

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD MARCH 6, 2013

The governing body met in regular session on March 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, Greg York, Steve Lindsey, Holly Thoman, Tina Barnett, Connie Walenta, Mike Johnson, Tom Job, Christy Hasch, Melanie Matt, Retta Waite, Casey Fraser, Arlene Clayton. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works; Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

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

City Manager Uri discussed the changes to the agenda; removing the Brown Grand Theatre discussion and adding the Womack agreement extension.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #4

APPROVED

Commissioner Fraser questioned the high bill for vet services. City Manager Uri explained that a pending court case had caused several animals to be boarded, as well as accepting animals from Clay Center and housing them. He noted we will begin charging more for boarding. Commissioner Fraser asked about the travel for repairs at the treatment plant. Chad Buckley said the UV system at the treatment plant has never had maintenance in fifteen years. The only person who could work on the system lives on the east coast and must charge for travel to do repairs.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #4. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arlene Clayton applauded the efforts of those working towards the new hospital.

APPOINTMENTS:

JUVENILE JUSTICE AUTHORITY

APPROVED

City Manager Uri said the appointment of Al Paredes to the JJA's board would provide a representative for Concordia. Mr. Paredes had provided an expression of interest for the position.

Mayor Pounds moved to approve Al Paredes to the Juvenile Justice Authority board. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

CITY FINANCIAL REPORTS

The item was put on the agenda due to Commissioner Johnson's requests from the last meeting. He stated he wished to see more detail on revenues and expenses. City Manager Uri said we could make copies of all invoices. Commissioner Johnson asked that they be delivered to him.

INSURANCE PROPOSALS

Requests for proposals had been received from four agents. All were on hand to discuss their companies and their proposals, as well as answer questions. The proposals for an annual premium were as follows:

Midwest Public Risk – based in Independence, MO	\$ 55,523
KCAMP (Kansas County Association Multiline Pool) – based in Topeka, KS	\$ 74,768
Peoples Insurance (EMC Insurance) – based in Concordia	\$106,763
Kastl-Powell Agency (Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Co.) – based in Concordia	\$156,768

Tom Job from KCAMP, located in Topeka, is a member-owned self-insured pool. Its emphasis is on risk management. Mr. Job explained the added services of KCAMP, including legal services, training, and tuition reimbursement for law enforcement. The premium covers anything acquired during the year up to a \$2.5 million value without an additional cost.

The City's current agent, Steve Lindsey of Peoples Insurance, spoke next. Mr. Lindsey stressed the importance of his locally owned company, saying all his staff is professionally licensed. His agency insures 100 local businesses in Cloud County. Mr. Lindsey said EMC, the company insuring the City, is the largest insurer of public entities in Kansas.

Connie Walenta, of Kastl-Powell, introduced Mike Johnson of Berkshire-Hathaway to speak about her proposal. Mr. Johnson stated Berkshire-Hathaway has been writing business in Kansas for some time to offer an alternative to EMC. He said the company will cover the property 100% even if the property is undervalued. He said the City would get the benefit of a local agent.

Midwest Public Risk was presented by Melanie Matt. She said the focus of MPR is on risk and loss control. The added values of MPR include education and training. The company started in Missouri and has recently begun doing business in Kansas, with both property and health insurance. MPR is a member-owned pool, returning \$7 million in premiums to the members in the last 5 years.

City Manager Uri said the commission could choose to vote tonight, or come back at the next meeting, still giving time to notify any agent of the decision before April 1. It was decided to vote at the March 20 meeting.

EQUIPMENT BIDS

APPROVED

Three bids were received for a passenger vehicle. The vehicle will be used by the building inspector, and his current pickup will be transferred to the parks department. The bids were as follows:

Bidder	Model	Total	Less Trade	Net
Womack Sunshine Ford	Ford Escape	\$23,500	\$800	\$22,700
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Concordia Chevrolet	Chevy Impala	\$15,834	\$1,500	\$14,335

Staff recommended accepting the bid from Concordia Chevrolet.

