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

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on January 20, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Lambertz, Wentz, Hasch, Hutchinson, and Belden.

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 Lambertz called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Toby Nosker, Jim Lowell, Dave Garnas, Robert Frasier, Kiim Reynolds. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Ric Fredrickson, Police Chief; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; 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 confidential business data, and removed the study session item until the next meeting.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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

Review of Ordinance 2020-3170

Amy Lange provided paperwork with latest statistics. She said in order to get to green (5% positivity rate), we would need more negative tests performed. The county health nurse has said she would be in favor of relaxing the mask mandate with more people being vaccinated.

Dave Garnas, CEO of the hospital, said cases continue to drop. The continued concern is the lack of area hospital beds for patients needing more care. He said the hospital is in good shape, with only two COVID patients, and one staff member out with the virus. He recommended masks until phase 2 of the vaccination process is complete, which is estimated to be mid to the end of March.

The commission decided to leave the item as informational only in the near future, and have discussion at a later date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Confidential Business Data

Commissioner Wentz moved that the city commission recess into executive session to discuss confidential business data or trade secrets of a business, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(4) with Amy Lange, Justin Ferrell, and Kim Reynolds in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:05 p.m. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Lambertz, Wentz, Hasch, Hutchinson, and Belden.

Nay: None.

Time 5:52 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Lambertz announced there was no binding action taken.

Non-Elected Personnel (1)

Commissioner Wentz moved that the city commission recess into executive session to discuss employment/personnel issues pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1), with commissioners only in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Lambertz, Wentz, Hasch, Hutchinson, and Belden.

Nay: None.

Time 6:07 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Lambertz announced there was no binding action taken.

Non-Elected Personnel (2)

Commissioner Hutchinson moved that the city commission recess into executive session to discuss employment/personnel issues pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1), with Amy Lange in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Lambertz, Wentz, Hasch, Hutchinson, and Belden.

Nay: None.

Time 6:31 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Lambertz announced there was no binding action taken.

ACTION AGENDA (Action Expected)

City Manager Contract Renewal

Commissioner Hasch moved to table the city manager contract with Amy Lange pending the outcome of discussion of city staff salaries, understanding Ms. Lange continues to be under contract based on earlier agreement until agreed-upon additional provisions. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of January 6, 2021 Meeting

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the minutes of January 6, 2021. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #1

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve appropriation ordinance #1. Commissioner Belden seconded. Motion carried.

Purchase of Extractor Washer and Dryer

Eric Voss said \$11,000 remains of the SPARK funds received from the county. A change in requirements from the county for PPE had the department looking for N95 masks, but they are backordered many months. The washer and dryer recommended will sanitize bunker gear and all clothing, and could be open to the county and other agencies. Mr. Voss said it speeds up the washing and drying time of bunker gear from days to hours.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the purchase of the Extractor washer and dryer from Weis Fire Equipment for \$10,900.99, to be paid from SPARK state funds. Commissioner Belden seconded. Motion carried.

Purchase of Air Conditioner

The AC unit has failed in the server room at the police department. It is a wall mount mini split, about 12 years old. Two quotes were received, one from Hood Heating and Air for \$4,574.00, and the other from Callebresi for \$6,366.00. The low bid was recommended.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the purchase of the LG 2 ton mini split from Hood Heating and Air for \$4,574.00. Commissioner Belden seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

Amy Lange said the bid letting for the downtown alley project was this week. The low bidder was much lower than the engineer's estimate. Bids will come to the commission on February 3. She said the League wanted to do a feature article on Concordia in an upcoming Kansas Government Journal magazine. The updated commission photo will be taken at the next meeting.

Staff Reports

Ron Copple said KDOT let bids today on the south highway project. There were four bidders. The project will be paid for with a 90/10 match.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Commissioner Wentz said she was glad to see progress in downtown Concordia. Thanks to the staff and the city manager for the work.

Mayor Lambertz said he was fortunate to be in Concordia, and appreciated working with staff to see projects come together.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, 7:06 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith
City Clerk