

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON**

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on March 19, 2014, 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, Dawn Snyder, Bruce Snyder, LaVerne Clintsman, Don Dean, Tammy Britt, Arlene Clayton, Becky Kindel, Miranda Turpin, Sierra Dobrinski. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson asked that it be noted the dog was allowed back into the home, in the public comments about the resident with the wolf dog.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2014, meeting as amended. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #5

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson asked about the use of saterock. Ron Copple answered that it is cold asphalt used in patching.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #5. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

LaVerne Clintsman asked what was being done about the inspection of his garage. City Manager Uri said he had retained an engineering firm from Beloit but they would not be able to come on site until May. Mr. Clintsman said the statute of limitations was running out on his claim and he would most likely pursue legal action.

NEW BUSINESS:

FEDERAL FUNDS EXCHANGE

APPROVED

Ron Copple explained the program exchanged federal funds into KDOT funds, with the City receiving 90% of the funds. The amount available to exchange is \$63,477.69. He recommended starting the 18th Street project in 2016, in order to have more money set aside for the project. With the funds currently available for the project, these exchanged funds bring the total to \$110,000, with an estimated project cost of \$450,000.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the federal funds exchange request. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

KLINK APPLICATION

APPROVED

Ron Copple presented the project of resurfacing Hwy. 9 from Lincoln to Archer St. with two different costs, due to the State's cap of \$200,000. The first estimate reaches to Broadway St. and to 5th St. The second estimate would keep the cost below the cap, lowering the City's share, but would do two less blocks. It was decided for approximately \$53,000 more it would be worth doing the whole project.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the KLINK application for \$297,495.63, with KDOT's estimated share \$200,000.00 and the City's estimated share \$97,495.63. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EXHAUST SYSTEM

Eric Voss said the department received a \$50,000.00 FEMA grant to install an exhaust system in the bays. The City's share is 95%, or approximately \$3,000.00.

RESOLUTIONS:**2014-1980 DEMO POLICY AMENDMENT****PASSED**

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

WHEREAS, THE GOVERNING BODY FINDS THAT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY IS SERVED BY AMENDING A POLICY CONCERNING THE MAXIMUM LIFETIME AMOUNT THE CITY WILL PROVIDE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL FOR DEMOLITIONS.

Thereupon on motion of Commissioner Pounds, seconded by Commissioner Hasch, 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. 2014-1980 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

ORDINANCES:**2014-3068 ZONING CHANGE 803 VALLEY/LINCOLN SCHOOL****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 Wentz 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. 2014-3068 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said the TIF meeting would be held March 26 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

He discussed an elections bill currently in the Legislature, which, if passed, would change local elections to the fall and possibly eliminate nonpartisanship. Commissioner Johnson moved to allow City Manager Uri to draw up a resolution presenting the City's opposition to the bill. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

This Friday there will be a ceremony held at the ballpark to acknowledge all who donated for improvements to the sports complex and Rasure Field.

City Manager Uri said the new Chamber director wants to start a promotional Concordia magazine, and for goodwill the City might pay for the first issue, which would be \$3700.00. The commission agreed.

City Manager Uri explained the flood insurance premium refund program. Once the dam is completed and our floodplain maps are changed, residents may apply for 100% premium refund on flood insurance.

The Small Business Center has agreed that since the City and the County contribute funds to the Center, all Cloud County residents may attend seminars free of charge.

There will be a public meeting on the airport environmental review.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Pounds asked if it was discussed with KDOT about opening up the intersection north of the viaduct for truck traffic. Ron Copple invited Commissioner Pounds to meet with a KDOT representative. Commissioner Pounds requested a total for the tennis court sign fundraiser. Amber Farha said they'd reached about halfway on the goal.

Commissioner Johnson mentioned the potholes around the railroad tracks. City Manager Uri said he'd written a letter to Kyle Railroad. Commissioner Johnson said the City should take care of it.

Commissioner Wentz announced the name of the new playground. Aiden Poore's submission, "Cloudville", was chosen. The park project has raised so much money that the final fundraiser has been cancelled. The committee will be calling on volunteers for the five day construction project.

STAFF COMMENTS

Eric Voss said the department responded to 33 calls in the last week, including 5 fires.

Ron Copple said the park project has been staked out and his crew will begin doing dirt work and sidewalks. He also said the department is sealing the parking lot at the high school for the cost of materials, the same thing done for the college.

Don Dean gave an update on the sewer project at the south development.

Chad Buckley said his crew is putting in service for the playground. He also said when 18th Street is being done, he would encourage replacing water mains under the street at the same time, something to keep in mind for next year's budget.

ADJOURN

Mayor Parker announced there would be a study session following the adjournment of the meeting.

There being no further business, Commissioner Hasch moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

(Seal)



 Stacey Crum
 City Clerk

