

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON
Wednesday, December 4, 2013 5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on December 4, 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, Kent Otott, Everett Ford. Staff present: Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

Pastor Kent Otott gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2013, meeting. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #22

APPROVED

The first Kansas Gas bill for the jail was discussed, and how the County will be billed. Only service fees were billed by Kansas Gas.

The two ICMA payments included the usual investment for an employee, as well as an amount set aside for the police chief, as the City does not contribute for him towards KPERs, due to his retirement in the system.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #22. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Everett Ford commended the City for accepting leaf dumping at the City Park. Mr. Ford discussed his property at 312 W. 14th, which he purchased and then realized a nuisance assessment for mowing originated by the previous owner of the property. He requested the City to release those taxes.

PUBLIC HEARING:

123 W. 11TH CONDEMNATION

Mayor Parker opened the public hearing.

Bruno Rehbein recommended 30 days for the property owner to start demolishing the structures. If nothing is done at that point, the City will condemn and get bids for the demolition.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Parker closed the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

PEC CONTRACT FOR WWTP ENGINEERING

APPROVED

City Manager Uri said three proposals were received for engineering. Professional Engineering Consultants was chosen. They will look at possible ways to go forward with future necessary changes to the plant. The contract amount is \$54,500.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the PEC contract for the treatment plant engineering. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES

APPROVED

The annual event designates all five banks in the City. City Manager Uri discussed outside possibilities, due to low rates and lack of bids for the City's investments.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the five banks as our depositories. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CAMPBELL & JOHNSON 2014 CONTRACT

APPROVED

The contract remained the same, other than a \$100 increase per month, to \$1300. City Manager Uri praised Campbell & Johnson for their services.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the 2014 Campbell & Johnson contract. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FEDERAL FUNDS EXCHANGE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

APPROVED

Ron Copple said the supplemental agreement added funds to our account, bringing our total to \$80,48.46 of federal funds exchanged. The City's share is \$72,043.61, plus \$2,698.12 from a prior agreement. The City has nearly \$75,000 we can expend on a project.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the federal funds exchange supplemental agreement. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

KDOT FLOOD CONTROL EASEMENTS

APPROVED

City Manager Uri presented maps of KDOT-owned property, for which the City will need the rights in order to go forward with the two dams. The properties at Plum Road will allow for the dam to be built, as well as overflow. The 21st Street dam area allows for underwater property during times of heavier rainfall. KDOT has filed its own documents with the Register of Deeds, but they were insufficient. The quitclaim documents give the properties back to KDOT so the process can start over.

Commissioner Wentz moved to authorize the mayor to execute the KDOT quitclaim deeds. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

2013-1967 WAIVER OF GAAP

PASSED

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

WHEREAS THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, HAS DETERMINED THAT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014, TO BE PREPARED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF K.S.A. 75-1120A(A) ARE NOT RELEVANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CASH BASIS AND BUDGET LAWS OF THIS STATE AND ARE OF NO SIGNIFICANT VALUE TO THE GOVERNING BODY OR THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA.

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. 2013-1967 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

2013-1968 AUTHORIZED CHECK SIGNERS

PASSED

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

WHEREAS, THE GOVERNING BODY FINDS THAT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY TO DESIGNATE THE POWERS AND AUTHORITIES OF CITY EMPLOYEES WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ACCOUNTS OF THE CITY;

Thereupon on motion of Commissioner Hasch, 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. 2013-1968 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

2013-1969 CLASSIFIED PAY

TABLED

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

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY GRADES FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA.

Discussion included changes to allow for lower-paid employees to receive a higher cost of living than the budgeted 1.5%. Commissioner Johnson was in favor of dividing the budgeted COLA equally. Commissioner Hasch proposed 1.6% for classified staff, 1.4% for non-classified staff, and 1.2% for the city manager. It was decided to work up some possibilities based on Commissioner Hasch's suggestions, and bring the two resolutions back to the next meeting.

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

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

Nay: None.

2013-1970 NON-CLASSIFIED PAY

TABLED

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

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY GRADES FOR NON-CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA.

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

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

Nay: None.

2013-1969 123 W. 11TH CONDEMNATION

PASSED

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

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 STRUCTURES ARE 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. 2013-1969 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri discussed the possibility of a grant to put sidewalks to the schools on 11th Street. Different routes were discussed. Based on commission interest, it was decided to move forward with the project. City Manager Uri also discussed this year's property tax statements. Taxes increased exponentially this year, due to the completion of dirt work on the commercial lots at the dam. One tax bill included Rasure Field, for which he plans to file an exemption. He notified the commission that the statue in City Park was damaged, but will be repaired at the expense of the individual who damaged it. Concerning the Everett Ford issue, he said he would provide all necessary documents for a commission decision.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Pounds said he'd received information on how to keep geese away from a body of water, and would file it away in the event of future discussion of a pond at the south development. Commissioner Pounds asked if anything further had been discussed about the County having their own hot-mix plant, if the City was able to pay \$100,000 up front to help set up the plant, allowing the funds to be prepayment for materials. Ron Cople said he would bring it up again with the County.

Commissioner Johnson had spoken with a property owner wanting to convert a single family dwelling back to a four-plex like it had been in the past. Bruno Rehbein said the owner would need to appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Parker recognized City Manager Uri for picking up trash at the south development on Thanksgiving Day.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ken Johnson gave an update on the south development sewer project, and also said Kristy's sidewalk was finished.

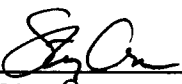
Chad Buckley said the old vac truck brought \$31,500 on Purple Wave. He also said he would be bringing estimates of the shop addition to the commission.

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business, Commissioner Hasch moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk