

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

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on April 16, 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, Sister Beth Stover, Ryan McMillan, Thea McMillan, Tammy Britt, Don Dean, Julie Willoughby, Tanya Jordan, Kathy Poore, Justin Poore, Madeline Hoard, Chelsea Martin, Makayla Nelson, Grant Holmes, Dalton Collette, Michaela Hyman, Don Bates, Peter Tyler, LeRoy Dickinson, Megan James, Skyler Hittle, Jordan Mehl, Jordynn Gumm, Pam Campbell, Cody Schmitz, Katie Thompson, Angie Copple, Ashley McMillan, Jim Menard, Rick Knudsen, Tim Stangle, James Buller, Chuck Nondorf, Brandi Peterson. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Mike Copple, Assistant Police Chief.

Sister Beth Stover gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSION REORGANIZATION:

ELECTION RESULTS

City Clerk Crum read the report from the Cloud County Clerk and Election Officer Linda Bogart, certifying the results for the City Commission of Concordia held April 1, 2014, to be as follows:

Tim Parker	171	Retta Waite	1
Lyle L. Pounds	178	Toby Nosker	1
Jessica LeDuc	1		

Following the reading of the results, City Clerk Crum declared Tim Parker and Lyle Pounds to the Office of City Commissioner for three year terms.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Ordinance prescribes that elected officials take the Oath of Office before entering into the duties of his/her office. City Clerk Crum administered the Oaths of Office to Tim Parker and Lyle Pounds for three year terms.

ANNUAL COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

City Ordinance requires that the Commission annually elect one of its members to serve as mayor and preside at commission meetings and perform as official head of the City on formal occasions. Commissioner Pounds moved to appoint Commissioner Wentz as mayor. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Parker moved that Commissioner Hasch be elected as mayor pro tem. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES

City Manager Uri presented a plaque to Tim Parker for serving as mayor the past year.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO DR. POORE

Eric Voss introduced Dr. Justin Poore as medical director of the year, chosen from dozens of applications, and presented him with the KEMSA award. Dr. Poore acknowledged the increase in paramedics and training in the department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2014, meeting. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #7

APPROVED

In response about the chaise lounges purchase, Ron Copple said they were purchased for the pool. KEMSA is the organization responsible for giving the award to Dr. Poore. The drug tests purchased are devices for future new hires and summer help.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve appropriation ordinance #7. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING:

LEDUC TIF PROJECT

Mayor Wentz opened the public hearing.

City Manager Uri discussed the two projects. LeDuc Memorial's project is for removal of construction debris and site clearance. Sonic will have the north drive renovated.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Wentz closed the public hearing.

SONIC TIF PROJECT

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There were no public comments.

Mayor Wentz closed the public hearing.

PROCLAMATIONS:

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Julie Willoughby and Tanya Jordan, of DVAK, read the proclamation, and Mayor Wentz proclaimed April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

APPOINTMENTS:

LIBRARY BOARD

APPROVED

Maria Jindra, current member, is interested in continuing for another four year term. Joshua Meyer is completing his second term and is not eligible for reappointment. Shane Haug has expressed an interest to serve.

Commissioner Parker moved to appoint Maria Jindra and Shane Haug to four year terms on the library board. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

COLLEGE DRIVE WATER LINE

APPROVED

Chad Buckley provided an estimate of materials to install a water line along College Drive from Wal-Mart's north entrance to Campus Drive. TIF funds can be used, as part of the south development project.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the purchase of materials for \$24,156.34 to build the water main along College Drive. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENT HWY. 81 & 1ST ST.

APPROVED

The project would improve the radius at the corner of Hwy. 81 and 1st St. The work would be done in 2017. Total cost is almost \$487,000.00, with the City's share approximately \$50,000.00. A building on that corner will have to be purchased should we receive the funds, and it is hoped the City can recover the purchase price from the State funds.

