

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD DECEMBER 5, 2012

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

Absent: None.

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

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

Visitors: Jessica LeDuc, Toby Nosker, Tina Barnett, Gary Reynolds, Arlene Clayton, Tammy Britt. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works; Chris Edin, Police Chief; Eric Voss, Fire Chief.

Pastor Tina Barnett gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri removed the hospital feasibility study discussion at the request of the hospital board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2012, adjourned meeting. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #22

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson asked if the payment to Ka-Comm was for parts or installation. Chris Edin said it was parts for three patrol vehicles, including light bars. Commissioner Johnson asked if the payment for the treatment plant pump was to rebuild it, or for parts. Chad Buckley answered it was parts only.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #22. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT APPLICATION

APPROVED

Eric Voss asked for approval to apply for a grant to the Kansas Board of EMS for a Zoll monitor. The machine costs \$34,265.00, with a 50% match by the City. The current Zoll monitor is approximately 20 years old.

Mayor Pounds moved to approve the fire department grant application. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

WOMACK DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT EXTENSION

APPROVED

City Manager Uri presented the extension agreement. The original agreement expires on December 31, 2012, with the extension extending the agreement to April 1, 2013. Mr. Womack has the option to purchase three acres of land for his dealership at the south development.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the addendum to the Womack development agreement. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DOWNTOWN GRANT

The Department of Commerce grant, if awarded, will allow the City to sponsor one applicant for the rehabilitation of a privately owned commercial building deemed blighted in the downtown area. City Manager Uri said all interested parties must bring a proposal by the December 17 deadline on how the funds would be used in order to be considered. The maximum amount of a grant is \$250,000, with a 25% match by the property owner. City Manager Uri told the commission that at the time the TIF district was set up, the entire downtown was considered to be blighted.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES

APPROVED

City Manager Uri said this action is taken every year by State statute, listing all depositories in the city.

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve the five banks as our depositories. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CMB LICENSES

APPROVED

City Manager Uri presented the CMB licenses for 2013. Each year those holding CMB licenses must submit an application, and background checks must be done. Staff recommended approval of all.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the 2013 CMB licenses. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

2012-1938 CLASSIFIED PAY

PASSED

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

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY GRADES FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA.

Commissioner Johnson proposed an equal increase for all employees, rather than based on their current pay, designed to increase the wages of the lesser paid. The consensus of the majority of the commissioners was that those making more generally are more skilled and therefore harder to replace.

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

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2012-1938 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

2012-1939 NON-CLASSIFIED PAY

PASSED

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

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF PAY GRADES FOR NON-CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA.

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

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2012-1939 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

2012-1940 AUTHORIZED CHECK SIGNERS

PASSED

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

WHEREAS, THE GOVERNING BODY FINDS THAT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY TO DESIGNATE THE POWERS AND AUTHORITIES OF CITY EMPLOYEES WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ACCOUNTS OF THE CITY.

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

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2012-1940 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri suggested setting a date for a work session to discuss items concerning the future of the City. It was decided to schedule the meeting for January 30.

City Manager Uri recognized City Clerk Crum for completing the four years of Institute and receiving her Certified Municipal Clerk status.

City Manager Uri said he will be attending a city manager conference in Dodge City the rest of the week.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson asked if there was an ordinance prohibiting motorized wheelchairs, bicycles and skateboards on sidewalks. City Manager Uri answered a motorized wheelchair would be allowed, but not bicycles or skateboards.

Commissioner Parker recognized Officer Swihart and paramedic Derek Champlin for their efforts recently at his restaurant.

STAFF COMMENTS

Chris Edin discussed a recent traffic accident at 14th & Kansas which damaged a patrol car parked on the street.

Bruno Rehbein said three of the four demo houses have been removed. At the next meeting, staff will present recommendations for rehab projects.

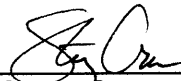
Chad Buckley said a sewer pump was rebuilt this week, and is pumping much better than before the work was needed.

Finance Director Farha discussed where the \$128,000 in health care savings might be placed, including the debt service fund, capital improvement fund, and the vehicle equipment reserve fund. She said if it was put in the debt service fund, it would be enough to cover the mill increase for the next budget. After discussion, it was decided she would prepare paperwork, and a rough draft of the budget amendment, which would be required since the funds wouldn't be staying in the general fund. Finance Director Farha also said the auditors would be here February 25-27, and would need to speak to the mayor during that time.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

(Seal)



Stacey Crum
City Clerk