

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

Wednesday, September 3, 2014 5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on September 3, 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, Gary Dvorak, Ashley McMillan, Sarah Rothfuss, Dan Haist, Ken Johnson, Monte Wentz, Mary Jo Thummel, Frank Headrick, Tammy Britt. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Bruce Johnson, Police Chief.

Sister Mary Jo Thummel 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 August 20, 2014, meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2014, special meeting. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #16

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson inquired about ammo purchased. Bruce Johnson said this latest shipment came months sooner than he planned, which is why so much was ordered this year.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve appropriation ordinance #16. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Dvorak, in charge of transportation for the senior center, showed an award received from KDOT for income received for transportation from the two vans. Income of \$9000 had been projected, but \$11,300 was collected for last year. With the additional van, Mr. Dvorak anticipates over \$23,000 for this year.

Dan Haist asked for approval from the commission to shoot off artillery shells fireworks during home football games this year. The request has been met with approval from the school and the fire chief.

Commissioner Hasch moved to allow fireworks to be discharged during home football games this season in accordance with the ordinance. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONTRACT FOR PROPERTY AT 1ST & LINCOLN

APPROVED

The \$25,000 real estate purchase will allow for widening the turn off used by large trucks going to the grain elevator. CIP funds can be used, with the hopes that a KDOT grant will be awarded for the project and the money recouped from the grant funds.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the contract for the purchase of property at 1st & Lincoln for \$25,000. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said the flood control bids were open earlier today. The low bidder came in slightly over the engineer's estimate. Along with Chad Buckley and Ken Johnson, City Manager Uri met with KDHE in Topeka to discuss the wastewater treatment plant upgrades, then toured El Dorado's plant designed by PEC, the City's engineers on the project. There is \$56,000 left over in the special park and rec fund, which could fund the dog park and a spray park.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Ron Copple explained the mosquito spraying process in response to a question by Commissioner Hasch.

Commissioner Pounds wondered about the police response time to the east side of town several weeks ago. City Manager Uri said he'd found out that if it's a non-injury accident, the response time can be slightly slower.

It was determined that KDOT would be called, after Commissioner Parker inquired about having flashing lights over the viaduct to alert south-bound traffic that the stoplight was turning red.

Commissioner Parker moved to use \$20,000 from the special parks & rec fund to build the dog park by Airport Park. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ron Copple said the new equipment for Hood Park was in and would be installed soon.

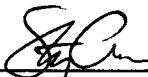
Eric Voss discussed the training and certification being done in his department currently and some upcoming plans for training.

ADJOURN

Mayor Wentz 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 6:25 p.m.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk