

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 15, 2012

The governing body met in regular session on February 15, 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, Beth Stover, Bill Gieber, Everette Eastman, Christy Hasch, Judy Starr, Ruth Faker, Joe Fakler, Paul Huber, Don Collins, Retta Waite, Marcia Allen, Neil Losh, Brenda Losh, Everett Ford. 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.

Sister Beth Stover gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2012, meeting. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #3

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds asked about the towing charge from Budreau's. Bruno Rehbein answered it was an abandoned vehicle. Commissioner Pounds asked about the check to G. Farney. Ron Copple answered that this included two lifts for the pool, to make it ADA compliant.

Commissioner Fraser asked if the street signs purchases were to comply with the federal requirement. Mr. Copple answered yes. Chad Buckley explained the trainings attended by staff with Salina Vo-Tech in answer to Commissioner Fraser's question.

Mayor Wentz inquired about the bond refund, to which Finance Director Farha explained it is for court. Mayor Wentz asked about firearms. A memo about this purchase was in the packet and Chris Edin said he'd be discussing it later.

Commissioner Johnson asked for clarification about the Rolling Hills check. City Manager Uri said it is the administrative fee for the no interest loan for the north development. This fee is annual, and in the future will be set up to be part of the bond payment paid to the State.

Commissioner Parker asked about the Kansas State Treasurer bond fee. Finance Director Farha said it is the administrative costs for the recent bonds.

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve appropriation ordinance #3. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPOINTMENTS:

BOARD OF BUILDING TRADES

APPROVED

Bruno Rehbein presented the resignation letter from Dennis Fleming, after serving on the board since its inception. Mike Linden has shown interest in serving, but there had not been an opening for a general contractor until now. Mr. Linden currently serves on the board of zoning appeals, but would be interested in serving on both.

Mayor Wentz moved to appoint Mike Linden to the board of building trades. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

DEMO APPLICATION 912 E. 7TH

APPROVED

Bruno Rehbein presented the request from Shawn Starr to be included in the demo program for 912 E. 7th. The City's contribution is based on the lowest demo bid, which was \$3850.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the demo application for 912 E. 7th. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES:

2012-3029

FAILED

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

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA;
REPEALING CONCORDIA CODE SECTION 4-122; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA
CODE, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 4-122.**

Discussion included chickens becoming a nuisance issue, as well as what constituted "other fowl".

Thereupon, Commissioner Pounds moved that said ordinance be passed. The motion died for lack of a second.

Further discussion included Commissioner Fraser voicing the concern of several citizens who said they were not in favor of chickens in City limits. Commissioner Johnson said he was in favor of the ordinance, if other fowl allowed were only females.

Thereupon, Commissioner Johnson moved that said ordinance be passed, limiting other domesticated fowl to only females. Commissioner Pounds seconded.

Said ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said ordinance failed by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Aye: Commissioners Johnson and Pounds.

Nay: Commissioners Wentz, Parker, and Fraser.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said ordinance duly failed.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said the Alco building is getting cleaned up by City staff. He said the next step is to decide if more work should be done to the interior.

City Manager Uri said a decision should be made on what project to go forward with for the next round of CDBG fund requests. Ideas included a community center and the Plum Road dam. The community's income requalification would need to be done before applying for the funds, as the current LMI survey is set to expire this year.

City Manager Uri discussed the Horizon grant opportunity, which could replace playground equipment at City Park if awarded.

A Brownfields grant training is being held in Lyons next month, and City Manager Uri said he plans to attend. The funds are generally for environmental cleanup, but it's possible the flood control area might qualify.

Funds might be available from the US Economic Development fund that could help put in the street at Airport Park should the hospital locate there. City Manager Uri said he would get more information on this program.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Pounds suggested naming the tennis courts in City Park after longtime coach Jack Mitchell. Commissioner Pounds asked about spring cleanup. Ron Copple said he usually does it every other year, and it was done last year. Commissioner Pounds discussed a cleanup project using volunteer labor to pick up trash in the ditches.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ron Copple presented a bid for a tractor for mowing that he'd talked about at the last meeting. The price quoted from Concordia Tractor is \$33,989.77. He allowed \$50,000 in his budget to purchase a tractor this year.

Commissioner Fraser moved to purchase the tractor from CTI for \$33,989.77. Mayor Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Copple presented photos of the old Girl Scout building in City Park, showing the disrepair of the building. He asked the commission if it should be repaired or torn down. The consensus was it would be too costly to repair.

Commissioner Fraser moved to tear down the building. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Crum discussed the old scrapbooks that are being scanned and put on the City's website.

Chris Edin said during the recent power outage, it was determined that the generator didn't work. Commissioner Johnson asked about the investigation of the loss of three shotguns. Mr. Edin said the investigation was inconclusive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

HELD

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

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:37 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:47 p.m.

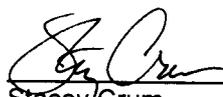
Mayor Wentz announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

Mayor Wentz announced there would be a study session following the adjournment of the meeting.

There being no further business, Commissioner Fraser moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

(Seal)



Stacey Crum
City Clerk