Commissioner Parker moved to apply for funds for the Geometric project on Hwy. 81 & 1st St. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPTANCE OF REHAB BIDS

APPROVED

Bruno Rehbein presented the bids on three properties for the rehabilitation project. Snell Contracting had the low bids on all three.

Commissioner Parker moved to accept the bids from Snell Contracting for 714 Broadway, 616 Spruce, and 316 E. 6th. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADA REHABILITATION

APPROVED

Funds have been requested for a property outside the target area in at 411 W. 12th St., for handicap accessibility. Bruno Rehbein explained this could be done with rehabilitation funds as long as the original goal of twelve rehabs have been met, which was the case when the above three properties were approved.

Commissioner Johnson moved to accept the application for accessibility upgrades at 411 W. 12th. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HOUSING REHABILITATION AMENDMENT

APPROVED

A request to the State must be made for leftover rehab money to be used for demolition in the target area. A new environmental study will need to be done at the City's expense, costing \$1,000.00.

Commissioner Johnson moved to allow the mayor to sign the request to the State for a budget amendment and scope of work change. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

2014-3070 WATER BILLING

PASSED

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

AN ORDINANCE REVISING FEES FOR LATE PAYMENTS OF WATER AND SEWER CHARGES; REPEALING SECTION 20-34 OF THE CONCORDIA CODE; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING NEW SECTION 20-34.

Thereupon, Commissioner Parker 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 Wentz, Parker, Johnson, Pounds, and Hasch.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2014-3070 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

The commission voted unanimously to give the extra money collected from the \$100 delinquency fees to the Resource Council, to be used as they see fit.

2014-3071 ANIMALS IN CITY LIMITS

TABLED

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA; REPEALING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CONCORDIA CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 4.

Discussion and public input led the commission to suggest further dialogue on the topic the next meeting.

Commissioner Parker moved that said Ordinance be tabled. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hasch. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri announced that there will soon be a tournament-quality 18 hole disc golf course at Airport Park, thanks to donations and other funding.

The Wentz's, who have received the grant to restore the historic building at 6th & Broadway, have put the property into a corporation. The grant agreement will need to be updated to reflect the change.

Commissioner Johnson moved to allow the pro-tem to sign the agreement, changing title of ownership. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried, with Mayor Wentz abstaining.

City Manager Uri explained the necessity for an environmental review needed for a possible revolving loan applicant, but didn't want to go public with any information at this point.

Commissioner Hasch moved to authorize the mayor to sign an environmental review. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

He presented an amendment to the grant seeking KDOT funds for a hiking trail. KDOT has asked that applicants reduce the amount of request in order to award more projects. Due to specific requirements for trails, the grant amount changed.

There are still no permits for the flood control area.

Staff is working with FEMA to remove sections of the east side of town from the new flood plain.

The preliminary plat for the flood control area was shared with the commissioners.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Hasch said she'd heard many good comments about the new Broadway Plaza.

Commissioner Pounds mentioned the rough spot on Hwy. 81 at College Drive. Ron Copple said the work would be done after the playground project.

Commissioner Johnson noted contacting the railroad about the problem areas with potholes. He also discussed a call from a citizen who had a meter lid replaced in her yard, due to her parking on it. Her complaint also was the water run-off from Short Stop's parking lot into her yard.

Commissioner Parker commended the new trees downtown. He also received a call from a citizen requesting a permanent changing area at the ballpark.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ron Copple discussed the new restrooms at the parks and the upcoming work on the playground.

Bruno Rehbein said the water run-off is legal if dumped on a right-of-way.

Don Dean gave an update on Nowak Construction's final work on the south development sewer line.

Chad Buckley announced that the Division of Water Resources temporarily transferred water rights from Well 16 to Well 21, to make more senior water rights available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS DATA

HELD

Commissioner Johnson moved that the commission recess into executive session for ten (10) minutes for preliminary confidential business data. Inviting: City Manager Uri, Amber Farha, and Ashley McMillan. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:52 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

Mayor Wentz announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioner Parker moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk