CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 2, 2013 7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Junction City Commission was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2013 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 Ficken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Stewart stated that Public Works did a good job on the snow removal this winter. Mr. Stewart stated that a bid for legal services is needed; he stated that two attorneys are needed, on for the Commission, and one for the citizens. Mr. Stewart stated that IT consolidation is a good step, and public works should be looked into next. Mr. Stewart stated that he would like an explanation for the hoodies expense on the appropriations. Greg McCaffery stated that the items were hooded jackets purchased as winter gear (Bibs & Jackets) for the 27 Public Works employees; the cost is approximately $90 per employee.

Deb Johnston thanked Commissioner Taylor for his service. Mrs. Johnston stated that Senator Longbine will be at her home for an event.

Bob Mutto owner of Beacon Marine stated that the City Commission needs to expedite the approval and construction to divert water to the Riverwalk Pond as provided in his development agreement. He stated that the water level of the pond has not met the requirements of the agreement for 8 years, but the pond was not a mistake, as it is a good asset the City which brought a large marine dealership to town.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-7 dated March 12, 2013 to March 25, 2013 in the amount of $523,679.56. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of the March 19, 2013 City Commission Minutes. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Payroll #5 & #6 for March 2013. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of request for street closing and other services for the "Run for the Wall event on May 19, 2013. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of ambulance contractual obligation adjustments and bad debt adjustments (February 2013). Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Andrea Yunker, on behalf of the Junction City Fire Department, presented to Mayor Landes and Interim Fire Chief Rook. Interim Fire Chief Rook made the presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and approval of award of bid – River Walk Landing storm improvements. Public Services Director McCaffery stated that it took a year to receive the permit to pump the water as requested. Major costs for the project include the pump, Westar service, and restoration of the pond bank. Commissioner Taylor asked how long the project will take. Public Services Director McCaffery stated that the Westar service installation will likely be an important factor on the completion date. Commissioner Johnson asked why the bids were so much higher than the engineering estimate. Public Services Director McCaffery stated that the inclusion of the pond restoration and Westar service impacted the final price. Commissioner Johnson inquired as to whether the oxbow lake would be sucked dry. Municipal Services Director McCaffery stated that there are restrictions on the level that the lake can be drawn down, and also a limit on the amount pumped. Commissioner Sands asked if the pond could be plumbed now at the current level. Leon Osborn stated that the pond could be pumped, and the level would be impacted by two inches. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Aska to approve award of bid to Larson Construction in an amount not to exceed $149,706.00. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Jupiter/JSB Group Lease Modification. Mads Kragelund stated that his organization requests an extension of the option to renew as stated in their contract to May 31, 2013. Commissioner Johnson stated that the option to purchase the building with a reduction of the amount of rent paid should be removed from the agreement. The agreements for rent payments as agreed to

previously would remain. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Aska to approve the lease amendments including removal of the purchase option and to allow the pit to remain. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Discussion on the results of the salary survey. City Manager Vernon stated that the salary survey is an attempt to decompress City wages and compensate the responsibilities of positions. City Manager Vernon added that it will take time to catch up. Mayor Landes asked if longevity pay would be eliminated. City Manager Vernon stated that the longevity could be removed once trust is gained with the increases as proposed. Mayor Landes stated that 2017 is a critical years because some bond payments come off. Finance director Beatty stated that 2018 would be the first year with reduced payments. Commissioner Johnson stated that increases in population could help fund the increases, but the current taxpayers are taxed enough; this could have a drag on the economy.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Taylor stated that residents at Sutter Woods are concerned about the number of mosquitoes; he inquired as to who is responsible for maintenance of the ponds. Parks & Recreation director Lazear stated that the City has not sprayed for mosquitos for years. Commissioner Johnson stated that the frogs can eat the mosquitos.

Commissioner Johnson wished good luck to those who are running for office, it is a happy, mad, and frustrating process; you learn a lot, and understand why we are broke.

Commissioner Aska has read that the turnout for the election is disappointing; he believes it is important for the Commission to continue moving in a positive direction.

Commissioner Sands stated that he attended a school coffee. He met wit a lot of folks at the Image Committee. He stated that people should get involved with the African American Culture Day held in Topeka, learn about local history; it will be held on June 27th. Commissioner Sand's Walk Kansas team is doing well, and they are working on the option #2 challenge. Commissioner Sands thanked all the candidates for office.

Mayor Landes attended the Storm Chaser presentation at the Opera House, and it was great. He and Commissioner Johnson spoke to the Crossroads of Leadership group at the Opera House, and shared with the group their vision for Junction City. Mayor Landes thanked those who chose to run for office, and thanked Commissioner Johnson, and Taylor for their service.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Vernon stated that the coffee conversation to be held at Stevie's Bar & Grill on April 4th has been canceled.

Municipal Services Director McCaffery stated that the Chestnut St. Railroad Crossing is planned to be fixed by Union Pacific tomorrow.

Police Chief Brown stated that notice has been provided to residents through signage, notices, and newspaper of a house moved on Adams Street scheduled for April 4th.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR APRIL 2, 2013.

Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

Pat Landes, Mayor