

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

November 20, 2012

7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Junction City Commission was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 with Vice-Mayor Jim Sands presiding.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Martha Smith with Kansas Manufactured Housing Association stated that she appreciates the changes to the manufactured home code, but has issue with the definition section of the proposed ordinance. City attorney Logan stated that since the proposed definition is the same as the existing definition, she would recommend moving forward with consideration of the item, and consider the definition in the future.

Doug Ottersberg of Santa Fe New Mexico stated that he compliments the staff on their work on the manufactured home ordinance change.

Allan Rothlisberg 65th District Representative thanked everyone for their vote, and he looks forward to representing all. He plans to regularly attend City meeting when he is not in Topeka. He has an open door policy regarding constituent concerns.

Mark Moskey of Northwind and Elmdale Estates stated that the inspection fees are too high, and it is costly to make changes soon after the last update. He runs a mom and pop operation, and \$1000 is excessive. The rear entrance steps he has installed will be made obsolete because they do not have handrails.

Ian Prinney of Spruce Street stated that One-Way and no parking would be appropriate for Bradley and Patton Streets but not Pierce and Raber because the homes on those streets are not rentals. He stated that if the No-Parking occurs as proposed on their street it would require seniors to park across the street from their home.

Weldon Fallwell of 927 Hemlock inquired regarding a solicitation by American Water Resources. He stated that this is an insurance policy covering water and sewer line problems. City Manager Vernon stated that Kansas has been blanketed with their advertisements and the City has no affiliation with the company.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-22-2012 dated October 30, 2012 to November 9, 2012 in the amount of \$530,861.39. Commissioner Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Aska to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of the minutes for the November 6, 2012 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Aska to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of award of contract for lease/purchase of two copiers. Commissioner Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Aska to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and approval of the installation of One-Way and No-Parking signage along Bradley Avenue, Patton Avenue, Pierce Street and Raber Street. Commissioner Taylor asked if changes would be enforced immediately; he stated that the rental areas are the problem spots. Commissioner Sands asked where the photo of the ambulance was taken. Municipal Services Director McCaffery stated that the photos were on Bradley St. Commissioner Johnson stated that some areas around schools have similar problems. Commissioner Johnson stated that while emergency situation can be infrequent, it will eventually become an issue. Commissioner Aska stated that Pierce & Raber could be considered separate from Bradley and Patton Streets. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the One-Way and No-Parking signage as recommended along Bradley Avenue and Patton Avenue for a 90 day review period. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried. Captain Brechi stated that there would be an education period and fines would not be levied immediately. Chief Rook stated that the parking is the more important of the two issues because space is the key; a vehicle may be able to fit down the street, but space is also needed to remove equipment from the truck. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve recommended No-parking on Pierce and Raber Streets with a 90 day review. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance G-1124 amending the existing Chapter 585 of Article V of the City Code of Junction City concerning adjustments to the Manufactured Home and Recreational Vehicle Code. Planning & Zoning Director Yearout stated that the owner of the court is responsible for licensing with includes

requirements for blocks, skirting, stairs & rails. Planning & Zoning Director Yearout stated that the change will not require storm shelters to be built. Regarding the fees, Planning & Zoning Director Yearout stated that prior to 2010 owners were charged a flat fee of \$50 regardless if their court had 15 or 400 units, and the current fee is \$10 per space. Senior Inspector Karmann stated that the Fire Department or Codes & Inspections Department inspect for life safety issues on an annual basis. Commissioner Taylor stated that he is concerned about electrical at these units. Senior Inspector Karmann stated that an inspection for electrical is not required unless the services has been disconnected for an extended period. Chief Rook stated that premises ID is important for locating emergencies. Commissioner Sands stated that there needs to be stepped up and cross enforcement and communication among the departments. Commissioner Johnson stated that some of the parks are well maintained and others are not. Commissioner Johnson asked if \$10 covers the inspection cost. Planning & Zoning Director Yearout stated that the fee does not cover the cost. Commissioner Johnson stated that the City should determine the actual cost and charge that amount. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve Ordinance G-1124 as amended to include sewer in Section 8. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Aska wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving; feel blessed, and keep in mind those who are less fortunate.

Commissioner Johnson congratulated those who were elected to office. Commissioner Johnson congratulated Commissioner sands on a well run meeting.

Commissioner Taylor congratulated Cloud County Community College on their visit with the Governor; Governor Brownback also visited Acorns Resort.

Commissioner Sands stated that trash and utility trucks are also an issue to consider when limiting parking and direction of traffic. Commissioner Sands thanked those who contributed to the food pantry.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Vernon stated that the new City trucks were available for viewing before the meeting; they will be great units.

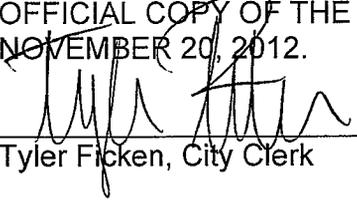
City Attorney Logan stated that an Executive Session will be required at a future meeting to discuss an issue resulting from an e-mail from the Kansas Libertarian Party.

Planning & Zoning Director Yearout stated that Butler Community College will play for a Nation Title in Football on December 8th; the team includes 3 Junction City graduates.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 4th DAY OF DECEMBER AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2012.


Tyler Ficken, City Clerk


Pat Landes, Mayor