

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

The governing body met in regular session on September 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, Jean Rosemarynoski, Ken Johnson, Tina Barnett, Judy Stephens, Marcia Allen, Tammy Britt. Staff present: Jim Menard, Fire Dept. Head Captain; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Chad Buckley, Utilities Director; Chris Edin, Police Chief.

Pastor Tina Barnett gave the invocation, followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Manager Uri said the fireworks at football games item was dropped from the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVED

Commissioner Fraser moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2012, meeting. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #16

APPROVED

Commissioner Johnson asked about the two downtown improvement projects being paid, and when they were approved by the commission. He said the commission should approve all payables. City Manager Uri answered that an appointed committee approves the projects, and promised to review the policy.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #16. Commissioner Fraser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

FARM LEASE

Ron Copple presented the farm lease and the bids received to farm several parcels of City land around the airport totaling 132.5 acres. Five bids were received. They were as follows:

Scott Hanson	\$71.42 acre
Keaton Lambert	\$86.53 acre
Clarence Mendenhall	\$97.50 acre
D&G Deneault Farms, Inc.	\$101.00 acre
Swenson Jeardoe, LLC	\$104.25 acre

Commissioner Johnson had several comments and concerns which would not affect the lease with the high bidders. Mr. Copple stated they had seen the lease and signed it, agreeing to those terms.

Commissioner Fraser moved to accept the Swenson Jeardoe bid for \$104.25. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Uri suggested the possibility of using the savings realized from the new health insurance to fund the City's pledge of \$100,000 towards the Brown Grand's stage renovations. TIF funds cannot be used, as the building is being leased, which is not allowed for a city-owned building according to the TIF policy.

City Manager Uri said the dam engineers will be here for the next meeting with a presentation on the flood control design.

Deb Ohlde will be in the office to discuss Plum Road dam grants.

Staff is meeting with Campbell & Johnson to discuss moving the sewer in the flood control area.

A letter was received from Bob Dole acknowledging the letter of thanks sent to him; completing Izzy Bombardier's project to recognize all who helped with the wind storm 20 years ago.

City Manager Uri presented a count of recreation participants for the year.

City Manager Uri said water usage had gone down substantially in the last few weeks, allowing the City to lift the warning.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Parker said there are a lot of rumors about what is going on at the flood control area, as dirt work as begun to ready the commercial lots.

Commissioner Fraser questioned the amount of dirt removed from the east side. Ken Johnson said twelve inches must be removed to get the alfalfa roots. Then topsoil will be replaced.

Commissioner Wentz said she'd been approached about spraying for stickers around the soccer field. She asked about Rasure Field. Ron Copple said it was up to Tom Gennette what it was used for.

Commissioner Johnson asked about nuisances. City Manager Uri said letters are still being sent. Commissioner Johnson questioned the curb and gutter being replaced at the football field. Ron Copple said it is regular maintenance. Commissioner Johnson said the school has their own tax base; they should be paying for this. He said citizens get on the curb and gutter program and pay for materials, so why isn't the school paying for materials as well. Commissioner Johnson asked if the commissioners would get to approve this project, as it would be possible that the costs would be above \$5000. Mr. Copple said he doesn't get maintenance projects approved. Commissioner Johnson asked about machinery being stored on a residential lot. City Manager Uri said staff would look into it. Commissioner Johnson asked about spraying for mosquitos in Lost Creek area. This is not in the city limits.

Mayor Pounds suggested looking into a spray park at the pool that can be set on a timer. Mayor Pounds asked about door to door solicitation, and if they need a permit to do so.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ron Copple said the geometric improvement was not received from the State.

City Clerk Crum asked for voting delegates for the business meeting at the league conference. It was decided to name Mayor Pounds and Ron Copple as delegates, and Commissioners Wentz and Fraser as alternates.

Chad Buckley displayed a defective fitting from 7th Street.

Mr. Copple said the Brown Grand was getting quite a bit of water in the basement. There was a leak found in a storm drain, and it has been repaired.

Ken Johnson gave an update on the dirt work being done at the south development. The contractors are planning on the project taking twenty days.

City Manager Uri introduced Jim Menard as head captain, rather than naming an interim during the fire chief search. Mr. Menard updated the commission on the hose testing over the next three days.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NON-ELECTED PERSONNEL

HELD

Commissioner Wentz moved that the commission recess into executive session for twenty (20) minutes for non-elected personnel. Inviting: City Manager Uri. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:36 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:56 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 Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Parker seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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Stacey Crum
City Clerk