

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

September 18, 2012

7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Junction City Commission was held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 with Mayor Pat Landes presiding.

The following members of the Commission were present: Cecil Aska, Scott Johnson, Pat Landes, Jim Sands, and Jack Taylor. Staff present was: City Manager Vernon, City Attorney Logan, and City Clerk Tyler Ficken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melody Saxton stated that she is concerned about her disabled friend on Skyline Dr. Her friend would need extra help in the event of an emergency, and the 2-1-1 programs existed to provide additional information to first responders so they know there is a disabled person living at specific residences. Melody Saxton stated that she can conduct incident command system training.

Charlotte Grek stated that her organization will be holding a volunteer fair at the Municipal Building on January 14, 2013. This will be a positive event for the community, and will display the need for volunteers. Mrs. Grek stated there is no cost to participate, and Ft. Riley officials have been invited to the event.

John Stewart thanked the public works department for street improvements made on Spruce Street. Mr. Stewart stated that the residency policy should be changed to get the government out of people's lives. Mr. Stewart stated that the County should participate in and help pay for operations at the Golf Course.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-18 2012 dated August 28, 2012 through September 10, 2012 in the amount of \$1,062,914.44. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Minutes for the September 4, 2012 City Commission Meeting. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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A presentation by Ty Warner of the Flint Hills Regional Council. Ty Warner presented a reimbursement check from the Office of Economic Adjustment to cover the cost of a traffic study as a result of growth at Ft. Riley.

Mayor Landes to present National Recovery Month proclamation. Mayor Landes presented the proclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

The consideration and approval of Resolution R-2697, setting a public hearing date of November 6, 2012 to address condemnation of 227 E. 1st St.

Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve Resolution R-2697. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The consideration and approval of Resolution R-2698, setting a public hearing date of November 6, 2012 to address condemnation of 239 E 7th St.

Commissioner Johnson moved, seconded by commissioner Sands to approve Resolution R-2698. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The consideration and approval of Resolution R-2699, setting a public hearing date of November 6, 2012 to address condemnation of 305 E. 8th St.

Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve Resolution R-2699. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of the request of Schultz Construction on behalf of Auto Craft, Inc., owners of Auto Craft Collision Repair at 220 East Chestnut St, for the waiver of the paving standards for the vehicle storage area north of the alley and fronting in 1st Street. Planning & Zoning Director Yearout stated that he recommends the Commission include a provision that a concrete pad be added their trash container. City Attorney Logan stated that the City would need to enter into a written agreement with the owners outlining the requirement for a cement pad for their trash receptacle. Commissioner Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to approve the waiver of paving standards provided that a written agreement is made to provide a concrete pad for their dumpster. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration and approval of a Traffic Signal Agreement between KDOT and the City for Old US-77 and US-77. Public Services Director McCaffery stated that the City would conduct inspections and lens & bulb replacements. Commissioner Sands stated that this seems like a good deal. Public Services Director McCaffery stated that the City's responsibilities would increase if additional lights are added. Commissioner Taylor stated that it is good to see that lighting issues

on US-77 are being addressed. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Traffic Signal Agreement between KDOT and the City for Old US-77 and US-77. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance G-1116 adoption of 2012 Standard Traffic Ordinance. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve Ordinance G-1116. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance G-1121 addition to City Ordinance Traffic Code Section 302.110 raising the mandatory fine for first and second offense DUIs. Commissioner Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to approve Ordinance G-1121. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance G-1122 amending Offense Code Section 220.460, Unlawful Damage to Property, to cover damage to property up to \$1,000.00. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve Ordinance G-1122. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Award of Bid to Van-Wall Equipment in the amount of \$33,700.00 for one Wide Area Rough Mower. Commissioner Johnson asked how much the current lease cost is. Golf Superintendent Osborne stated that the lease is approximately \$10,000 annually. Mayor Landes asked if other courses use this equipment. Golf Superintendent Osborne stated that this mower will save time and comes with a two year guarantee. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Aska to approve the lease purchase of one Wide Area Rough Mower from Van-Wall Equipment for \$33,700.00. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Award of Bid to Professional Turf Products in the amount of \$47,917.56 for two Triplex Greens Mowers. Parks & Recreation Director Lazear stated that the proposed vendor has a mobile service unit that should reduce costs and down time. Mayor Landes asked how long the warranties on the mowers are. Parks & Recreation Director Lazear stated that the warranties are also two years. Commissioner Johnson asked if the golf course budget will allow for these purchases. Finance Director Beatty stated that the last finance report showed that the Golf Course is \$100 in the black. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Aska to approve the lease purchase of two Triplex Greens Mowers from Professional Turf Products in the amount of \$47,917.56.

