

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD APRIL 4, 2012

The governing body met in regular session on April 4, 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: 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, Isadore Bombardier, Ken Johnson, Annie Bergmann, Holly Thoman, Cheryl Madden, Charlotte Anderson, Tina Barnett, Cameron Thurner, Kirk Lowell, Wayne Jeardoe, Tammy Britt, Tom Tuggle. 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.

City Manager Uri noted there was an executive session for non-elected personnel added, and asked to add another item on the study session, for Kirk Lowell to present a draft of a portion of the airport master plan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2012, meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #6

APPROVED

Mayor Wentz asked if the steps for the pool were approved with the lifts at an earlier meeting. Ron Copple answered that they were, and said the lifts were purchased but had not been installed yet.

Commissioner Johnson asked which departments purchased items from Wildside Graphix. The police and fire department both purchased items. In answer to the question about uniforms, Chris Edin said a number of shirts were purchased on closeout.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve appropriation ordinance #6. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PROCLAMATIONS:

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Cameron Thurner said DVAK has operated in the area since 1980, and discussed the number of cases and the importance of the agency to our community.

Mayor Wentz read the proclamation and declared April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

OLD BUSINESS:

COLLEGE DRIVE COMMERCIAL LOT GRADING PLAN

APPROVED

City Manager Uri presented plans from Davidson Architecture who have been hired to prepare a grading plan. The \$264,000 price tag does not cover grading along Hwy. 81. The engineers prefer the dirt for the dam is acquired before filling in the lots along the highway, and at that point, an estimate can be done for those lots.

City Manager Uri said he just received the cost today, and the item could be tabled if the commission so chose, but the recommendation is to approve this tonight. If proceeding, the land along College Drive could soon be offered for sale.

Speaking for the engineers, Ken Johnson explained the plans, which were nearly the same as what was presented last year. Plans are for the dirt at the north to be taken to the south end for fill, and most likely there is enough dirt at the site and additional off-site dirt won't be required. The \$264,000 cost includes

clearing fourteen acres, moving 45,000 cubic yards of dirt, seeding, and erosion control. Mr. Johnson said if a local contractor is used, the dirt moving cost could possibly be cut nearly in half. The estimate was high to allow for rising fuel prices.

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve Davidson to begin work with the College Drive commercial lots. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

SWIM TEAM

Cheryl Madden, Annie Bergmann, Charlotte Anderson, and Holly Thoman spoke on behalf of the swim team. Recently, the team was notified there would be a \$10 charge per person for the use of the pool this summer. The group wanted clarification on what the team would be charged, as far as evening fundraisers and swim meets. They also requested they receive the annual support usually given by the City, but not budgeted for this year. It was decided that the pool use would be free for the evening swim meet, they would also not be charged for the fundraiser, and if they could locate current lifeguards who would volunteer their services, the pool party would be at no charge also.

COMMEMORATION OF 1992 STORM RECOVERY

Isadore Bombardier spoke on behalf of the 20th anniversary of the 1992 wind storm, and provided photos of the damage to the City. He said numerous cities had donated their services to Concordia, and he asked for the commission's approval to visit these cities over the next few months and give them a personal thanks. Mr. Bombardier was the City's mayor during the emergency and gave insight to the cleanup during the following weeks.

Commissioner Johnson moved to allow Mr. Bombardier to present certificates of appreciation to those cities. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

KLINK APPLICATION

APPROVED

Ron Copple presented the KLINK application, for 6th & Lincoln to Cloud Street. The total project cost is \$397,489, with the City's share at \$197,489. Mr. Copple also presented an alternate plan, from 6th & Archer to Cloud Street. The total project cost is \$261,220, and the City's share would be \$65,305. The first plan uses the entire \$200,000 contributed by KDOT, with the City picking up a larger percentage of the project due to the cap from KDOT. Mr. Copple recommended the second project, saving the City money.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve project #2; Archer to Cloud Street. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

GEOMETRIC APPLICATION

APPROVED

Ron Copple asked for approval to submit this project, which had been applied for but not accepted last year. The project is for 5th Street from State to Washington. It is a 90/10 match, with a maximum \$800,000 project total. The total project cost is \$947,624, with the City's share \$147,624. The City's portion covers the 10% match, plus the amount above the \$800,000 project total.

Commissioner Fraser moved to apply for funds for the project from State to Washington. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

KANSAS MUTUAL AID PROGRAM FOR UTILITIES (KSMAP) AGREEMENT

APPROVED

City Clerk Crum discussed the agreement, which allows member utilities to aid in a disaster to other utilities, and to receive financial compensation for volunteer labor and equipment. The program is a way to list equipment which could then be utilized in time of crisis. A mutual aid agreement is necessary to get consideration for reimbursement from FEMA. There is no cost to the City to become a member, and we are not bound to provide aid.

Commissioner Parker moved to enter into the agreement with Kansas Mutual Aid Program for Utilities. Mayor Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

2012-1927 KSMAP RESOLUTION

PASSED

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

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF CONCORDIA ("UTILITY"), OWNS, OPERATES AND MAINTAINS A(N) WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY;

The resolution goes along with the preceding KSMAP agreement and is necessary for membership to the program.

The Resolution was considered and discussed; and thereupon on motion of Commissioner Fraser, seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2012-1927 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said he would not be in attendance at the next meeting, which will be the annual commission reorganization. Refreshments will be served.

City Manager Uri said he will be attending an innovation conference in Kansas City next week. While there, he will be meeting with the FAA to discuss the hospital location. He also hopes to schedule a meeting with the Corps of Engineering. He discussed the utility lines which will run to the new jail.

There will be an intergovernmental meeting next week in Miltonvale. All commissioners expressed an interest in attending.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Parker thanked Izzy Bombardier for his efforts discussed this evening.

Commissioner Fraser said an open gate at the tennis courts in Hood Park allow the balls to go into the street. Staff will look for a solution.

Mayor Wentz asked if it was possible to install a basketball goal at Decker Park.

STAFF COMMENTS

Larry Eubanks thanked Izzy Bombardier and stated he was part of the cleanup. He discussed emergency programs, and encouraged the commission to participate in the NIMS training, as the department heads are doing.

Chad Buckley talked about Nationwide Environmental, a New York company from which the City has purchased chemicals. Due to their unscrupulous business tactics, the Kansas Attorney General's office has received a settlement for the Kansas cities which filed a complaint against them. Concordia is slated to recoup all money paid to Nationwide, which is nearly \$1000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

HELD

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

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:04 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

Mayor Wentz announced there was no binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

HELD

Commissioner Fraser moved that the commission recess into executive session for ten (10) minutes for non-elected personnel. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:16 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:26 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 Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

(Seal)



Stacey Crum
City Clerk