
MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON
Wednesday, May 15, 2013 5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on May 15, 2013, at 5:30 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, Finance Director Farha, 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, Chuck Boyd, Maureen Boyd, Heather Carder, Lindsay Metcalf, Janet Lowell, Tammy Britt, Everett Ford, Janet Morrison, Gordon Morrison. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief; Eric Voss, Fire Chief.

Pastor Heather Carder gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri added an executive session for attorney-client privilege.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2013, meeting. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #9

APPROVED

Staff answered questions about KLA's final design, the interface installation, Wood Oil's overpayment of a water bill, and the gas line delivery charges.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #9. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Everett Ford spoke concerning letters he recently received, with City plans to demolish several of his properties. Mr. Ford agreed that some could go on the City's demo program, with him paying half, but did not agree in the City's decision requiring the costs paid up front. He asked for an extension on some.

APPOINTMENTS:

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Three members, Toby Nosker, Cheryl Lanoue, and Kenny Allen, have expired terms. All three have expressed an interest in reappointment of two year terms, which staff approves.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the reappointment of Toby Nosker, Cheryl Lanoue, and Kenny Allen. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING:

5TH STREET TIF PROJECT

Mayor Parker opened the public hearing.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Parker closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCES:

2013-3051 5TH STREET TIF PROJECT**PASSED**

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT PLAN FOR USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS IN CONJUNCTION THEREWITH.

Thereupon, Commissioner Pounds moved that said ordinance be passed. Commissioner Wentz 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 Parker, Wentz, Johnson, Pounds, and Hasch.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said ordinance duly passed and the ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2013-3051 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:**PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT**

Janet Lowell, representing the Rotary Club, said the organization has chosen Play by Design, of Ithaca, New York, for the project design. A fund will be established within the Community Foundation for donations. School children will be interviewed to get their ideas, and volunteers will be assembled this summer for the project.

Commissioner Hasch moved to support the park planning project headed by the Rotary Club. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:**COUNTY DISPATCH AGREEMENT****APPROVED**

The dispatch agreement provides for the partial support of dispatch services provided to the County. The City has been receiving \$80,000 a year for the last several years, but after researching expenses incurred by the dispatch department, it was decided to raise the fee to \$100,000. City Manager Uri said based upon actual usage by the County of the services, that figure should be close to \$130,000. He suggested revisiting this agreement each year.

City Manager Uri noted a correction to be made in the contract, changing the responsibility of the intoxilyzer from the City to the County.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the dispatch service agreement with the County with the change. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACTOR APPROVAL – 5TH STREET TIF PROJECT**APPROVED**

Ken Johnson said one bid was received for the TIF project for Destiny Breault's photography studio and McDaniel Memorial of \$23,729.85 from JR & Sons General Contracting. The engineer's estimate was \$34,264.69. Mr. Johnson discovered a discrepancy in the bidding for seeding and mulch which did not affect the final price, but he asked that be noted in the motion. He also noted that Ms. Breault preferred the front of her studio concreted rather than adding in dirt and seeding, though that was not part of the initial plan.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the block 150 redevelopment plan for \$23,729.85, with the correction on the pricing of seeding and mulch. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said the county appraiser has offered for the commissioners to visit his office for an explanation of property valuations, as requested several times by Commissioner Johnson. City Manager Uri also discussed the demo properties, explaining that the landowners were given a deadline to be placed on the demo program, and that all property owners involved were asked to pay half the costs up front, not just Mr. Ford.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Wentz commended public works on the parks and cemetery.

Commissioner Johnson asked to see the corrected copy of the gas line ordinance.

Commissioner Hasch gave a quick report of the recent Governing Body Institute she attended.

Commissioner Pounds asked about the leakage problem at the police department. Bruce Johnson answered that since the air conditioning unit had been worked on, the roof had quit leaking. Commissioner Pounds asked how the bump in College Drive would be fixed. Ron Copple said on a hot day, he could shave it off with the grader.

STAFF COMMENTS

Bruce Johnson said they had a KBI audit and got a good review. He also said the funds spent last year for the Weatherbug camera with 911 money was denied, so the purchase was made in the general fund.

Ken Johnson gave a Ft. Kearney Street update. He also said he's been reviewing KLA's final plans submitted to the City. On the 5th Street TIF project, Mr. Johnson said he'd like commission approval to talk to Ashley McMillan with CloudCorp and Destiny Breault to find out Ms. Breault's wishes for the front of her studio. The commission gave the go-ahead.

City Manager Uri spoke for Chad Buckley, not in attendance, to discuss whether the Division of Water Resources might give us permission to again use the well that we quit using last year. He said we may need to continue conservation practices.

Bruno Rehbein said about 130 courtesy letters have been sent out for tall grass and discussed the process for proceeding should the property owners not attend to their yards.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**HELD**

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

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:05 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:15 p.m.


Mayor Parker announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

Mayor Parker 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 Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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 Stacey Crum
 City Clerk