
MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON
Wednesday, June 19, 2013 **5:30 p.m.**

The governing body met in regular session on June 19, 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, Peggy Loveland, Janice Swenson, Joshua Meyer, Doris Hale, Ken Johnson, Ashley McMillan, Dennis Wille, Kevin Latson, Tina Barnett, Everett Ford, Shane Britt, Denise deRocheffort-Reynolds, Gary Dvorak, Brenda Dvorak, Janet Lowell. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief; Eric Voss, Fire Chief.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2013, meeting. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #11

APPROVED

The question of airport litigation was answered by City Manager Uri who said this was for land acquisition. The leak detection services was purchased for finding the unknown connection between the south water system and main water system. In answer to a question about Alsop Sand's bill, the bill mainly contained purchases for road gravel.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #11. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ashley McMillan introduced Dennis Wille, of Play by Design from Ithaca, New York. Play by Design has been selected to design the new playground equipment in City Park. Mr. Wille discussed the process of the design.

Everett Ford talked about his properties scheduled to be demolished. He also expressed displeasure about the water disconnect fee for one of his tenants, due to late payment.

Doris Hale presented poppies to the commission in honor of Buddy Poppy Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

CONCEALED CARRY POLICY & EXTENSION REQUEST LETTER

City Manager Uri said new legislation now permits concealed carry firearms in all public buildings, unless adequate security measures are taken to secure the premises. Postponement of the statute will be allowed until January 1, 2014, by notifying the Secretary of State with a letter and providing a list of properties.

Most commissioners did not see a problem with allowing weapons. Commissioner Hasch was not in favor of allowing them in certain areas such as the pool and the library.

Commissioner Johnson moved to not sign the letter. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Hasch opposing.

NEW BUSINESS:

FEDERAL FUNDS EXCHANGE

APPROVED

Ron Copple suggested banking the exchange money, to be used for a future project such as 18th Street. The amount is \$51,475.61. We have \$20,680 in that account now, and will be reimbursed for the \$18,000 18th Street design cost.

Commissioner Johnson moved to bank the money and approve the federal funds exchange agreement. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FRANK CARLSON LIBRARY BUDGET REQUEST

Joshua Meyer discussed activities at the library. They continue to plan for capital improvement projects. The library is requesting \$156,552 for 2014, and \$38,426 for employee benefits, for a total of \$194,978.

RESOURCE COUNCIL BUDGET REQUEST

Shane Britt spoke for the Resource Council. The agency is currently without an executive director. Mr. Britt said 681 people were served by the food bank last year, and 188 people were helped with crisis funds. He requested \$14,000, the same amount as requested last year.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER BUDGET REQUEST

Gary Dvorak said the agency serves 100 meals a day, including deliveries. He encouraged volunteerism. Mr. Dvorak requested \$4000, an amount which has not changed since he assumed the position with the Area Agency on Aging.

FLOOD CONTROL ENGINEERING CONTRACT ADDENDUM

APPROVED

It was found that about two acres at the 21st Street dam meets the federal definition of wetlands. The wetlands will need to be eliminated in the design.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the addendum to KLA Engineer's contract. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

2013-3052 ZONING CHANGE

PASSED

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

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS; ORDERING THE OFFICIAL CITY ZONING DISTRICT MAP TO BE CHANGED TO REFLECT SUCH AMENDMENTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ARTICLE IV OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS.

Thereupon, Commissioner Hasch 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 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. 2013-3052 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said there will be an overrun on the gas line contract, due to changing the route of the line to tie in at a different place than originally planned. He pulled the study session item for nuisances. City Manager Uri said the City was not awarded the trails grant, but would try again. Dates were set for budget meetings in July.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson asked about dirt volumes for the dam and to see the final draft. Ken Johnson stated he was not sure we were provided one. Commissioner Johnson mentioned several checks that

were approved twice. It was decided Finance Director Farha would provide a check register for the year, to show the voided checks and that they were not issued twice.

STAFF COMMENTS

Bruno Rehbein discussed the three properties accepted into the demo program, and produced the low estimate from Waite Excavating. The utilities have been ordered disconnected on these properties, and then the demo permit can be released.

Ken Johnson gave an update on the gas line for the north development.

Chad Buckley said the water line to the jail is nearing completion. He also said the jetter truck is done and ready to be picked up by staff.

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 and Police Chief Johnson. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:11 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor Parker announced there was no binding action taken.

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 Hasch seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:23 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor Parker announced there was no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE #1 HELD

Commissioner Wentz moved that the commission recess into executive session for thirty (30) minutes for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate. Inviting: City Manager Uri and Ken Johnson. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:37 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Parker announced there was no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE #2 HELD

Commissioner Wentz moved that the commission recess into executive session for twenty (20) minutes for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate. Inviting: City Manager Uri and Ken Johnson. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 8:09 p.m.


The commission reconvened at 8:29 p.m.

Mayor Parker announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioner Wentz moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk