

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2013

The governing body met in early session on February 20, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. due to inclement weather, 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, Toby Nosker, Ken Johnson, Ashley McMillan, Bev Mortimer, Tammy Britt, Christy Hasch, Sr. Judy Stephens, Myrna Campbell. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works; Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Mike Copple, Interim Deputy Police Chief.

There was no invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #3

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson questioned the vet bills on this appropriation. Mike Copple said they are high this month due to a criminal case involving seized animals.

Commissioner Wentz asked about the rural water payment. Chad Buckley said it's a meter charge at the north development. Commissioner Wentz asked about needle sets. Eric Voss said they are medical supplies. Mike Copple answered her question about shotguns, saying they were to equip the vehicles that weren't equipped up to this point.

Commissioner Fraser questioned the flashlights purchase. Mr. Copple explained the special flashlights and the ways in which they can be used.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #3. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

CITY HALL SERVER

APPROVED

City Manager Uri said the current server is four years old and nearing the end of its useful life. The only local proposal received was from Computer Solutions, for \$12,925.77.

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve the bid from Computer Solutions for the server for \$12,925.77. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT END-OF-YEAR REPORT

Eric Voss presented a power point for the commissioners, with photos of the emergency vehicles, last year's number of runs and long distance transfers, as well as a chart of employees. He discussed the goals for the department.

MCDANIEL MEMORIAL DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT GRANT

City Manager Uri introduced McDaniel Memorial as the downtown improvement committee's applicant for a grant. He explained the committee's review process.

TIF PROJECT – 5TH STREET

APPROVED

The project would use TIF dollars to improve the sidewalk and curb & gutter along 5th Street between the new businesses of McDaniel Memorial and Destiny Breault Photography. Finance Director Farha discussed the project, with figures from the county appraiser demonstrating the increase in the property's value after the project is completed. The estimated project cost for McDaniel Memorial is \$83,953.71, with the owner's

portion for remodel \$61,393.42 and the City's portion for sidewalk, curb & gutter, driveways and removal of trees \$22,560.29. The estimated project cost for Destiny Breault Photography is \$36,862.09, with the owner's portion for remodel \$7,799.64 and the City's portion for sidewalk and parking \$29,062.45. Finance Director Farha pointed out that despite this project as planned future project, there will be estimated \$1,036,000 at the end of the TIF's life if no other funds are spent.

City Manager Uri presented a letter from the County, opposing the use of TIF funds for the hiking trail. Bev Mortimer from USD 333 was in attendance, and spoke on the school board's opposition as well. She cited the decrease in state aid, and hoped there would be money in the TIF fund to disperse to the entities at the end of the TIF life.

RESOLUTIONS:

2013-1948 TIF PROJECT RESOLUTION OF INTENT

PULLED

Commissioner Johnson asked why the resolution mentioned bonding, if this project would not be bonded. City Manager Uri said this is the language that is generally in these resolutions, and it does not mean the City would have to bond, only that we would be able to if needed.

After discussion, City Manager Uri withdrew the resolution, and asked for a vote instructing the City to proceed with the 5th Street TIF project.

Commissioner Wentz moved to allow the city manager to proceed with the 5th Street TIF project. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri discussed the middle school project, saying the City's interest was mostly due to moving the police station. Since Chief Edin is no longer employed, interest in the building for that purpose has waned at this point. He suggested waiting for a new chief to continue pursuing this option. He asked for the commissioners' opinions on the subject.

Bev Mortimer talked about the closing of the building due to budget constraints.

City Manager Uri said the intergovernmental meeting to be held in Glasco tonight was postponed to next Wednesday due to weather.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Fraser said he'd had a complaint about the blade tearing up a lawn and sprinkler system, during the recent snow removal.

Commissioner Johnson discussed the court case for which he'd requested a total spent on prosecutor fees, citing the commissioners' lack of information in approving such items. He said he wished to see an itemized statement of all expenses, including salaries. Finance Director Farha said that is provided in the monthly report she assembles.

Mayor Pounds asked if Group Benefit Specialists could come and discuss the changes for health insurance with the new affordable care act in place. Mayor Pounds asked if the horseshoe pits had been replaced in the park. Ron Copple answered no.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ron Copple said there would be a spring cleanup April 1-April 5.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

HELD

Commissioner Johnson moved that the commission recess into executive session for ten (10) minutes for non-elected personnel. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 5:55 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Pounds announced there was no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

HELD

Commissioner Fraser moved that the commission recess into executive session for five (5) minutes for attorney-client privilege. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:07 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:12 p.m.

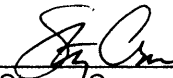
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ADJOURN

Mayor Pounds 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 Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk