

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

The governing body met in regular session on July 18, 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, Tammy Britt, Tina Barnett, Tess Zehring, Don Dean, JT Klaus. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Director of Public Utilities; Larry Eubanks, Fire Chief; Ron Copple, Director of Public Works, Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector, and Chris Edin, Police Chief.

Pastor Tina Barnett 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 July 5, 2012, meeting. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #13

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson asked if the concrete purchased was for the storm sewer repair. Ron Copple answered only part of it was. Brundage-Bone was the contractor that pumped the concrete into it. City Manager Uri discussed a person's right to have representation, in answer to Commissioner Johnson's question about the payment to Allen & Sweet Law.

Commissioner Wentz questioned the broker fee. City Clerk Crum answered that the firm is evaluating the City's life and health insurance and will be searching for a more affordable plan for the upcoming year.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #13 Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTIONS:

2012-1931 MT. JOSEPH IRB

PASSED

Thereupon, and among other business, there was presented to the governing body a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, APPROVING THE SALE OF A CERTAIN PROJECT FINANCED WITH THE PROCEEDS OF REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY; APPROVING THE CALL AND EARLY REDEMPTION OF SAID REVENUE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF (1) A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED, (2) A BILL OF SALE, (3) A TERMINATION AND RELEASE OF LEASE, AND (4) A SATISFACTION, DISCHARGE AND RELEASE OF INDENTURE.

Thereupon, the Resolution was considered and discussed; and on motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Parker, the Resolution was adopted by a majority vote of all members present.

Thereupon, the Resolution having been adopted by a majority vote of the members of the governing body, it was given No. 2012-1931, and was directed to be signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

OLD BUSINESS:

BROWN GRAND THEATRE FUNDING REQUEST

City Manager Uri said if the commission chooses to use TIF funds for the Brown Grand's request of \$100,000, the process is lengthy is should be started soon. The fund is receiving about \$100,000 more a year than we'll be paying in bond payments. Finance Director Farha said there will still be \$312,000 in the fund after the bond payments are made this year.

Commissioner Wentz moved to authorize the city manager to start the TIF process for the Brown Grand for \$100,000 for the rigging project. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – CLOUD COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION APPROVED

City Manager Uri discussed the issues in question with this agreement at the last meeting. The building commission and the County interact, with the County acting as the agent. All expenses for the jail project will be approved by the County. This agreement covers the expense of the city street to be built in the north development.

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve the development agreement with the Cloud County public building commission. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CAMPBELL & JOHNSON AGREEMENT – INFRASTRUCTURE FOR COUNTY JAIL PROJECT APPROVED

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the Campbell & Johnson agreement for the engineering work for the county jail project. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ROLLER PACKER PURCHASE

Chad Buckley recommended the used unit for \$26,500, a savings of \$5,464 over new. Mr. Buckley pointed out that the packer had been used considerably more hours since this bid was given. The commission urged Mr. Buckley to negotiate a lower price due to the extra hours now on the packer.

Commissioner Johnson moved to purchase the used roller packer for \$26,500, or less if negotiated down. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

AMBULANCE REFURBISHMENT

Larry Eubanks discussed the refurbishment to Ambulance #4. Womack Sunshine Ford has agreed to meet the price given earlier by an out of state dealer, to refurbish the ambulance. The new parts would carry warranties and allow the City to get several more years out of the older ambulance, putting off purchasing a new one for many years. Mr. Eubanks said he had the funds available in the equipment replacement fund.

Mayor Pounds stated the money could be better used putting it towards purchasing a new ambulance in a few years, since the repairs are not necessary at this point.

Commissioner Johnson moved to refurbish the ambulance. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried 4-1, with Mayor Pounds opposing.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said the downtown improvement committee planted four trees this week.

City Manager Uri invited the commission to a downtown master planning meeting in Sterling on August 16. He will be attending, along with Tammy Britt.

A meeting was held this morning with Thaniel Monaco on the design work, and the City should be able to solicit bids by the end of the year for the gas service at the north development.

City Manager Uri reviewed the procedure for executive sessions and the reasons for meeting in them.

In answer to a commissioner's question about which City employees drive vehicles home, City Manager Uri answered that Ron Copple does, as well as a couple of foremen.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

There were no commissioner comments.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ron Copple showed photos of the storm drain in need of repair, after walking down it for several blocks. He said the crew is in the process of repairing the most damaged places.

Chad Buckley toured the new treatment plant in Lindsborg, and compared Lindsborg's sewer rates to Concordia's. They are approximately \$15 higher per month. In order to pay for extensive renovations in the near future required by the State, it's possible our rates will need to be raised. Mr. Buckley provided a spreadsheet showing water and sewer income for the year. Due to the hot, dry conditions, more water is being pumped and sold than normal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

HELD

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

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:59 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor Pounds announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

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

There being no further business, Commissioner Wentz moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

(Seal)



Stacey Crum
City Clerk