
MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON
Wednesday, November 6, 2013 5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on November 6, 2013, at 5:30 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, Finance Director Farha, and City Clerk Crum.

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

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Bob Burns, Box Maxson. Staff present: Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

Pastor Bob Burns gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri removed the Alco building from the study session, and replaced it with a shop building discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2013, meeting. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #20

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson asked for an inventory of the police department's weapons. In answer to a question about the sod laid at the sports complex, a grant has been applied for to pay for it. The lab window purchased for the treatment plant replaced a non-energy efficient window. Commissioner Johnson mentioned the updated website purchase, saying the commission was supposed to be in on the decision-making for anything over \$5000.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve appropriation ordinance #20. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2013 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mayor Parker opened the public hearing.

Finance Director Farha said the amendment allowed for extra expenses for the gas line, above what was previously budgeted.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Parker closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the 2013 budget amendment. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER

APPROVED

The City will retain the same auditors, with no increase in fees from previous years. Staff is pleased with Jarred, Gilmore & Bell.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the audit engagement letter. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HOUSING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

APPROVED

Bruno Rehbein said Kansas Sand & Construction Co. was awarded two projects for which they didn't have time to complete. The second lowest contractors were contacted, and they can do the projects. The homeowners are aware they will pay a portion of the increase.

Commissioner Pounds moved to award the contract for rehabilitation for the Day house at 733 East 6th to M&R Building for \$28,350.00. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pounds moved to award the contract for rehabilitation for the Gosselin house at 310 East 6th to Snell Construction for \$22,000.00. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CCCC ELECTRIC LINE LICENSE

APPROVED

City Manager Uri said Westar Energy has donated a defunct power station to the college. Power is needed to it for lights. The line must cross a city utility easement.

Commissioner Johnson moved to grant to Cloud County Community College an easement for an electric line to be located on college property, as described in the license. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

2013-3063 WATER RATES

PASSED

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

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADJUSTMENTS IN WATER AND SEWER RATES; REPEALING SECTIONS 20-31 AND 20-32 OF THE CONCORDIA CODE; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS 20-31 AND 20-32.

It was noted that Section H should state "per month" for the new wastewater fee.

Thereupon, Commissioner Johnson moved that said Ordinance be passed, adding the schedule discussed from the last study session which was omitted from this version of the ordinance. The new rate structure would eliminate the current practice of charging less the higher the usage, in turn reducing future bills for lower usage customers, and raising them for higher usage customers. The motion died for lack of a second.

Thereupon, Commissioner Pounds moved that said Ordinance be passed as presented, adding the words "per month" to Section H. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hasch. 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, Pounds, and Hasch.

Nay: Commissioner Johnson.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2013-3063 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS:

2013-1964 EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

PASSED

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

WHEREAS, THE GOVERNING BODY DETERMINES IT TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY TO APPROVE AND ADOPT CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE PERSONNEL POLICIES OF THE CITY.

Thereupon on motion of Commissioner Wentz, 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. 2013-1964 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said next week's flood control study session is planned for 5:30, but with the intergovernmental meeting directly after, we might start it earlier. He spoke of the upcoming NCRPC dinner in Jewell, and said he would be attending. There was discussion on where to move the old playground equipment from City Park, in anticipation of the new equipment next spring. There is commission interest in moving it to Hood Park. City Manager Uri talked about a dog park at the flood control area, with the possibility of forming a volunteer group. He discussed the recent request for proposals for wastewater treatment plant upgrades engineering, and said there would be a contract on the next study session to consider.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson discussed vehicle parking on 5th Street in front of the new McDaniel Memorial. Staff will speak to the owner about parking off the street. Commissioner Johnson suggested eliminating one parking stall at 6th & Broadway, to facilitate more room for trucks turning the corner. He brought up railroad crossing conditions. City Manager Uri said staff would investigate.

Commissioner Hasch asked about Kristy's sidewalk. City Manager Uri said the contractor plans to start work in a couple of weeks. She asked what was being done about the nuisance property on 7th St. Ron Copple said his crew started work there, and was there all day.

Mayor Parker discussed the loss of funds for this year's Chiefs trip, noting it was not as big a loss as earlier reported, and felt we should keep the trip, but charge more for tickets.

STAFF COMMENTS

Eric Voss said the department would be starting EMT classes and fire certification, if anyone was interested in attending.

Chad Buckley said the old vac truck would be sold on Purple Wave. He told the commission of the Certified Public Managers course he has taken over the last year, with graduation next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

HELD

Commissioner Pounds moved that the commission recess into executive session for twenty (20) minutes for attorney-client privilege. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:37 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:57 p.m.

Mayor Parker announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

Mayor Parker 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. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk