
MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON
Wednesday, August 21, 2013 5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on August 21, 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, Deb Ohlde, Sister Beth Stover, Monte Wentz, Jeff Nielsen, LaVerne Clintsman, Tammy Britt. Staff present: Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

Pastor Jeff Nielsen gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri said one item under new business, for discussion of water department shop building, would be dropped. Also, he added an executive session for attorney-client privilege.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2013, meeting. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #15

APPROVED

Answers to questions asked: the Farmway billing was for monthly purchases, the KLA Environmental payment was for the larger contract, and Commissioner Johnson requested seeing the feasibility study, and the Medicare payment was reimbursement for the overpayment on a patient.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #15. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION CONFLICT OF INTEREST HEARING

Mayor Parker opened the public hearing.

The purpose of this hearing is to announce the award of funding for a Commercial Rehabilitation CDBG project for property owned by the son and daughter-in-law of a City Commission member. Comments will be sought from the citizens attending this hearing and all comments will be entered into the official minutes of this hearing.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Parker closed the public hearing.

PROCLAMATIONS:

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

Sister Beth Stover presented the proclamation, and Mayor Parker declared September 2013 as Recovery Month.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINT LEAGUE VOTING DELEGATES

City Clerk Crum asked for two voting delegates for the upcoming League conference, and for two alternate voting delegates.

Commissioner Pounds moved to appoint Commissioner Wentz and Commissioner Johnson as League voting delegates. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wentz moved to appoint Commissioner Pounds and Commissioner Hasch as League alternate voting delegates. Mayor Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2013 BUDGET AMENDMENT

APPROVED

Finance Director Farha said the amendment adds a gas fund to the budget, with proposed expenditures of \$40,399.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

2013-3056 STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

PASSED

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

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES, EDITION OF 2013, WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS, AMENDMENTS, AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.

Thereupon, Commissioner Johnson moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pounds. 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. 2013-3056 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

2013-3057 UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE

PASSED

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

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES, EDITION OF 2013, WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS, AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS; PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES; REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 14-1 OF THE CONCORDIA CODE; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING A SECTION NUMBERED 14-1.

Thereupon, Commissioner Wentz moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. 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. 2013-3057 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri discussed current water billing practices. Due to the post office being unable to deliver mail as quickly as in the past, all customers who were shut off last week will receive the late fee credited back to their account. Also, we will soon begin sending only one bill per month, and mail full size bills rather than postcard bills.

Pictures of damages by semi-trucks turning into Short Stop were shown, due to a complaint from a citizen.

City Manager Uri said several bicycles have been purchased by the City for use by the college students.

He recently met with flood control engineers. By not holding water in the Plum Road dam, no mitigation is required. Two acres of the 21st Street dam will have wetlands which need to be mitigated. The design for the relocation of the sewer is complete. He said most likely contractors won't be able to build the dam this fall as originally planned.

City Manager Uri attended a grant writing workshop last week, and will begin working on possible grants.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson asked about the status of nuisances. Ron Copple said though he realizes there are numerous lawns that need mowed, his first priority is to City property. Commissioner Johnson stated we might consider hiring more employees next year. Commissioner Johnson noted the parking stalls seem narrow outside City Hall and downtown.

Commissioner Hasch asked about the property near Dan Huff, who was in attendance recently to voice a complaint about his neighbor. Bruno Rehbein said a nuisance letter has been sent.

Commissioner Pounds asked about the status of the gas line. The pipe is in the ground, and the County has reimbursed us their share for the project.

Mayor Parker asked if there was an ordinance for blowing grass in the street while mowing. City Manager Uri said he would look into it. Mayor Parker asked Ron Copple if he was pleased with the mastic sealing on the streets. Mr. Copple said he was.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ron Copple said the County is about \$100,000 short in getting the hot mix plant up and running. He proposed giving them the money, on the assumption this would be paying for the asphalt in advance.

Chad Buckley said the manhole has been set at Rasure Field, to allow for the sewer line. He showed a video of the cleaning and inspection of the west water tower.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE HELD

Commissioner Johnson moved that the commission recess into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate. Inviting: City Manager Uri and Chad Buckley. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:47 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:02 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 fifteen (15) minutes for attorney-client privilege. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:04 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:19 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 Pounds moved to adjourn the meeting Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk