

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD JUNE 20, 2012

The governing body met in regular session on June 20, 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, Paul Rimorsky, Ken Palmquist, Tammy Britt, Mikki Nelson, Roberta Lowery, Betty Humes, LaVerne Clintsman, Linda Sutton, Don Dean, Susie Haver, Jean Rosemarynoski, Neil Phillips, Susan Sutton, Susan Cantine-Maxson, Linda Houser, Marcia Allen, Bob Maxson, Connor Lamm, Wonda Phillips, Brenton Phillips, Jill Lamm, David Strommen, Kirk Lowell, Janet Lowell. 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 David Strommen gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri moved the CloudCorp discussion to new business from the study session.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2012, meeting. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #11

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson asked about EMT training. Larry Eubanks said the bill was paid to the instructor, and was paid with grant funds. Commissioner Johnson asked how many employees have memberships at Dumbbells. City Clerk Crum answered seven or eight. The fee is automatically deducted from their paychecks. Finance Director Farha said 59% of KLA's contract has been fulfilled. Commissioner Johnson wondered about hotel bills on the credit card statement. Chris Edin said one was for training for one of his officers. City Clerk Crum said the City sent Katrina Sorell to the yearly training for ambulance billing.

Commissioner Wentz asked about the new meter from Hood's. Ron Copple answered it was work on an electric meter in City Park. This will save money, as the City is now paying for only one meter instead of two.

Commissioner Parker asked about the Tyler Tech check. City Clerk Crum answered it is the yearly maintenance for the financial software.

Mr. Copple answered Commissioner Fraser's question about the fertilizer purchase, stating it contained grub killer and was used at the sports complex.

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve appropriation ordinance #11. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

LaVerne Clintsman provided photos showing how his yard is settling and also has a large, deep washed out area after the recent rains. Ron Copple said he is aware of the problem and that it is the City's responsibility. Storm drains are eroding in that area of town. He is making plans to repair the problem.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### PRESENTATION OF 2011 AUDIT

Neil Phillips, of Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, presented the City's 2011 audit and explained it in some detail. He found no concerns during the audit period, and stated that the City's books were in good order.

#### BROWN GRAND THEATRE BUDGET REQUEST

Various public comments were given in support of the Brown Grand, including Kenneth Palmquist, Betty Humes, Susie Haver, Conner Lamm, and Roberta Lowery. Susan Cantine-Maxson gave a presentation on the immediate needs of the theatre. Currently, no live shows are being held, as certain equipment on the stage has been deemed unsafe. Ms. Cantine-Maxson presented a list of repairs which must be done, and spoke of fund raising opportunities. The theatre board is requesting \$100,000 in funds from the City.

**SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER BUDGET REQUEST**

Linda Sutton discussed the benefits the center provides to our area, serving north central Kansas. She requested \$14,000, the same as last year, explaining that the center must raise \$28,000 in local funds in order to qualify for state and federal funds.

**CLOUDCORP BUDGET REQUEST**

Kirk Lowell presented CloudCorp's 2012 budget, outlining all projected expenditures and revenues. The request is 2013 for \$55,000, the same as the previous year.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Uri said City staff has been attending NIMS training this week, to prepare for any disaster to our City.

City Manager Uri discussed the nuisance abatement program, showing a courtesy letter which is sent out to residents, asking them to clean up blight before the City must take action. Commissioners have been receiving complaints about these letters.

**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Parker thanked Ron Copple for mowing the hill next to Taco John's.

Commissioner Johnson thanked Mr. Copple for the coldmix on Broadway, and asked about filling in potholes by the railroad tracks. Commissioner Johnson said there are no signs marking the designated beer drinking area at the sports complex. Apparently the signs have been removed, and will be replaced.

Commissioner Wentz asked if the American flag could be replaced at the south entrance of town, and wondered if there is an ordinance about garage sale signs, noting that they are affixed to sign poles but not removed after the sale. Commissioner Wentz asked if a revolving loan can be transferred to a new owner, should the business sell. City Manager Uri promised an answer.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Bruno Rehbein announced a housing rehab meeting on June 27. The public is invited, and applications will be taken for rehabilitation of homes with the grant funds received. Mr. Rehbein explained the process of inoperable vehicles, from the paperwork, to towing, to selling the vehicle.

Larry Eubanks said the narrow banding process is done for the whole county and we are now compliant.

Chad Buckley presented a current spreadsheet on water and sewer revenues. Mr. Buckley discussed how the river is monitored, and talked about a possible conservation plan should the dry weather continue.


Chris Edin said all patrol officers have been hired.

**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 8:00 p.m.

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Stacey Crum  
City Clerk