

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

Wednesday, July 2, 2014

5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioners Parker and Johnson.

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

City Manager Uri announced that there was no quorum and therefore the meeting could not be called to order. Commissioner Johnson entered at 5:49 p.m. and took his seat.

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

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Susan Sutton, Holly Brown, Paul Rimovsky, Dolores Landry, Julie Willoughby, Ashley McMillan, Jeff Nielsen, Sara Niehues, Sarah Rothfuss. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

Pastor Jeff Nielsen gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri removed the TIF items since Commissioner Parker was absent, and added a DVACK item under Proclamations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2014, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #12

APPROVED

Answers to questions asked: the Benesch payment was for the current contract for land acquisition for the airport. USTI is the company retained for the gas line administration.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve appropriation ordinance #12. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING:

DOWNTOWN TIF PROJECT

HELD

Mayor Wentz opened the public hearing.

Ashley McMillan of CloudCorp and Sarah Rothfuss of the Chamber discussed the plaza, speaking of the schedule of events to be held year round. It was noted that there has been much private investment downtown, and now public investment was required.

Mayor Wentz closed the public hearing.

PROCLAMATIONS:

IHRIG FAMILY HONORARY CITIZENS

An Ihrig family friend had contacted the city about making the family honorary citizens. Mr. Ihrig had been a prisoner in the Concordia POW camp, and the family had visited Concordia in the 1980s.

Commissioner Hasch moved to authorize the mayor to sign the proclamation. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DVACK LETTER OF SUPPORT

Julie Willoughby said DVAK had received a school-based grant, and requested city support to take to the school leadership.

Commissioner Hasch moved to authorize a letter of support for DVACK, against teen relationship violence. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

HOOD PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

APPROVED

Ron Copple presented the proposal from Athco in the amount of \$45,564. City crews could install the equipment, saving the \$11,726 proposed by Athco for installation.

Commissioner Pounds moved to accept the proposal from Athco for the Hood Park playground equipment, for \$45,564 without installation. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

WELL #22 REPAIRS

APPROVED

The report received from Layne Christensen recommended approximately \$10,800 in repairs to well #22.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the repairs for well #22 with Layne Christensen Company for the recommended quote. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PATROL CAR PURCHASE

APPROVED

Bruce Johnson recommended the purchase of a 2014 Chevy Impala from the Highway Patrol Partners Program.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the patrol car purchase from GSA for \$22,162.43 for the 2014 Impala. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

2014-3073 SPECIAL EVENTS LIQUOR LICENSING

PASSED

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR CONSUMPTION AND LICENSING ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL EVENT ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR LICENSES; REPEALING CONCORDIA CODE SECTION 11-74; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS 3-34 AND 11-74.

Thereupon, Commissioner Hasch moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. 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. 2014-3073 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

2014-3074 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.

City Manager Uri suggesting tabling the ordinance until the next meeting so he could update the wolf dog section.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

2014-1988 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

PASSED

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

WHEREAS, THE DISASTER AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN OF THE CITY HAS BEEN UPDATED AS OF JULY 2, 2014, SO AS TO ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF THE CITY STAFF TO SAVE LIVES, PROTECT PROPERTY, CONTINUE ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICES, AND EXPEDITE RECOVERY IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER OR EMERGENCY AFFECTING THE CITY;

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

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2014-1988 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri requested a special meeting in September to approve some big items that would be coming up, such as the bid letting of the dams. It was tentatively scheduled for September 24. City Manager Uri explained a new state law which withholds certain property taxes; therefore these taxes cannot be considered for the budget, though we'll recoup a good portion of those taxes.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Hasch said the branding meeting at the Brown Grand this week was beneficial.

Commissioner Pounds inquired about the legality of golf carts on city streets.

Commissioner Johnson discussed checking the foundations of the downtown buildings that flooded a few weeks ago.

STAFF COMMENTS

Chad Buckley said the shop will soon be underway. He also mentioned work is still going on after the main break downtown.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF ACQUISITION OF REAL ESTATE

HELD

Commissioner Pounds moved that the commission recess into executive session for ten (10) minutes for attorney-client privilege. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:50 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:00 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 Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting to the July 9 budget meeting at 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

(Seal)



Stacey Crum
City Clerk

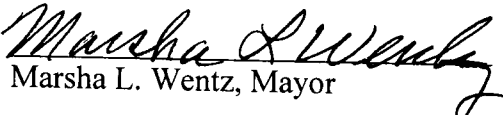
HONORARY CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS

BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME, I, Mayor of the City of Concordia, Kansas, acting with full consent and approval of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim that Herr Friedrich Ihrig, deceased, Frau Hildegarde Ihrig, Michael Ihrig, deceased, and Regina Ihrig, in recognition of their close ties to our community, are hereby declared to be Honorary Citizens of the City of Concordia.