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve the bid from Concordia Chevrolet for the Chevy Impala for \$14,335. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

One bid was received for an air compressor, from Foley Equipment, for \$15,824 less trade in of \$3,000. Ron Copple said the price was much less than budgeted. The street and water department both use it, and would both be paying for it.

Commissioner Wentz moved to accept the bid for the air compressor from Foley Equipment for \$12,824. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

One bid was received for a two ton truck cab & chassis. The truck will be used for plowing snow and hauling debris. The bid was for \$46,519, with \$1,000 offered for the trade. Mr. Copple stated he would like to sell it on Purple Wave, convinced it could sell for much more than trading it.

Commissioner Parker moved to accept the bid from Womack for the Ford 650 for \$46,519 and sell the trade on Purple Wave. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The City received two bids for the one ton truck cab & chassis, to be used in the parks and cemetery. The bids were as follows:

Bidder	Model	Total	Less Trade	Net
Womack Sunshine Ford	Ford F350	\$22,520	\$4,000	\$18,520
Concordia Chevrolet	Chevy	\$24,604.95	\$8,175	\$16,429.95

Staff recommended accepting the bid from Concordia Chevrolet.

Commissioner Johnson moved to accept the bid from Concordia Chevrolet for \$16,429.95 for the one ton truck. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Three bids were accepted for a utility vehicle for the sports complex, trading the 2005 Mule. Bids were as follows:

Bidder	Model	Total	Less Trade	Net
Concordia Tractor	JD HPX Gator 4x4	\$8,650	\$2,000	\$6,650
Womack Sunshine Ford	610 Mule 4x4	\$6,950	\$3,500	\$3,450
Womack Sunshine Ford	600 Mule	\$6,200	\$3,500	\$2,700

Staff recommended accepting the bid from Womack for \$2,700.

Commissioner Parker moved to accept the Womack bid for the 600 Mule with trade in for \$2,700. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

WOMACK EXTENSION AGREEMENT

APPROVED

City Manager Uri said the agreement would be extended until July 1 with approval. He said Mr. Womack has been waiting on the City for some time to prepare the ground, and did not feel this was an unacceptable request. An earlier extension moved the date from December 31, 2012, to April 1. City Manager Uri said this would probably be the last extension.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the second Womack extension agreement, moving it from April 1 to July 1. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri announced Boy Scout Troop 38. Les Dethloff had each of the boys introduce themselves. They were in attendance to earn the citizenship in the community merit badge.

City Manager Uri asked for the commission's direction on the middle school. As it was the former police chief's idea to possibly move the department to the middle school, he introduced new police chief Bruce Johnson to discuss some of the problems with the current police department building. Both Mayor Pounds and Commissioner Parker said the City had enough projects and there was no urgency for this. It was decided the commissioners would tour the police department directly before the next commission meeting.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Fraser asked what could be done about the driving lanes in front of Heavy's. There is little way to avoid driving in the turning lane to avoid customer parking. Ron Copple said he could eliminate the turning lanes.

Commissioner Wentz asked about ambulance service in Glasco. It was decided to bring back an ambulance township report to the next meeting. Commissioner Wentz asked about the Plum Road dam. City Manager Uri said there is a meeting on March 25 with the engineers. There is a concern with the roadway along the body of water, and things must be resolved with KDOT to move forward. Commissioner Wentz wondered about the gas service at the north development. City Manager Uri said the project would be put out for bids on Friday, and will be presented at the next meeting with Thaniel Monaco. The City has spoken with a couple companies, one of which could be hired to install meters and inspect lines. Staff is still determining costs, which would influence the charge passed on to customers.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Clerk Crum said the League will be holding a strategic planning meeting in the commission room on March 28, preceded by a mayor's association meeting.

Chad Buckley said he's interested in finding new sources of water, and plans to drill some test wells.

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 Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk