

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

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

5:00 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on May 7, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Wentz, Johnson, Pounds, and Hasch.

Absent: Commissioner Parker.

Other Officers: City Manager Uri, Finance Director Farha, and City Clerk Crum.

Mayor Wentz declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Russell Dethloff, Don Collins, Ed Brummett, Erin Cuellar, Matthew Carder, Ashley McMillan. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Mike Copple, Assistant Police Chief.

Commissioner Pounds moved to adjourn the meeting to the new restrooms at the ballfields, and to reconvene at City Hall at 5:30. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

Pastor Matthew Carder gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2014, meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #8**

**APPROVED**

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve appropriation ordinance #8. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Russell Dethloff told the commission of his wishes to install a flagpole in City Park as an Eagle Scout project. It will be by the sign at 11<sup>th</sup> & Washington, and be lit at night.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DOG PARK PRESENTATION**

Erin Cuellar, heading up the volunteers for the new dog park, gave a power point on what is being done to raise money. Two fundraisers have been held so far, and a 5K run scheduled for June. So far, \$2500 has been raised, with a \$25,000 goal.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**EAST CONCORDIA FLOOD PLAIN STUDY**

**APPROVED**

The purpose of the study by KLA Environmental is to be able to remove Alstom Power from the new flood plain map. The description of work will be planning, analyzing of FEMA data, and assembling the documents. Commissioner Johnson suggested the entire east Concordia area should be studied, but City Manager Uri said Alstom has an urgency to get this done.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the engineer's agreement with KLA Environmental for the Alstom flood control planning for \$12,770.21. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**DEMO PROGRAM APPLICATIONS**

**APPROVED**

Applications have been received from two individuals on four different properties to be accepted into the demo program; 109, 113 & 119 Strain Ave., and 236 W. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bruno Rehbein said that 113 Strain is an empty lot, but the owner wishes to remove an old foundation.

Commissioner Johnson moved to recommend accepting 109 Strain Ave. for \$8000, 113 Strain Ave. for \$1800, 119 Strain Ave. for \$8000, and 236 W. 2nd for \$10200 into the demo program. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCES:**

**2014-3071 LEDUC TIF**

**PASSED**

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

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT PLAN FOR USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS IN CONJUNCTION THEREWITH.**

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2014-3071 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

**2014-3072 SONIC TIF**

**PASSED**

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2014-3072 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Uri said ABC News had called, and were going to mention Concordia as a record high temperature. They will be running a photo of Cloudville.

City Manager Uri was in contact with the president of the new owner of the railroad, and he will be coming to town to look at the rough crossings.

Budget meetings were tentatively set for July 9 and July 15.

City Manager Uri said all employees have been offered Fitbits, activity tracker devices, as part of the City's wellness program.

Surface water runoff was discussed, to follow up on the topic from last meeting. It was decided there is a problem, and the City should look into funneling Shortstop's runoff into the gutter.

**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Hasch acknowledged the Rotary Club, and the contractors who worked on the playground project. She mentioned the vandalism happening around town, with the killing of vegetation in yards.

Commissioner Pounds thanked Ron Cople's crew for the highway repair at 81 & College Drive.

Commissioner Parker entered at 6:36 p.m.

Commissioner Johnson asked for an itemized accounting of clothing budgets and payroll, during the budget time.

Mayor Wentz asked for an update on the Destiny Breault project. Ashley McMillan said it's nearing completion, though she doesn't know when the building will open for business. She also addressed citizens' concerns that the old playground equipment would be removed.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Chad Buckley said the pump on Well 18 was having problems, and presented an estimate from Layne Christensen Co. for \$22,000. Mr. Buckley said the previous repairs lasted seven years.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the repairs from Layne Christensen. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE**

**HELD**

Commissioner Pounds moved that the commission recess into executive session for five (5) minutes for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:47 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:52 p.m.

Mayor Wentz announced there was no binding action taken.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS DATA**

**HELD**

Commissioner Johnson moved that the commission recess into executive session for five (5) minutes for preliminary confidential business data. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:54 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:59 p.m.


Mayor Wentz announced there was no binding action taken.

#### **ADJOURN**

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

There being no further business, Commissioner Parker moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Stacey Crum  
City Clerk