

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD MARCH 7, 2012

The governing body met in regular session on March 7, 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, Amy Hadachek, ImaJean Chavey, Tina Barnett, Kirk Lowell, Christy Hasch, Bill Gieber, Joe Fakler, Phyllis Ostrom. 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 Tina Barnett gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri added a resolution for annexation request for the county commission and removed the resolution for naming the tennis courts.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2012, meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #4

APPROVED

Commissioner Pounds asked about the payments for the Brown Grand renovations. Finance Director Farha said this stems from a 2011 match from the City of \$20,000.

Commissioner Parker noted the check to the post office for mailing the water quality information, and asked if we could notify citizens another way to save money. Chad Buckley said the State could approve how we notify them, though it takes some time for that process. Mr. Buckley said that some were emailed, saving on postage.

Commissioner Johnson's question about the reimbursement of a court fine was answered that a district court fine was paid at City Hall, resulting in the City reimbursing the County for this fine. Commissioner Johnson inquired about the Weatherbug camera. It was stated this camera had been approved at an earlier meeting. It is not yet installed. Commissioner Johnson asked for clarification on the Voice Products payment. Chris Edin said this is a yearly maintenance cost for service approved by a previous police chief. All radio traffic and phone calls are recorded.

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve appropriation ordinance #4. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

ImaJean Chavey provided a draft of the budget for the new jail which she received from the County Clerk. The budget stated the County intended to recoup the \$80,000 that the City receives from the County for dispatch services, as well as beginning to charge for prisoners. She has questioned the County Commission about this, and the answer she received was that more than likely the County will do neither.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### FEDERAL FUNDS EXCHANGE

APPROVED

Ron Copple discussed federal funds that can be turned into KDOT dollars, with a 90-10 match. Types of uses include rocking roads, slurry sealing, and reconstructing streets. Currently, the City has \$22,997.91. Mr. Copple said the project for which he intends to use the money is 18<sup>th</sup> Street from Lincoln to State. The current money can be used for the design of the new street, which will cost \$18,000, and any future money received can be banked for three years. At that time, the street could be done, with the balance being bonded.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the mayor to sign the application to participate in the exchange. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**2011 ANNUAL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE ASSURANCE STATEMENT**

Ron Copple explained that since the City had received a grant in the 1970s for the pool, a yearly report must be sent in to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Each year, he has been signing the report. Mr. Copple asked if it should continue that way, or if the mayor or city manager should sign. The commission agreed Mr. Copple should continue to sign.

**INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS PROGRAM**

**APPROVED**

Ron Copple said applications could be made for electronics or communications, for public safety on the streets. He is requesting a pedestrian push-button crosswalk for the middle school.

Mayor Wentz moved to authorize Mr. Copple to apply for the grant. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**2012-1925 ANNEXATION REQUEST TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**PASSED**

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLOUD COUNTY MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS REGARDING THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 12-520C.**

The property to be annexed is currently in use for Prairie Land's new substation at the north development. Prairie Land has voiced its approval of the annexation.

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

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2012-1925 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**ORDINANCES:**

**2012-3030 HOUSING BOARD**

**PASSED**

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

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A HOUSING REHABILITATION AND CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD TO SERVE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S 2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND ESTABLISHING SAID BOARD'S FUNCTIONS, DUTIES AND AUTHORITY.**

Discussion included rewording the membership criteria to more clearly define who could be accepted as members.

Thereupon, Mayor Wentz moved that said ordinance be passed, as amended. Commissioner Fraser 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, Parker, and Fraser.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said ordinance duly passed and the ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2012-3030 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

**2012-3031 WATER DEPOSITS**

**PASSED**

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

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING UTILITY DEPOSITS AND DELINQUENCY FEES;  
REPEALING SECTIONS 20-1, 20-2, AND 20-34 OF THE CONCORDIA CODE; AND  
AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS 20-1, 20-2, AND  
20-34.**

The ordinance would raise the deposit from \$80 to \$100, with deposits only being received from renters.

Commissioner Fraser said the higher deposit would put more of a burden on renters, and preferred the outstanding bill go against the meter. He requested the item be postponed until the next meeting, for those opposing the new ordinance to have time to contact the commissioners.

Thereupon, Mayor Wentz moved that said ordinance be passed, with a side note to try this for a year to see if the changes helped the delinquencies. Commissioner Parker 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 Parker.

Nay: Commissioner Fraser.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said ordinance duly passed and the ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2012-3031 and was signed by the Mayor and the signature attested by the City Clerk.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Uri said he'd met with the FAA concerning the requirements they would have for the hospital to locate near the airport. Also, he'd met with the Corps of Engineers for an update on the dam project. City Manager Uri was directed that the City's portion of the Corps project, at 35%, will be less expensive than doing the project at 100% without the Corps.

City Manager Uri attended a Brownfields funding workshop in Lyons, where he learned about possible grant funds available that are dispersed to environmentally comprised property, leading City Manager Uri to suggest that the dam area might be a good project to receive a Brownfields grant.

**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Commissioner Johnson asked if Mayor Wentz wanted the motion to reflect her comment on the water deposit ordinance, that we will revisit the topic in a year to see if the changes helped the delinquencies. Mayor Wentz said it could be noted in the minutes.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Finance Director Farha handed out the new 2012 budget books to the commissioners.

Chad Buckley asked for approval to purchase pipe for the water main on 17<sup>th</sup> Street, for \$7332.00.

Commissioner Johnson moved to purchase 1040 feet of pipe. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Buckley said that there are only 335 meters left, which will complete the meter replacement project.

Commissioner Johnson asked about the Alco building cleanup. It was answered the floor tiles were taken up, and the next step is to see what the City and County want to pay for.

**ADJOURN**

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

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

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Stacey Crum  
City Clerk

