by the fire department. Mr. Eubanks said they are given away during fire prevention week. It was answered in the affirmative that the rec department purchases t-shirts for the umpires. Ron Copple gave an explanation for a mower trash gripper. The riders are able to pick up trash without getting off the mowers.

City Manager Uri explained the payment to Swenson, Brewer, and Long for court cases, upon Commissioner Johnson's question.

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve appropriation ordinance #10. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPOINTMENTS:

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Bruno Rehbein requested Cathy Miller be reappointed, and Mike Linden be appointed for a new term, to replace Charlie Lowers, who declined to serve another term.

Commissioner Johnson moved to appoint Cathy Miller and Mike Linden to the board of zoning appeals. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS:

THELMA STARR WORKMAN DAY

The proclamation, presented by the orphan train complex, was read by Mayor Wentz and June 11, 2011, was declared Thelma Starr Workman Day. The orphan train complex board and interested parties posed for a photo with the commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

CLOUD COUNTY HEALTH CENTER

Jim Wahlmeier requested that the hospital enter into a development agreement with the City for airport park land near the RV park. City Manager Uri said he will begin drafting the agreement.

PRESENTATION OF 2010 AUDIT

APPROVED

Neil Phillips, of Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, presented the City's 2010 audit and explained it in some detail. He found no concerns during the audit period, and stated that the City's books were in good order.

Commissioner Johnson moved to accept the 2010 audit. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

WELCOME SERVICE

Verna Ferguson-Hamel explained the welcome service in Concordia and asked that names of new water customers be provided to her. The current policy allows for all new customers to be asked if they'd like the service. State law makes it unlawful to give or sell names. Staff and commission consensus is that the law must be followed as long as that law is in place.

WELL 20 REPAIRS

APPROVED

Chad Buckley explained that well 20, located by F&A Food Sales, has started to suck air into the system. Mineral deposits need to be removed. Mr. Buckley provided costs of two different options from Layne-Western. The less expensive option was recommended, as chemicals will not be used for this.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the option for \$7060 for well 20. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS AMENDMENT

APPROVED

An amendment was presented for approval that would remove the clause that elected officers on the airport advisory board cannot serve more than two consecutive terms of one year. This would provide for Kirk Lowell being allowed to serve at least another year to see the master plan approved, of which he has devoted so much time.

Mayor Wentz moved to allow the airport advisory board to change the bylaws as stated. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

2011-3015 CMB AND ALCOHOL LICENSES

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented an ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL EVENT LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF CEREAL MALT BEVERAGES WITHIN THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, AMENDING PROVISIONS OF THE CONCORDIA CODE CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF THE SALE OF CEREAL MALT BEVERAGES AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR; REPEALING CONCORDIA CODE SECTIONS 3-151, 3-152, 11-74, AND 11-75, AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS 3-151, 3-152, 11-74, AND 11-75.

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said ordinance duly passed and the ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2011-3015 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri provided information from the K-State economic development program. This service aids in helping communities face economic challenges. The commissioners did not show support for using the services.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Pounds said he'd like to see how much property tax is generated from the East Hills Estates area.

Commissioner Johnson wondered if the City has its own building code. Bruno Rehbein said the City is under the 2006 International Building Code.

Commissioner Parker asked if anyone had checked out the safety issues which had been addressed in a letter to the editor by a former employee. City Manager Uri answered that most concerns by the former employee were somewhat exaggerated. The bleachers were discussed. Ron Copple said he planned to budget money for several years to begin replacing all bleachers. Commissioner Parker also commended Mr. Copple and his staff for the condition of the cemetery over the Memorial weekend.

Commissioner Fraser asked about the gazebo. Mr. Copple promised to check into it.

Mayor Wentz asked about the Citywide wi-fi. City Manager Uri said there had been no progress, and was considering another company to work on the issue and get it going.

STAFF COMMENTS

Larry Eubanks discussed the basement at City Hall as an option for safety during storms. He also encouraged the commission to tour the various departments before the budget.

City Clerk Crum provided an update on pool passes and punch cards sales and said it was going well.

Ken Johnson gave an update on the Broadway sewer project.

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 Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk