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MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 *5:30 p.m.*

The governing body met in regular session on June 18, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Wentz, Parker, Johnson, Pounds, and Hasch.

Absent: None.

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, Ashley McMillan, Tina Walsh, Camey Thurner, Dan Haist, Peg Loveland, Janice Swenson, David Strommen, Denise de Rocherfort-Reynolds, Sara Niehues, Shane Haug, Norris Anderson, Scot Henderson, Brenton Phillips, Anna Jackson. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

Pastor David Strommen gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES **APPROVED**

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2014, meeting. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #11 **APPROVED**

Answers to questions asked: the gas service payment was for City usage. The refunds for the Doggie Dash were due to postponing the event. The Verizon bill included $2100 in Fitbits for City employees. It was unknown why there was a late fee for pee wee registrations and City Manager Uri promised to find out.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve appropriation ordinance #11. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

CDBG GRANT EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION **APPROVED**

Concerning the grant for the Monte Wentz building, the owners need an extension for the bid letting.

Commissioner Hasch moved to authorize the mayor pro-tem to sign a letter requesting an extension of the bid letting for work on the Wentz CDBG project and authorize additional work on the grant. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried 4-0, with Mayor Wentz abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS:

RELAY FOR LIFE FIREWORKS **APPROVED**

Dan Haist has requested to have a small fireworks display during the Relay for Life in August. Permission must be granted by the City commission.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the fireworks display at this year's Relay for Life. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOUDCORP BUDGET REQUEST

Ashley McMillan requested $55,000, the same as last year. She presented the organization's budget and the board of directors list.

SMALL BUSINESS CENTER BUDGET REQUEST

A spokesman for the center was not in attendance. Provided packet material showed a request of $14,000, the same as last year.

FRANK CARLSON LIBRARY BUDGET REQUEST

David Strommen, representing the library, stated the greatest need is for personnel and insurance. The plan is to give all existing staff a cost of living increase. The request increased the amount over last year's appropriation request by $2580, to $159,132.

RESOURCE COUNCIL BUDGET REQUEST

Tina Walsh and Camey Thurner highlighted the Council's service to the community, including The Food Bank and crisis assistance. They recognized the need to reopen Club 81, which requires new heating and air conditioning. They requested the same amount as last year of $14,000, and encouraged the commission to approve more.

ACCEPTANCE OF REHABILITATON BIDS **APPROVED**

Bruno Rehbein presented the bids for the rehabilitation grant project, for 411 W. 12th St. and 316 E. 6th St. The 12th Street property is outside the target area, but has received approval due to an accessibility rehab.

Commissioner Johnson moved to accept the bid from Cote Construction at 411 W. 12th St. for $15,410.00, and the bid from M & R Building at 316 E. 6th St. for $19,375.00. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HOOD PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Ron Copple presented playground equipment photos with prices. He estimates nearly $10,000 for concrete, kiddie carpet, and benches, and $44,000 in equipment has been selected. He will get a proposal from the company, which likely will reduce the equipment cost.

RESOLUTIONS:

2014-1987 BROWN GRAND TIF ***PASSED***

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

> **WHEREAS, THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS IS CONSIDERING THE ADOPTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT PLAN WITHIN CONCORDIA REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 2000 PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 12-1770 ET SEQ.;**

The resolution approves all work after the initial approval of $100,000, which is primarily for the sprinkler system and construction inspection.

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

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2014-1987 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri announced the Art of Branding meeting will be held next week at the Brown Grand Theatre, as well as receiving the approval for the airport environmental review. He explained the procedure for court-appointed attorneys. City Manager Uri showed the of items of interest suggested by the public in attendance during the downtown planning session.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Hasch said she'd received many positive comments on the new plaza.

Commissioner Pounds discussed beehives in the city limits.

Mayor Wentz brought up the dams, and there was discussion on keeping the two projects separated, as one will be paid for with TIF funds.

Commissioner Johnson discussed the problem of trucks taking up parking spaces in the downtown during deliveries. It was determined the water pressure issues at the new jail are the County's responsibility.

STAFF COMMENTS

Chad Buckley said the camera had been sent down the sewer line at Laverne Clintsman's property and no defects were found under his property. He said well #22 is being repaired. He also discussed this week's main break downtown, which flooded several businesses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE — HELD

Commissioner Parker moved that the commission recess into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes for attorney-client privilege. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Pounds 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 7:02 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 Pounds moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk