

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

The governing body met in regular session on July 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, Monte Wentz, Joshua Meyer, Brenton Phillips, Don Dean, Anita Strommen, Denise de Rochefort-Reynolds, Tammy Britt, Gary Dvorak, Jerry Eubanks. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Director of Public Utilities; Larry Eubanks, Fire Chief; Ron Copple, Director of Public Works, and Chris Edin, Police Chief.

There was no invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2012, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #12

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson questioned the claims history check to the State, and asked if we keep that information. City Clerk Crum said we do not. Commissioner Johnson asked how many badges were purchased. Chris Edin stated they were purchased for anyone who has to wear a badge, which is 18. Commissioner Johnson asked about IPMBA. Mr. Edin answered the International Police Mountain Biking Association. Commissioner Johnson wondered about the base repeater purchase. Larry Eubanks said it is for the narrow banding. Commissioner Johnson inquired about the environmental review done on the business getting a revolving loan. City Manager Uri said it's a State requirement to do it and didn't think it was an engineering review.

Commissioner Wentz asked if the awards given out for recreation programs are paid for by the fees. Finance Director Farha said most of that cost is covered.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve appropriation ordinance #12. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Don Dean suggested the City put up no parking signs by the t-ball field so children can't dart out between cars.

NEW BUSINESS:

FRANK CARLSON LIBRARY BUDGET REQUEST

Joshua Meyer, president of the library board, discussed renovations done at the library recently, along with the Carlson Room that was archived thanks to a grant from the Kansas Humanities Council. The library is requesting \$191,219.50 - \$153,728.00 for library and \$37,491.50 for library benefits - which is a 2.8% increase from last year.

RESOURCE COUNCIL BUDGET REQUEST

Anita Strommen, executive director, presented a budget page, and discussed the assistance provided to area residents, including utility bills and the summer lunch program. The council is requesting \$14,000, which is an increase of \$2,000 from last year.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER BUDGET REQUEST

Gary Dvorak requested \$4,000 as in the past several years, promising to not raise that request. Those funds are slated for increases in staff salary. The senior center provides all local transportation. Commissioner Pounds suggested the commission discuss helping fund the transportation.

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT - CLOUD COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

TABLED

The building commission, as a part of the County, is the entity in which bonds were issued for the jail project. The commission receives the funds and pays the bills. The bills will come to the City because we are building the infrastructure, and the bills in turn would be given to the building commission to pay.

Commissioner Johnson questioned the City receiving the bills, to which City Manager Uri answered this gave us control of our own infrastructure. Commissioner Johnson disagreed with the arrangement, saying it would be possible for the County to not approve the bills. Commissioner Johnson said our agreement should be with the County, not a public building commission. He also found a discrepancy in the legal description of the property, which was published.

City Manager Uri suggested tabling the item until he talked to the County.

Commissioner Fraser moved to table the development agreement with the Cloud County Public Building Commission until more information was received. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CAMPBELL & JOHNSON AGREEMENT – INFRASTRUCTURE FOR COUNTY JAIL PROJECT

TABLED

City Manager Uri advised tabling this agreement as well.

Commissioner Wentz moved to table the Campbell & Johnson agreement. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said the consultant hired to find affordable health care for next year will be here in a few weeks with proposals from other companies. Continuing with the State plan requires another three year commitment.

A draft of the budget will be emailed to the commissioners in preparation for next Wednesday's special budget meeting.

City Manager Uri said there is still possible Corps of Engineers participation in the dam project in the lower dam only. The cost is approximately twice as much as our own plan, though the Corps contributes 60% towards the project.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson mentioned an article in the Belleville paper stating federal funds would be cut in half. Ron Copple said he hadn't heard anything. Commissioner Johnson asked about the potholes in the Alco parking lot. Mr. Copple said he'd ordered asphalt, and would take care of it. In answer to the question about the storm sewer problem discussed at the last meeting, Mr. Copple answered that the resident's yard was filled in and concrete was poured in the storm sewer. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to hire an engineer to do a study on what's under the storm sewer floor. Motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Johnson asked if detail on line items would be discussed during the budget, such as clothing expense. City Manager Uri said the budget would be presented as in the past, and the commission could choose to discuss any item it wished.

Commissioner Parker said there is a manhole by the west water tower with running water in it. Chad Buckley said if the water tower overflows, the water runs into the storm drain.

Commissioner Fraser asked about the water level in the wells. Mr. Buckley said the recent rain had not affected the levels yet. More rain is now needed for the flow of the river.

STAFF COMMENTS

Don Dean addressed Commissioner Johnson's concern with the storm sewer, saying Campbell & Johnson's monthly fee would cover inspecting the condition of the sewer. Any major repairs needed would necessitate additional engineering.

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 Wentz seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:41 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:51 p.m.

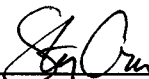
Mayor Pounds announced there was no binding action taken.

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 Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk