

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2012

The governing body met in adjourned session on November 19, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Pounds, Wentz, Parker, and Fraser.

Absent: Commissioner Johnson.

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, Rick Morton, Tom Wierenga, Monte Wentz, Mary Jo Thummel, Jean Rosemarynoski, Tammy Britt, LaVerne Clintsman, Kirk Lowell. Staff present: Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Chris Edin, Police Chief; Eric Voss, Fire Chief.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #21

APPROVED

Commissioner Parker asked about the check to 20/20 Theatrical. City Manager Uri answered the work on the Brown Grand is paid from funds allocated last year and not used yet.

Commissioner Fraser asked for an explanation of a flag-a-tag program kit. It was determined to be a flag football kit.

Commissioner Wentz asked if the meters purchased are the last of those being replaced. Chad Buckley said the project is nearing completion.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #21. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

LaVerne Clintsman discussed the problems with his property and wanted to know if anything was being done. City Manager Uri said a geotechnical engineer was coming to look at his garage.

Monte Wentz, chairperson for the hospital board of trustees, gave an update on the new hospital project. The hospital has asked the county to put a sales tax increase on the next ballot in February. The county recommended that the hospital ask the city to create a public building commission to issue revenue bonds to fund the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

DEMO BIDS

APPROVED

Bruno Rehbein presented bids from three contractors for demolition of four properties for the housing rehabilitation project. The addresses are 833 E. 5th, 801 E. 5th, 230 E. 6th, and 512 Spruce. The bids were as follows:

Snell Contracting	Concordia	\$28,500
Advanced Environmental	Belton, MO	\$36,337
G&G Dozer	Caney, KS	\$21,800

The housing rehabilitation board recommended the low bid from G&G Dozer. This bid was the only one that came in under the maximum amount allowed per property, saving the city from needing to contribute the balance to do the project.

Mayor Pounds moved to accept the demo bid from G&G Dozer for \$21,800. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASE APPROVAL – MID-AMERICA PUMP

APPROVED

Chad Buckley stated the invoice was brought before the commission because the total is over the limit the city manager can approve. The purchase would replace an original 1978 pump at the wastewater treatment plant

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the purchase from Mid-America Pump for \$5040.93. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BROWN GRAND THEATRE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

APPROVED

City Manager Uri gave some background on the Brown Grand, stating that for many years, the city has leased the property to Brown Grand Opera House, Inc. for no charge. The agreement is necessary in order for the Brown Grand to accept TIF funds for the city's \$100,000 contribution towards the current repairs, as the city cannot give these funds to a city building leased by another party. The management agreement replaces the lease.

Commissioner Wentz moved to authorize the mayor and the city clerk to sign the agreement. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

2012-1937 BROWN GRAND THEATRE REIMBURSEMENT

PASSED

Thereupon, there was presented to the Governing Body a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS EVIDENCING THE OFFICIAL INTENT OF THE CITY TO UNDERTAKE A CERTAIN PROJECT, FINANCE THE SAME WITH GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY AND BE AUTHORIZED TO APPLY PROCEEDS OF SUCH BONDS TO CERTAIN ORIGINAL EXPENDITURES ON SUCH PROJECT.

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

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Resolution having been adopted by vote of the members of the Governing Body, it was given No. 2012-1937, and was directed to be signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

Commissioner Johnson entered and took his seat at 5:50 p.m.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri discussed a CDBG program aimed at renovating downtown buildings.

The annual City Hall Day in Topeka will be held February 6, 2013.

City Manager Uri said he had been informed by the League that there is talk of the legislature initiating a repeal of constitutional home rule powers of cities, and discussed the benefits of being able to use that power.

In response to the comments earlier by Monte Wentz, City Manager Uri said the commission would be well informed before being asked to consider those items.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Fraser talked about discussion he'd heard at the League conference about setting up a community improvement district in order to raise needed sales tax or property tax.

Commissioner Parker wanted to remind everyone that the annual Thanksgiving dinner would be held at the armory this year.

Commissioner Johnson questioned the city's lack of involvement in the Brown Grand's board, saying the commission approves all other board members. He said we have no control over the property for which the city is responsible.

STAFF COMMENTS

Chad Buckley told the commission that sewer and water to all the demo houses have been terminated.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

HELD

Commissioner Fraser moved that the commission recess into executive session for five (5) 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: 6:05 p.m.


The commission reconvened at 6:10 p.m.

Mayor Pounds announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Commissioner Wentz moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

(Seal)



Stacey Crum
City Clerk