
**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON ST.**

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on October 7, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Matthew, Hasch, Snavely, Lambertz, and Wentz.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: City Manager Amy Lange, City Clerk Stacey Smith, Finance Director Farha, City Attorney Justin Ferrell.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Matthew called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Toby Nosker, Jim Lowell, Ashley Hutchinson, Marian Condray, Lorene Steimel, Robert Steimel, Susie Haver, Rick Barrett, Theresa Bonebrake, Paul Nelson. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Ric Fredrickson, Police Chief; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Chris Atkins, Recreation Director.

The invocation was followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amy Lange added an executive session for preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ITEMS SCHEDULED AT A CERTAIN TIME

Rotary International Proclamation

Theresa Bonebrake, Paul Nelson, and Amy Lange from the local Rotary chapter spoke on the role of Rotary and its goal to eradicate polio.

The mayor read the proclamation, and declared October 24 as World Polio Day.

DISCUSSION AGENDA *(Items Deserving of Brief Discussion, Action may be taken)*

Animal Control Ordinance Update

Justin Ferrell expressed concerns about current enforcement of animal ordinances after the breed specific ordinance was passed. Dog bites have increased, and the animal is allowed to quarantine at home rather than the shelter. It was discussed what criteria would send an animal into quarantine.

With animal fostering, there is no oversight. Large numbers of dogs are in confined spaces, with fecal matter piling up and neglect of the animals. Mr. Ferrell suggested licensing for fostering.

It was decided to bring this back to a study session for further discussion.

ACTION AGENDA *(Action Expected)*

150th Celebration Committee Purchases Approval

Amy Lange discussed the activities planned by the committee for next year's festivities, including August 14 when the time capsule will be opened. The committee plans to have fundraising in the form of selling merchandise. A barrel of Jack Daniels whiskey could be purchased, with special commemorative bottles. T-shirts and Christmas ornaments have been selected. Ms. Lange stated the City may need to spend up to \$15,000 for merchandise, but fully expects the money will be recouped, with the profits earmarked for the special events planned.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the fundraisers presented for the City's Sesquicentennial Celebration and authorize related necessary expenditures from the general fund not to exceed a total of

\$15,000 with the understanding that all expenses for the 150th Celebration will ultimately be supported by fundraising activities. Commissioner Snavelly seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of September 16, 2020 Meeting

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the minutes of September 16, 2020. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #18

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #18. Commissioner Snavelly seconded. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Appointments

The terms for LaDonna Peltier and Troy LeDuc will be expiring in November. Ms. Peltier has chosen to step down. Bruno Rehbein said she has served for around 25 years. R. Kent Anderson has expressed interest in serving.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve Troy LeDuc and R. Kent Anderson to the planning commission. Commissioner Snavelly seconded. Motion carried.

Board of Zoning Appeals Appointments

Tammy Britt expressed interest in continuing to serve on the board. R. Kent Anderson would serve an unexpired term. Bruno Rehbein said there is still one open position on the board.

Commissioner Snavelly moved to approve Tammy Britt for another term, and R. Kent Anderson to fill the vacated position on the board of zoning appeals. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Audit Engagement Letter

Amber Farha said the auditor's letter shows \$13,000 for services, the same as last year. She stated we have never paid the full contract price with this auditor since engaging Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips. This year, due to not attending personally, the City only paid \$11,000 for services. Ms. Farha stated she is satisfied with the auditor's services.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to authorize the mayor to sign the audit engagement letter with Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips for the year ending December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$13,000. Commissioner Snavelly seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-3166 Utility Fees

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT SEWER SERVICE CHARGE AND TO ADD A SECTION FOR CHARGING A FEE FOR WATER METER REPORTS; REPEALING SECTION 20-202(H) OF THE CONCORDIA CODE; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS 20-202(H) AND 20-209.

The ordinance adds an additional \$3.00 to the treatment plant fee, and adds a fee for non-emergency meter reads requested by the property owner.

Thereupon, Commissioner Wentz moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hasch. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Yea: Commissioners Matthew, Hasch, Snavelly, Lambertz, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2020-3166, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

Ordinance 2020-3167 Snow Routes

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SNOW ROUTE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA; REPEALING CONCORDIA CODE SECTION 19-308; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING NEW SECTION 19-308.

Due to the location on College Drive of the new hospital, a new street has been added to the emergency snow routes.

Thereupon, Commissioner Lambertz moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Snavelly. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Yea: Commissioners Matthew, Hasch, Snavelly, Lambertz, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2020-3167, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

Ordinance 2020-3168 Uniform Public Offense Code

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES, EDITION OF 2020, WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS, AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS; PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES; REPEALING EXISTING SECTION 14-101 OF THE CONCORDIA CODE; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING A SECTION NUMBERED 14-101.

Thereupon, Commissioner Snavelly moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lambertz. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Yea: Commissioners Matthew, Hasch, Snavelly, Lambertz, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2020-3168, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

Approval of Commission Room Furniture Donation

A portion of the CARES funds were designated for new furniture in the commission room. With the recent move of the Chamber of Commerce from the CloudCorp building, each has a need for tables and chairs. Amy Lange asked that the commission consider donating our current furniture to each of these entities.

Commissioner Hasch moved to authorize the donation of furniture to CloudCorp and the Chamber of Commerce as presented. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

Amy Lange said the runway project began last week. She noted she has submitted the first report for the CARES money, of \$111,000, and we should be reimbursed that soon. The League annual conference begins next week, totally virtual. The Brown Grand held their open house last weekend to showcase the new seating.

Staff Reports

Ron Copple gave an update on the runway project. They have begun removing topsoil and filling in the low spots.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Preliminary Discussion of Acquisition of Real Estate

Commissioner Lambertz moved that the city commission recess into executive session for the preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(6), with Amy Lange and Justin Ferrell in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 7:10 p.m. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Matthew, Hasch, Snavelly, Lambertz, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Time: 6:45 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Matthew announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 7:10 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith
City Clerk