

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

October 16, 2012

7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Junction City Commission was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 with Mayor Pat Landes presiding.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Cale of 2814 Valley Dr. stated that he is not satisfied with the customer service of the City. He stated that he received a \$50 fee for a \$40 bill. Mr. Cale stated that he was out of town due to the death of a family member and was unable to pay the bill. Mayor Landes stated that he has had his own account shut off for nonpayment. Finance Director Beatty explained that the property was billed correctly and when payment was not received, the water was turned off. Finance Director Beatty stated that the Customer Service department provides for five methods of payment. Mr. Cale stated that the City should not be in business and the water does not taste good. Commissioner Johnson stated that the water tastes good and it is a good deal. Commissioner Johnson stated that bill collection is expensive; the fee is not for profit but to make the City whole for that expense.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-20 2012 dated September 25, 2012 to October 8, 2012 in the amount of \$489,455.03. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of the October 2, 2012 City Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration and award of bid for Salt Spreaders and Snow Plow Units. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

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Presentation on the first 90 Days of the Assumption of the Public Works Operations; the spraying of weeds in the street is going well. Commissioner Sands asked if the Public Works Department has the equipment that is needed. Public Services Director McCaffery stated that the public works department owns the sprayer, and the tractor belongs to the Parks Department. Public Services Director McCaffery stated that the staff is working to preserve equipment and he provided photos of rehabilitated equipment. He also stated that the department is working to make equipment universal instead of single use. Mayor Landes asked if the budget is tracking as expected. Public Services Director McCaffery stated that vehicle maintenance costs are high. Mayor Landes commended the Department for a terrific job. Public Services Director McCaffery stated that the City will receive \$8000 in proceeds from collected warranty items.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Adoption of a Winter Snow and Ice Removal Policy. Mayor Landes asked if the Police Department has been consulted on the plan. Public Services Director McCaffery stated that the policy does not deviate greatly from past policy. Commissioner Johnson asked if the issue of swapping parking to allow for additional plowing has been addressed. Public Services Director McCaffery stated that Patriot Point participated in the past. Commissioner Johnson stated that it is difficult to drive near schools and get through; people park in the streets and not the driveway. Public Services Director McCaffery stated that driveway parking is not always an option. Commissioner Johnson asked if snow emergency routes could be considered. Public Services Director McCaffery stated that the City Manager can declare a snow emergency. Chief Brown stated that a snow emergency declaration typically involves a very large snow. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to approve standard ice and snow removal policy as presented. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration and approval of airport and hangar land lease document and determination of price per square foot for lease renewal. Commissioner Johnson asked how many leases there are. Finance Director Beatty stated that there are 22 leases which have collected \$7,000 annually in the past. Mayor Landes asked how large the areas are; he pays more to store his golf cart. Finance director Beatty stated that the leases range from 880 to 6,000 square feet. Finance Director Beatty reminded the Commissioner that the lessors own the buildings and pay taxes on them; this is for lease of the land. Commissioner Johnson asked how much the City pays to run the airport. Finance Director Beatty stated that the airport budget is approximately \$100,000, but the Kansas Department of Transportation estimates that the facility has a \$4 million economic impact. Commissioner Johnson stated that he would like the County to help fund some of these programs. Commissioner Johnson stated that with 11,000 takeoffs, a donation box could help the budget.

A discussion of specific proposed changes to the residency policy.

Discussion and consideration of Section 4.6 of the Personnel Policy concerning Nepotism.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Sands stated that the streets are looking better, but people need to keep their leaves and grass clipping out of the street.

Mayor Landes thanked Erma with the Geary County Health Department and Gertie Williams with their work on breast cancer awareness work. Also, the AUSA trip will be next week.

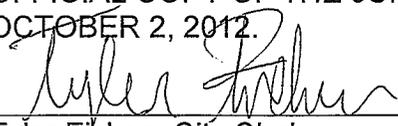
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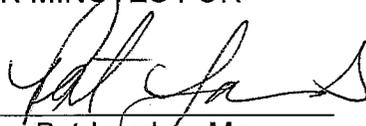
City Manager Vernon stated that the EDC and Chamber has moved. City Manager Vernon stated that Jim Germann's office will be moved to the central basement location for server rewiring purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Aska to adjourn at 8:121 p.m. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, and Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 16th DAY OF OCTOBER AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 2, 2012.


Tyler Ficken, City Clerk


Pat Landes, Mayor