

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD MARCH 21, 2012

The governing body met in regular session on March 21, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Wentz, Pounds, Johnson, and Fraser.

Absent: Commissioner Parker.

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, Mary Jo Thummel, Don Dean, Christy Hasch, Kathy Imhoff, Rod Imhoff, Kirk Lowell. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Director of Public Utilities; Larry Eubanks, Fire Chief; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; and Ron Copple, Director of Public Works.

Sister Mary Jo Thummel gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri noted two items, a housing board appointment and a resolution for Rod's revolving loan, had been added.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds stated the word "draft" should be added with "county budget" under public comments.

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2012, meeting. Commissioner Pounds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #5

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds asked where the police department's new shed is located. The answer was by the City shop.

Commissioner Johnson noted that BG Consultant's payment wasn't a budgeted item and was paid from the general fund, and asked if money was transferred between funds. Finance Director Farha said there was no transferring between funds. Commissioner Johnson asked about the percentage completed of KLA Environmental's project. Finance Director Farha said we are 54% complete. Commissioner Johnson asked if a local service was still being used for the off-site backup. City Clerk Crum answered that the City uses IDrive, which is much less expensive. Commissioner Johnson asked what NFPA stood for. It was answered the National Fire Protection Association.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve appropriation ordinance #5. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

APPOINTMENTS:

LIBRARY BOARD

David Strommen's term is up, and he desires to serve another term. The library board recommended his reappointment.

Commissioner Johnson moved to appoint David Strommen to another term to the library board. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HOUSING BOARD

City Manager Uri said the board is required for the Community Block Development Grant the City just received. An ad was run in the Blade-Empire, and three qualified candidates expressed a desire to serve on the newly formed board; Tammy Britt, Joe Jindra, and Gerald Gallagher. Among other things, the board will recommend properties to the City commission that should receive the grant funds.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve Tammy Britt, Joe Jindra, and Gerald Gallagher to the housing board. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATIONS:

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Mayor Wentz read the proclamation and declared April as Fair Housing Month.

OLD BUSINESS:

DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT POLICY

APPROVED

The downtown improvement policy rewards up to \$5000 per store, to be matched by the landowner, for store fronts and improvements. As a downtown policy, money has only been awarded to existing structures. However, a new building is to be erected in the downtown area, and the owner is interested in these funds.

The commission discussed whether a new building should receive the improvement funds. Commissioner Pounds stated he wanted to be on record as opposing the use of funds for new buildings. Commissioner Fraser said he'd like to see what the building will look like before approving the funds for that structure. Both Mayor Wentz and Commissioner Johnson could see both points of view.

Commissioner Johnson moved to not participate in new buildings. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried 3-1, with Mayor Wentz opposing.

NEW BUSINESS:

KLINK PROJECT WITH KDOT

APPROVED

Ron Copple presented the agreement between KDOT and the City. KLINK is a link connecting the highway going through the City. It is a 75/25 match, for construction and construction inspection, with the City paying 100% for the design. The project proposed is from Cloud Street to the east City limits. The total estimate is \$203,044.12. The City's share would be 50,761.03 plus \$10,000 in design. Mr. Copple stated he planned to do the project in the summer of 2013.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the agreement with KDOT. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CAMPBELL & JOHNSON AGREEMENT KLINK PROJECT

APPROVED

The Campbell & Johnson agreement is the \$10,000 design for the KLINK project. An additional \$15,000 is construction inspection, of which 75% would be paid by KDOT.

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the Campbell & Johnson KLINK project contract. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ROD'S REVOLVING LOAN

APPROVED

The loan is nearing the end of its first term, and the Imhoffs requested the financing on the same terms as the last ten years. The payments would stay the same. The loan will be paid off in 2022.

RESOLUTIONS:

2012-1926 ROD'S REVOLVING LOAN

PASSED

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

WHEREAS, THE GOVERNING BODY FINDS IT ADVISABLE TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL BY RODNEY D. AND KATHERINE L. IMHOFF AND ROD'S FOOD STORES, INC. FOR AMENDMENTS TO A LOAN MADE BY THE CONCORDIA REVOLVING LOAN FUND.

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

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2012-1926 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

ORDINANCES:

2012-3032 NORTH DEVELOPMENT ANNEXATION

PASSED

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

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, ANNEXING PROPERTY INTO
THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 12-519 ET SEQ.**

The property houses the new Prairie Land substation, at the corner of Union Road and Hwy. 81.

Thereupon, Commissioner Pounds moved that said ordinance be passed, as amended. Commissioner Johnson seconded.

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

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said ordinance duly passed and the ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2012-3032 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri said he'd talked to the county commissioners, and presented a new draft of the jail budget, omitting the items proposed to help pay for the jail by charging for prisoners and recouping the interlocal dispatch fees paid to the City each year.

City Manager Uri updated the commission on the flood control progress, presenting maps from KLA Environmental showing the five alternatives which will be presented.

City Manager Uri discussed chickens in the City limits and how the issue would be handled over the next several months. The owner will be given six months to dispose of the animals before being ticketed.

The next intergovernmental meeting will be held on April 11 in Miltonvale.

There was discussion on charging a fee to the swim team for the use of the pool. Staff proposed \$10 per person for the season.

The legal procedures have been followed and the impounded/junk vehicles are now ready to sell. They will be listed either on Purple Wave or ebay.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson asked for an update on the Alco building. City Manager Uri said it's now listed for sale. Commissioner Johnson asked if the swim team did lessons. City Manager Uri said the City sponsors the lessons.

Commissioner Fraser had a request to charge a fee to fireworks stands, citing a non-resident that sets up a large tent, pulling business from the local stands. It was decided to put the item on the next study session.

Mayor Wentz inquired about the sign on the west end of City Park. Ron Copple said it was rotted and staff had removed it. Mayor Wentz questioned why ambulance revenues were down in January. Larry Eubanks said transfers were down.

STAFF COMMENTS

Larry Eubanks said some long distance transfers had been turned down last year. The fire department now has four firefighters taking EMT classes, which could remedy that. Mr. Eubanks also talked about the NIMS system, and the need for staff and the governing body to be trained in the event of a disaster.

City Clerk Crum discussed the Kansas Mutual Aid Program for Utilities. Being a member of KSMAP allows a City to receive FEMA money for volunteers during a disaster. It will be brought back at the next meeting for approval.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

(Seal)



Stacey Crum
City Clerk