

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON
Thursday, January 02, 2014 5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on January 2, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Parker, Wentz, Pounds, and Hasch.

Absent: Commissioner Johnson.

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, Joe Jindra, Tanya Jordan, Julie Willoughby, Tammy Britt. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

There was no invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Manager Uri asked to remove the gas billing discussion from the study session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2013, meeting. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #24

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds asked if we might request the \$50,000 paid to the Blossers for the airport land be donated for airport purposes. City Manager Uri said it was a possibility, after all the paperwork has been done. In answer to the question about Wildside Graphic's payment, it was answered that dispatch shirts were purchased.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #24. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPOINTMENTS:

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

APPROVED

Bruno Rehbein said the positions were advertised with no response. Both Mike Linden and Cathy Miller expressed interest in serving another term.

Commissioner Hasch moved to appoint Mike Linden & Cathy Miller to another three year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION:

NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

Tanya Jordan and Julie Willoughby, of Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas, presented the proclamation, and the mayor proclaimed January as National Stalking Awareness Month.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1020/1022 WASHINGTON STREET CONDEMNATION

Mayor Parker opened the public hearing.

Bruno Rehbein said new owners have purchased the property and are in the process of returning it to a single family home. He is confident the work will be done, and he recommended dropping the condemnation unless the property continues to be blighted.

Commissioner Hasch moved to drop the condemnation of the 1020/1022 Washington Street property. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

UTILITY SAFETY & DESIGN, INC. CONTRACTS

APPROVED

E.V. Cathodic, procured by the City to service the new gas line as well as any required paperwork to the State, has notified the City that the business was sold. Utility Safety & Design purchased E.V. Cathodic's territory, and has produced contracts for nearly the same money and services.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the contracts with USDI for two years. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

2014-3066 BLOSSER AIRPORT

PASSED

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

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR NAMING AND SIGNAGE AT BLOSSER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT IN THE CITY OF CONCORDIA; REPEALING CONCORDIA CODE SECTION 5-31; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 5-31.

Thereupon, Commissioner Wentz moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hasch. 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, Pounds, and Hasch.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2014-3066 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS:

2014-1973 BLOSSER AIRPORT

PASSED

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

THE CITY HAS PROVIDED BY ORDINANCE 2014-3066 THAT THE AIRPORT IN CONCORDIA, KANSAS, SHALL HENCEFORTH BEAR THE NAME BLOSSER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, AND SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS SUCH BY APPROPRIATE AND PROMINENT SIGNAGE;

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

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2014-1973 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri suggested the next meeting convene at 4:00, in order to adjourn to tour Alstom Power's facilities and get back by the regular 5:30 start time.

City Manager Uri produced a list of goals for 2014 and discussed each one:

- Build the dams.
- Complete the wastewater treatment plant design.
- Seek grant funding for trails and safe routes to schools.
- Downtown Planning. Community assessment/goals. Infrastructure requirements.
- Attract occupants for our north development and south development.
- Plan layout for new cemetery.
- Airport use analysis. Economic impact/development.
- Employee wellness.
- Dog park.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Hasch asked about the new police department vehicles. Bruce Johnson said he is still waiting on equipment.

Commissioner Pounds asked if anything in the code addresses the homeowner's responsibility for pushing snow back into the street after the City has cleared that street. City Manager Uri promised to look into it.

Commissioner Wentz thanked the street department for the snow removal.

Mayor Parker added a thanks to the water crew for repairing last night's main break.

STAFF COMMENTS

Bruce Johnson said PD will be removing vehicles from the snow routes as the street department begins picking up the piles of snow.

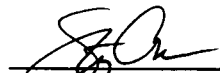
City Clerk Crum announced the two open seats for this year's April 1 election, which are Mayor Parker's and Commissioner Pounds' positions.

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 Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk