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

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on February 3, 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, City Attorney Justin Ferrell.

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

Visitors: Toby Nosker, Jim Lowell, Rick Barrett, Ken Johnson, Jessica Brucken. 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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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

Broadway Plaza Update

Jessica Brucken said 2020 was a challenging year, but there was still plenty of activity at the Plaza. There were 110 events, with 3,557 in attendance, down considerably from previous years. There were only two concerts, but six new events. The plan is to have five new events in 2021. Nicki Reed has been hired as Ms. Brucken's replacement, and her last day will be February 19. Ms. Brucken said there are plans for a 5th birthday party for the Plaza this year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Confidential Business Data

Commissioner Hutchinson 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, Ron Copple, and Ryan Kueker in attendance for the first 10 minutes, and Amy Lange and Justin Ferrell in attendance for the following 10 minutes, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:01 p.m. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time 5:42 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor Lambertz announced there was no binding action taken.

ACTION AGENDA (*Action Expected*)

Minutes of January 20, 2021 Meeting

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve the minutes of January 20, 2021. Commissioner Belden seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #2

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #2. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Public Works Vehicle Bids

Two bids were received for the public works director vehicle.

Vendor	Base Bid	Vehicle
Concordia Chevy Buick	\$27,353.75	2021 Chevy Equinox
Farm Country Ford	\$23,143.00	2020 Ford Escape

Ron Copple said both vehicles are new. The current vehicle he is driving, a 2011 Chevy Impala, will move to the fire department for training, and be sold at some point. He recommended the low bid.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the 2020 Ford Escape purchase from Farm Country Ford for \$23,143.00. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Tennis Courts LED Lighting Bids

Bid requests were sent to six vendors, with one returning a bid for lights at the tennis courts at City Park. Hood Heating and Air returned a bid of \$45,508.00. City staff will remove the old poles. It is hoped the LED bulbs will last 10 years before needing replaced.

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve purchasing LED lighting for the tennis courts from Hood Heating & Air for \$45,508.00. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Connecting Link Project – South Highway 81

The project is the southbound lane of Highway 81 at the city limits. KDOT’s share is capped at \$1,000,000, with the City paying up to 10%, for a total project cost of \$1,111,111. If the project goes over that amount, the City assumes the remaining costs.

The low bid from Vogts Parga Construction was \$617,869. With engineering costs, the project is totaled at \$723,055. The City’s share is \$73,000.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the mayor to sign the authority to award contract and commitment of City funds for the connecting link south highway project for \$73,000.00. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded. Motion carried.

CDBG Project - Downtown Alley Bids

A bid letting on January 19 produced three bidders for the project, which includes sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and repaving.

Contractor	Total Bid
Vogts Parga Construction	\$962,087.50
Orr Wyatt Streetscapes	\$658,418.50
Smoky Hill Construction	\$738,107.00
Engineer’s Estimate	\$845,115.00

Hesitation was voiced over the lack of knowledge of the low bidder. Ken Johnson of Campbell & Johnson said he had followed up with references, and talked extensively with the company, and felt confident they would do a good job. Campbell & Johnson recommended the low bid.

The work would start March 15, with plans to be done before Fall Fest.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to award the CDBG project for downtown alley to Orr Wyatt Streetscapes for \$658,418.50. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2021-3173 Annexation of Noncontiguous Lands

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, ANNEXING PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 12-519 ET SEQ.

Thereupon, Commissioner Hasch moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wentz. 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 Lambertz, Wentz, Hasch, Hutchinson, and Belden.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2021-3173, 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.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to authorize the mayor to sign the development agreement with the Stupkas. Commission Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

None.

Staff Reports

Justin Ferrell gave an update on the eminent domain property, and said he is almost completed with the filed paperwork.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Commissioner Wentz thanked the street department for snow removal.

Commissioner Hasch asked about updated city limits map, as property has been annexed since the last maps came out.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, 6:35 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn to a study session to discuss the employee pay scale.



/s/ Stacey Smith
City Clerk