Herr Friedrich Ihrig, a Captain in the German Army, was one of more than 4,000 German soldiers interned at Camp Concordia, a prisoner of war camp that operated from 1943 to 1945 two miles north and one mile east of the City of Concordia. To this day, remnants, artifacts, and records of Camp Concordia are maintained by the POW Camp Concordia Preservation Society and the Cloud County Historical Society.

After his return to Germany, Herr Friedrich Ihrig, his wife Frau Hildegarde Ihrig, and their children, Michael and Regina, befriended American service members who were stationed in Germany. In 1984, Friedrich, Hildegarde, and Regina visited Concordia and met people associated with the camp.

The humane treatment that the German prisoners of war received here is a source of pride for our region and our country. Camp Concordia is a significant chapter in our history. Therefore, it is fitting that this proclamation be issued this 2nd day of July, 2014.


Marsha L. Wentz, Mayor

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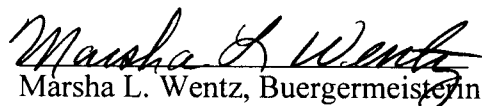
KRAFT MEINES AMTES, ERKLAERE ICH , die Buergermeisterin der Stadt Concordia, Kansas mit der Anerkennung und Zustimmung des Stadtrates hiermit posthum Herrn Friedrich Ihrig, dessen Frau Hildegard Ihrig, posthum Herrn Michael Ihrig, und Frau Regina Ihrig in Anerkennung Ihrer engen Beziehungen zu unserer Gemeinde zu Ehrenbuergern der Stadt Concordia.

Herr Friedrich Ihrig, ein Hauptmann der deutschen Armeee, war als einer von mehr als 4.000 deutschen Soldaten im Camp Concordia interniert, einem Kriegsgefangenenlager, das von 1943 bis 1945 zwei Meilen noerdlich und eine Meile oestlich der Stadt Concordia unterhalten wurde. Bis zum heutigen Tag werden Reste, Artefakte und Unterlagen des Camps Concordia von der POW Camp Concordia Preservation Society und der Cloud County Historical Society bewahrt.

Nach seiner Rueckkehr nach Deutschland haben Herr Friedrich Ihrig, seine Frau Hildegard Ihrig und ihre Kinder, Michael und Regina, Angehoerige der US-Streitkraefte unterstuetzt, die in Deutschland stationiert waren. Im Jahr 1984 besuchten Friedrich, Hildegard und Regina Concordia und trafen dort auf Personen, die in Zusammenhang mit dem Camp gestanden haben.

Die humanitaere Behandlung, welche den deutschen Kriegsgefangenen hier zuteil wurde, ist eine Quelle des Stolzes fuer unsere Region und unser Land. Camp Concordia ist ein wichtiges Kapitel in unserer Geschichte.

Aus diesem Grund wird dies am zweiten Juli 2014 amtlich bekannt gemacht.


Marsha L. Wentz, Buergermeisterin

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8 July 2014

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Re: Captain Friederich Ihrig, former POW in Concordia, and his remaining family

Dear Ms. Crum:

Your packet arrived yesterday and I do immediately thank you profusely.

I shall be making copies so that our scattered family members and others, including German heritage friends, can read the entire story. I am adding to that story the following to give you a historical/cultural perspective:

Soon after we arrived, I planted about 15 bantam corn. It flourished; we had 15 ears or so; we invited our neighbors over for "Cowboy Essen." We also had some excellent BBQ ribs (our neighbors wondered why we bought coal in summer, etc.). All the guests seemed to be looking at me and Carol before starting to eat; I pierced the cob, salted and buttered, etc. They followed suit.... The meal was truly enjoyed.....After supper, one of the ladies came to me, with tears, and said, "Sir, tonight I have learned that you—your government—was NOT insulting us and rubbing salt into our wounds some 15 years ago when they sent large cans of corn kernels; we only use corn as pig food (Schwein fütter); you have taught us something."

Today corn is common place.

There were so many interesting hurdles.....incredible memories....

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Harcourt Stebbins

*I enjoyed our telephone conversation today (Thursday,
10 July, 2014.*

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