

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD APRIL 18, 2012

The governing body met in regular session on April 18, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Wentz, Pounds, Johnson, Parker, and Fraser.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: 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, Ken Johnson, Kirk Lowell, Tina Barnett, Joshua Meyer, Ted Collins. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Director of Public Utilities; Larry Eubanks, Fire Chief; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Director of Public Works, and Chris Edin, Police Chief.

Pastor Tina Barnett 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 3, 2012, to be as follows:

S. Christy Hasch	545
Charles B. Johnson	574
Toby Nosker	1
Beverly Parks	1
Steve Womack	1

Charles Johnson was declared the winner for another three (3) year term.

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 Oath of Office to Charles Johnson for a three (3) year term.

ANNUAL COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2012, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #7

APPROVED

Commissioner Wentz asked about the payment to Allen & Sweet. It was answered it was for a court case.

Commissioner Johnson asked which departments made the payment for Swenson, Brewer & Long. Finance Director Farha said \$504 was paid by the police department, with the court department paying the remainder. Commissioner Fraser asked for a breakdown of Hood Heating & Air's bill. Ron Copple explained that the \$2744 from the sports complex was for lighting.

Commissioner Fraser asked if this month's vet bill was higher than usual. Finance Director Farha said it varies, but that adoption fees do cover the bills.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #7. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

CCCC FOUNDATION CMB LICENSE

The event is the scholarship auction for the college, and is a temporary license.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the CMB license for CCCC. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

UTILITY VEHICLE BIDS

Ron Copple presented the bids for a utility vehicle. They were as follows:

Concordia Tractor	John Deere Gator TS 4x2	\$5975.00
Concordia Tractor	John Deere Gator TX 4x4	\$6860.00
Womack Sunshine Ford	Kawasaki Mule 600	\$6159.00

The vehicle will be street legal, with lights, turn signals and mirrors. It will be used to haul dirt and weed eaters, for spraying, and general errands. Staff recommended the low bid from CTI.

Commissioner Johnson moved to accept the bid from Concordia Tractor for the John Deere Gator TS 4x2 for \$5975.00. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LMI WATER DISCOUNTS

City Clerk Crum said the low to moderate income survey that was done three years ago was expiring and a new one would need to be done to qualify for CDBG funds. She listed three grants received in the last three years that total nearly \$1,000,000. The City will need to see at least 51% of the population being LMI based on the returned surveys. City Manager Uri had proposed giving a \$5 credit towards the survey holder's water bill. The possible cost could be \$10,500 if all approximately 2100 surveys are returned. It was discussed also enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope, at a cost of over \$700 in postage. City Clerk Crum said she had been advised by Deb Ohlde of NCRPC that the return postage was not necessary, as we could expect a large number of the surveys to be returned by hand.

Commissioner Parker moved to give a \$5 credit on the water bill, specifying per meter per household, for returned responses but not include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DEMO PROGRAM 304 E. 16TH

This property was accepted into the demo program. Bruno Rehbein stated he is waiting on a second bid. He will bring it back at the next meeting.

He also told the commission that the last demo property at 912 E. 7th had a higher demolition bill exceeding the original bid of \$3850 due to finding a cistern on the property. The City has reimbursed the property owner \$400 for half the additional cost.

DISCUSS JOSH MEYER ESTIMATE ON HILL STREET

Ron Copple presented a curb and gutter estimate for Josh Meyer's property at 13th & Hill Street. The road is washing out at this location. The estimate is for \$23,335.12. Mr. Meyer has agreed to pay up to \$7000 for his portion. Under the normal curb and gutter program, it is the property owner's responsibility to pay for materials. Mr. Copple said the pipe is already in the City's possession. If the City contributed the cost of the pipe, and the asphalt, Mr. Meyer's share would be just under \$7000.

CAMPBELL & JOHNSON CONTRACT – COMMERCIAL LOTS ON COLLEGE DRIVE APPROVED

Ken Johnson said Campbell & Johnson will coordinate the bidding process and work with Davidson Architect on the dirt work at the dam area. Mr. Johnson suggested having the bid letting the first part of May, so that the recommendation to award the contract can be brought to the commission the first meeting in June. The total contract price is \$19,775.00. Dirt compaction was discussed.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the Campbell & Johnson contract for the commercial lots on College Drive. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson noted the amount of children that play in Hood Park and must walk in the street to reach it. He asked if more patrol could be done on Archer Street after school, and possibly reduce the speed to 20 mph. He also requested that noisy vehicles be ticketed

STAFF COMMENTS

Chad Buckley discussed the problems with the vac truck. It needs either replaced or multiple repairs. Mr. Buckley also talked about the meter replacement process. The work is 90% complete, but the hard-to-change meters are left, and he feels it will take the rest of the year to finish the entire city.

Chris Edin showed a photo of the animal control vehicle which has been given new decals.

Larry Eubanks said that the battery backup on the storm sirens are currently not working. New batteries have been ordered, at a cost of about \$3600.

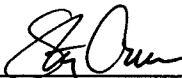
Ron Cople provided a handout of all stop signs replaced to bring us to compliance. He also talked about the write up on the airport courtesy car in Sports Aviation Magazine, as car of the month.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pounds 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 Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk