
MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON
Wednesday, November 20, 2013 5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on November 20, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Parker, Wentz, Johnson, Pounds, and Hasch.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: City Manager Uri and City Clerk Crum.

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

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Ken Johnson, Mary Jo Thummel, Bersita Mendenhall, Raymond Mendenhall, Myrna Campbell, Jody Halfhide, Tim Halfhide, Ashley McMillan, Shawna Mendenhall, Jean Rosemarynoski, Patricia Gerhardt, Bill Cory, Robert Steimel, Ric Fredrickson, Lynette Fredrickson. Staff present: Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

Commissioner Pounds moved to adjourn the meeting to the Brown Grand Theatre for the purpose of observing the current renovation, to reconvene at 5:30. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

Sister Mary Jo Thummel gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri removed the downtown branding consultation discussion from the study session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2013, meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #21

APPROVED

The amount of the Prairieland bill was questioned. This is a usual charge. Commissioner Johnson mentioned a missing check; it will be listed for the next meeting. He noted that the payment to the U.S. Treasury is actually a penalty, rather than a tax. Payroll taxes were paid last in August. He asked if we get a report from Benesch. City Manager Uri said only when the contract is complete. Finally, he questioned the refund from AT&T. City Clerk Crum said it was received last week.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve appropriation ordinance #21. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patricia Gerhardt, who resides near the dam, thanked the commission for moving ahead with the project.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2013 CURB & GUTTER PROJECTS

Mayor Parker opened the public hearing.

Ron Copple discussed the projects, explaining the costs shared by the homeowner and the City. Property owners who have not paid by December 31 will see the amount due assessed to their property taxes.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Parker closed the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

KLA ENVIRONMENTAL FLOOD CONTROL CONTRACT AMENDMENT

APPROVED

City Manager Uri discussed the need for the amendment to the contract, due to no longer planning for a permanent body of water by the dam. The amendment reflects a decrease of \$16,525.12 in the contract price. City Manager Uri said though he realizes the disappointment of the commission in the flood control area change, he stated the importance of proceeding, as it could hold up the permit process. Commissioner Pounds requested a meeting with the FAA before proceeding, to state our case.

Mayor Parker moved to approve the KLA Environmental contract amendment. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Pounds opposing. City Manager Uri agreed to set up a meeting with the FAA for further discussion.

WELLNESS PROGRAM FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

APPROVED

The City obtained the services of Group Benefit Specialists, the broker for health benefits, to create a wellness program for employees. ComCare in Salina was procured, which is owned by Salina Regional Health Center. Upon receipt of the packet material, Commissioner Wentz contacted Cloud County Health Center about providing the services. City Manager Uri produced the material from the hospital stating the costs, which will be approximately \$5,000 if about 50 employees participate and gift cards are given.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the proposed wellness screening for the City employees. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

**2013-1965 KDOT OLIVE STREET CROSSING
KYLE RAILROAD AND KDOT AGREEMENT**

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission a Resolution entitled:

WHEREAS, THE GOVERNING BODY HAS DETERMINED IT TO BE APPROPRIATE AND ADVISABLE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KYLE RAILROAD COMPANY, THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS, AND THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAY CROSSING SIGNALS UNDER SECTION 130, UNITED STATES CODE 23, PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF RAILWAY-HIGHWAY CROSSING SIGNALS, FLASHING LIGHT STRAIGHT POST TYPE AND GATES AT A GRADE CROSSING ON OLIVE STREET IN THE CITY OF CONCORDIA;

Thereupon on motion of Commissioner Hasch, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2013-1965 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

2013-1966 1020/1022 WASHINGTON CONDEMNATION

PASSED

The process for condemnation of this property has started over because staff neglected to publish the resolution and notify the owner.

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission a Resolution entitled:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS: WHEREAS, THE ENFORCING OFFICER PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 12-1750 ET SEQ., AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 7-47 (C) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, HAS INFORMED THE GOVERNING BODY THAT IN HIS OPINION THE FOLLOWING STRUCTURE IS UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS;

Thereupon on motion of Commissioner Wentz, seconded by Commissioner Pounds, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2013-1966 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

ORDINANCES:

2013-3064 CURB & GUTTER PROJECTS

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented to the City Commission an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ASSESSING TO EACH LOT, PIECE AND PARCEL OF LAND LIABLE FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID IN INSTALLMENTS FOR THE COST.

Thereupon, Commissioner Pounds moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wentz. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance passed by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2013-3064 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri discussed several items. The mini governing body institute will be held December 7 at Great Bend, if any commissioners want to attend. Following up from comments made at the last meeting, staff had discussed not parking along 5th Street with the business owner. We may be receiving a proposal to present for the Brown Grand sprinklers. We are getting bids for the shop building addition. City Manager Uri showed the latest sales tax received, stating sales tax is up for the year. He showed photos of other parks for ideas for the flood control park. The latest floodplain maps were discussed. He said there will not be an employee Christmas dinner this year; instead, it was decided to give larger chamber bucks.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Hasch said the park looks nice, and wondered about tags identifying different trees.

Commissioner Pounds asked about the condemned house on 11th Street. Bruno Rehbein said the owner starting demolishing it himself, though a licensed contractor will need to finish.

Commissioner Wentz asked of the demo projects were completed on 6th Street. Mr. Rehbein answered yes, and provided the total fees.

Commissioner Johnson asked if the City paid for downtown trees. City Manager Uri said the committee had received funds for all but two trees, and the City bought those. Commissioner Johnson requested a report of payroll, taxes, etc. City Manager Uri promised to follow up.

Mayor Parker acknowledged City staff taking care of the trees in the cemetery donated by the Lions Club.

STAFF COMMENTS

Eric Voss said his department is 60 calls above last year at this time.

Ron Copple showed photos of Hood Park and where the current City Park playground equipment might be relocated.

Bruno Rehbein presented photos of the latest nuisance property, stating City crews spent 8 days on the property, at a total cost of nearly \$14,000.

Chad Buckley discussed a mixer at the treatment plant, saying it needed rebuilt. The figure he received was \$5378.05.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the work on the mixer. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Johnson discussed the weapons inventory list he provided in the packet.


ADJOURN

Mayor Parker 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

Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

(Seal)



Stacey Crum
City Clerk