

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 6, 2013**

The governing body met in regular session on February 6, 2013, 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, Toby Nosker, Kirk Lowell, Ken Johnson, Tammy Britt, Ashley McMillan, Tina Barnett, Christy Hasch, Steve Richard, Everett Ford, Janet Lowell, Bev Taddiken, Lawrence Schleuder, Brad Waller, Seth Retter, Josh Trimble. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works; Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief.

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

City Manager Uri noted changes on the agenda; the police van bids were removed, and an executive session was added for non-elected personnel, as well as an added study session item to discuss a TIF project on the street and sidewalk at 5<sup>th</sup> and State.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Johnson wished for his question about whether Commissioner Wentz should abstain from voting on her son's rehabilitation project to be added.

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2013, meeting, as amended. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Johnson asked about the Allen & Sweet Law Office payment. City Manager Uri said it is a crime resulting in jail time if found guilty. Commissioner Johnson asked if there is a policy on the use of police tasers. City Manager Uri said he wasn't aware of one, but did know the department does training on their use.

Commissioner Parker asked about the library benefit payment. Finance Director Farha said it is the amount levied to the library, and reflects first half property taxes.

Commissioner Fraser asked if the Resource Council allocation was a yearly payment. Finance Director Farha said it had been budgeted when the Council requested the support.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #2. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**APPROVED**

City Manager Uri said the committee reviews applicants for the downtown improvement program. Kirk Lowell was the representative, but upon his resignation from CloudCorp, it was recommended Ashley McMillan, CloudCorp's interim director, replace him.

Commissioner Johnson questioned the appointment, thinking it was discussed at one point abandoning the program. Finance Director Farha said there is \$20,000 in the fund for future projects. Commissioner Wentz noted that the policy states the depository bank will give an annual accounting.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve Ashley McMillan to the downtown improvement grant review committee. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**AIRPORT MASTER PLAN**

**HELD**

Mayor Pounds opened the public hearing. The purpose of the public hearing was to hear comments on the airport master plan. Mayor Pounds read the notice published in the paper. Kirk Lowell discussed the board's hard work the last several years on the plan, and thanked the board, staff, and the Blosser family.

Mayor Pounds closed the public hearing.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**2013-1946 SUPPORT OF TRAIL PROJECT**

**PASSED**

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

**WHEREAS, THE GOVERNING BODY FINDS THAT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY IS SERVED BY ADOPTING CERTAIN POLICIES REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF GRANTS;**

City Manager Uri discussed a breakdown of items included in the grant application, totaling \$1,101,988.50. The match is 20%, or over \$200,000, of which TIF funds can be used. Commissioner Fraser said he was not comfortable using TIF funds for the project, adding that the money could be better used to help businesses. Most of the commissioners expressed interest in using TIF funds for this project.

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

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

Nay: Commissioner Fraser.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2013-1946 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AIRPORT MASTER PLAN**

Brad Waller presented a power point on the future of the airport and discussed the various runway options that were considered by the board. The new plan, at an estimated cost of \$8.64 million, allows for industry around the airport; therefore the new hospital location was accepted. One of the grass runways would be closed to accommodate the hospital.

Mr. Waller has also been retained by the hospital board, and discussed the need for upgrading the highway entrance, with a possible grant for that project. A recently awarded KDOT grant of \$675,000 would connect the hospital with the runway.

**RES. 2013-1947 AIRPORT MASTER PLAN**

**PASSED**

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

**WHEREAS, AN AIRPORT MASTER PLAN 2013 UPDATE FOR BLOSSER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT IN THE CITY OF CONCORDIA HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, REVIEWED BY THE GOVERNING BODY, AND MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT A MEETING CALLED AND HELD FOR THE PURPOSE;**

The Resolution was considered and discussed; and thereupon on motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Wentz, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2013-1947 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Uri stated that with the upcoming election, it should be decided whether the commissioners would be keeping the iPads or turning them in when going off the commission.

City Manager Uri attended a meeting this week with Kansas Gas. KGS is no longer interested in serving the north development. With the new jail needing the service soon, the City itself plans to service this area of the city.

He discussed the possibility of acquiring the middle school for a community center, as well as housing the police department in that building. A group of citizens has voluntarily assembled to see the project come to fruition.

#### **MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Mayor Pounds said he'd spoken with a business that was possibly interested in locating to Concordia after hearing about the Alco building. City Manager Uri promised to follow up. Mayor Pounds asked about the sewer relocation in the south development. Ken Johnson said it's nearly ready for bids.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Ron Copple said he was interested in putting an older John Deere tractor in the Optimist sale, if the commission agreed.

Chad Buckley said a sewer line was torn up today, in order to free the jetter which had become stuck while jetting the sewer. He also said the wastewater treatment plant study session item has been pulled.

Finance Director Farha reported on 2012, saying the year ended with a \$660,529 reserve, up from a projected \$393,329. The windfall resulted from revenues being up 104% of budget, and expenses up 88% of budget.

Ken Johnson commented on a preliminary plat on the landscaping and sidewalks at the south development that Campbell & Johnson is working on that will go with the grant application.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL**

**HELD**

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

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:43 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:53 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 Parker moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Stacey Crum  
City Clerk