Consideration of Award of Bid to Professional Turf Products in the amount of \$6,710.58 for one Tractor Mounted Seeder. Parks & Recreation Director Lazear stated that the bid is to purchase equipment to replace bentgrass on the course

which is expensive to maintain. Commissioner Sands moved, second by Commissioner Aska to lease purchase one tractor mounted seeder from Professional Turf Products in the amount of \$6,710.58.

Seeking direction from the City Commission concerning the residency requirement for city employees. City Manager Vernon stated that the purpose of the policy is to ensure that employees become part of the community, pay taxes here, and have the ability to respond quickly to emergencies. City Manager Vernon stated that the policy does potentially limit the employment pool. City Manager Vernon stated that it is problematic to change the residency policy on such a frequent basis. Commissioner Johnson stated that he would like to see the EDC and Chamber of Commerce move on a policy like this. City Manager Vernon stated that Geary County currently has a 30 mile radius requirement. Commissioner Aska stated that the issue in 2011 was department head residency; state employees have no residency requirement, and what matters most is if the employee is a good worker. Commissioner Aska stated that he is comfortable with the current policy, and he does not want to see the City lose residents. Commissioner Taylor stated that an employee could live in southeast Geary County which is very far away. Commissioner Sands stated that while attending a new teacher's breakfast, six teachers he sat with were moving to the community, and they were looking forward to it. Commissioner Taylor stated that it is a hardship to maintain a second home for the purposes of employment. Commissioner Taylor stated that it would be good for the public to discuss this, and he would like Dewy with KJCK to hold a Your Town show to discuss the issue.

Seeking direction from the City Commission concerning the funding of Rolling Meadows Golf Course. Commissioner Johnson stated that the City and County both benefit from the Golf Course and both should pay for it; Commissioner Johnson stated that he does not understand those who are opposed to this idea. Commissioner Aska stated that this is a topic that could be discussed at a joint City /County meeting. Mayor Landes stated that the Course is really out in the County, and it does benefit both entities. Finance Director Beatty stated that Shawnee County now shares Parks & Recreation programs with Topeka. Mayor Landes stated that he would like this item to be discussed at the Joint City/County meeting in October.

Consideration of letter of acknowledgement and support for the Manhattan Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Commissioner Aska stated that this is important because it involves working with our neighbors. City Manager Vernon stated that the City of Manhattan will make the decision on the boundaries of the MPO, and the attached letter would provide Junction City support to be included within the boundary. Commissioner Johnson asked what the benefit for Junction City is. Ty Warner Flint Hills Regional Council Director stated that the MPO would allow for local planning of federal transportation dollars. Commissioner Aska stated that it would be important to have a strong voice on the board. City

Manager Vernon stated that the County has signed the letter. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to approve the letter of acknowledgement and support for the Manhattan Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Johnson stated that he hopes people vote for representatives who are careful with money in the upcoming election.

Commissioner Taylor acknowledged that there were students in the crowd. The students were education majors.

Commissioner Sands stated that the City is behind with street maintenance, and with 150 miles of streets, it is going to take some time. Commissioner Sands stated that he encourages people to participate in the volunteer fair in January.

Mayor Landes stated that Fiddler on the Roof will be playing at the Opera House, and Jammin' in JC will be held in Heritage Park later this month. Mayor Landes stated that he attended the Ribbon cutting at Seitz Elementary.

STAFF COMMENTS

Public Services Director McCaffery stated that the 2012 micro-surfacing project has been completed, and the next projects are concrete patching and crack filling.

City Attorney Logan stated the Dick Edwards TIF has been completed.

Finance Director Beatty stated that she will be preparing materials for the AUSA trip.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 2nd DAY OF OCTOBER AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR AUGUST 18, 2012.


Tyler Ficken, City Clerk


Pat Landes, Mayor