

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JANUARY 2, 2013

The governing body met in regular session on January 2, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Pounds, Wentz, Johnson, Parker, and Fraser.

Absent: None.

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

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

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Joe Jindra, Tina Barnett. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works; Chris Edin, Police Chief; Eric Voss, Fire Chief.

Pastor Tina Barnett gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri said after the public hearing was closed, a vote would need to be taken on the budget amendment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2012, meeting. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #24

APPROVED

Commissioner Parker asked how often the local phone bill is checked for rates and local providers. City Clerk Crum answered that there are no local companies to handle the account, and that a consulting firm regularly checks the billing for possible savings. Commissioner Parker asked about the Superior Vision bill. Finance Director Farha said it is the employee vision.

Commissioner Wentz pointed out that the check register detail report in the packet was for the last meeting.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #24. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING:

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mayor Pounds opened the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing is to amend the budget, transferring the extra funds realized from the health insurance savings from the general fund to the debt service fund. There were no public comments.

Mayor Pounds closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCES:

2013-3046 RAILROAD MAINTENANCE

PASSED

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A RAILROAD CROSSING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA; REPEALING CONCORDIA CODE SECTION 16-1; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 16-1.

Thereupon, Commissioner Parker moved that said ordinance be passed. Commissioner Johnson seconded.

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 Pounds, Wentz, Johnson, Parker, and Fraser.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said ordinance duly passed and the ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2013-3046 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri discussed a letter from the governor, urging continued water conservation and monitoring.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Fraser asked if the City has easement rights on the storm sewer at LaVerne Clintsman's property. City Manager Uri answered yes, even though it had not been recorded at the time Mr. Clintsman purchased the property. Commissioner Fraser asked about the gas line at the north development. City Manager Uri said BG Consultants was waiting on information from Kansas Gas Service to give us a report. Commissioner Fraser said he would like to know what the airport advisory board thinks of the new hospital. City Manager Uri said we could ask for the opinion.

Commissioner Parker asked if the new sewer plant needs to be completed by 2015. Chad Buckley answered that there needs to be plans in place by then. City Manager Uri said BG Consultants would be bringing proposed plans and prices to a future meeting.

Commissioner Wentz thanked the city crews for clearing the streets after the recent snow.

Commissioner Johnson asked if we had seen many excessive water bills, since he'd had two residents complain about their bills. It was explained that with the new meters, the generated report can easily show when the water is being used. There have been few complaints about high bills. Commissioner Johnson asked about the car parked on the sidewalk that he had spoken of at the last meeting. City Manager Uri said the resident still needed notified. Commissioner Johnson asked if the street crew could start clearing out trees in the basin of the future Plum Road dam. It was determined the City does not have the equipment to handle the large trees.

Mayor Pounds inquired about semis turning off Hwy. 81 onto 1st Street; have we had complaints of the streets being too narrow? Ron Copple said certain streets are not truck routes though they are used for that.

STAFF COMMENTS

Chad Buckley said there was currently a water main break at 9th & Willow.

Chris Edin discussed the possibility of moving animal control's Ford F-150 to the police department, and buying a used van for animal control use.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

HELD

Mayor Pounds moved that the commission recess into executive session for ten (10) minutes for attorney-client privilege. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:25 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

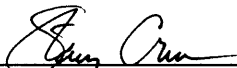
Mayor Pounds announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pounds 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 Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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Stacey Orum
City Clerk