
MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON
Wednesday, July 3, 2013 5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on July 3, 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, Mary Jo Thummel, Ken Johnson, Ashley McMillan, Joe Koechner, Tammy Britt. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief; Eric Voss, Fire Chief.

Pastor Joe Koechner gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri suggested adjourning the meeting to continue to the July 8 budget meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2013, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #12

APPROVED

Questions answered: Advance is paid fully by the City for life insurance, while all other insurance on the payables – Prudential, Superior, Surency – is payroll-deducted and paid by the employees. The t-shirts purchased from Press Express were for playground. The Kansas Dept. of Revenue check was for flood control land purchase. City Manager Uri explained that at times these purchases are made through the KDOR instead of to the landowner.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve appropriation ordinance #12. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPOINTMENTS:

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

Ron Copple said three positions held by Lance Link, Kirk Lowell and Everett Ford have expired. Mr. Lowell has chosen to step down from the advisory board, while Mr. Link and Mr. Ford expressed interest in reappointment. Cynthia Reimann put in an application for the board. The airport advisory board voted to approve all three. Mr. Copple thanked Kirk Lowell for a job well done on the airport master plan.

Commissioner Pounds moved to appoint Lance Link, Everett Ford, and Cynthia Reimann to the airport advisory board. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Wentz opposing.

OLD BUSINESS:

THREADS FOR HIM

APPROVED

Central National Bank has found a buyer for the Threads For Him business. The purchase amount will cover the delinquency to the bank, but the City's revolving loan and the Kansas Department of Commerce's loan will not be recouped. City Manager Uri explained the alternative to releasing the mortgage would be for the City to purchase the business after a foreclosure, then attempt to sell it on our own. He recommended cutting our losses to allow the bank to proceed with the sale. Finance Director Farha said that still leaves \$422,000 in the fund for future loans.

Commissioner Wentz moved to authorize the mayor to sign the satisfaction of mortgage agreement and the release of security agreement. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

CLOUDCORP BUDGET REQUEST

Ashley McMillan said CloudCorp was again requesting \$55,000. She noted several changes since assuming the position of director this year, including a website. The board has given her four goals on which to focus: community development, small business recruitment, business retention expansion, and going after the big projects.

SPORTS COMPLEX RESTROOMS

APPROVED

Ron Copple presented the one bid, from Budreau Construction, for \$84,400. The county voted to donate \$67,000 of Horizon Wind Farms funds in order to help fund the project. That amount was the original engineer's estimate. Mr. Copple recommended approving the project, and using CIP funds for the balance. This would involve reallocating funds from the Geometric Improvement K-9 Highway State to Washington project to this project. It was explained that funds could be allocated back to the Geometric project in next year's budget.

Mr. Copple also noted the Optimist Club had elected to donate \$15,000 towards restrooms for Rasure field. The estimate for construction is \$36,978.03. Some work can be done by City staff. Remaining costs would come from CIP as noted above.

Commissioner Pounds moved to accept the bid for \$84,400 for the restrooms and use CIP funds for the remainder of the project. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pounds moved to accept the \$15,000 donation from the Optimist Club and go forward with the restrooms at Rasure Field and use CIP funds for the remainder of the project. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE TIF PROJECTS

City Manager Uri discussed the direction of the TIF fund. The district will expire in 2020, bringing in approximately \$100,000 each year until its demise. He explained that the district was initially set up to reduce blight, and he encouraged the commission to adopt a plan to tackle blight in the downtown area. Until now, economic development has been the focus for the use of the funds. He said expectations of the other entities involved – USD 333, Cloud County Community College, and Cloud County – for a dispersal of remaining money in the fund at the end of the district should be discouraged, saying the original document never planned for unused funds.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH KANSAS GAS SERVICE

APPROVED

The agreement allows the City to tap into Kansas Gas Service's existing line at 3rd and Valley for the new development. The estimated cost of the project is \$55,000, with the City making an initial payment of \$27,500.

Commissioner Wentz moved to authorize the city manager to sign the letter of agreement with Kansas Gas Service. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL

The FAA has encouraged a waterfowl management plan for the future lake by the 21st Street dam. Bowman Bowman Novick provided a proposal for a maximum total of \$8500. Services will include a plan to discourage geese from using the parks and lake, as well as consulting with federal and state agencies.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the contract for \$8500 with Bowman Bowman Novick. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

2013-1955 WATER WARNING

PASSED

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

WHEREAS, AN ORDER ISSUED BY THE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES OF THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HAS DECREASED THE CITY'S AVAILABLE WATER SUPPLY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CALENDAR YEAR;

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

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2013-1955 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri provided an invoice for the vac truck, which is ready for pick up by City staff.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Wentz said she'd received complaints about how the trees are being trimmed on 11th Street. Eric Voss said he'd been attempting to get ahold of the business owner.

Commissioner Johnson asked if all the water meters have been replaced. Chad Buckley said about thirty of the most difficult are still left.

STAFF COMMENTS

Eric Voss said the fire department had been awarded a FEMA grant for the exhaust system.

Bruce Johnson proposed a five year plan for the purchase of new vehicles, and presented approximate costs of two for this year being purchased from the Government Services Administration.

Chad Buckley said the topographical survey for the gas line service has been sent to BG Consultants.

Finance Director Farha presented the budget workbook for next week's budget meeting.

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 to 3 p.m. on July 8 for the budget. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk