

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

July 16, 2013

7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Junction City Commission was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 with Vice Mayor Pat Landes presiding.

The following members of the Commission were present: Pat Landes, Mick McCallister, Mike Ryan, and Jim Sands. Staff present was: Interim City Manager Beatty, City Attorney Logan, and City Clerk Ficken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Raymond Felix of 1217 Bluestem requested that the City Commission accept the donation of a quarantine wall at the animal shelter building. He requested that their organization be allowed to collect donations at intersections, but he was informed that that practice is no longer allowed. Chief Brown stated that the practice could be allowed by permit, but he believes the practice is dangerous to individuals and the public. Interim City Manager Beatty stated that the donation could be accepted as the first item on new business.

Mr. Gerloff expressed his concern regarding the purchase of new golf carts at Rolling Meadows.

Mr. Williams is concerned about his children given the outcome of the George Zimmerman trial. He requested to have an open forum to discuss the issues and listen to the youth of the community. Interim City Manager Beatty will make arrangements for the forum.

Deb Johnston of 1320 McFarland stated that she objects to R-2732. She stated that she is concerned about the cost, and she doesn't like being viewed as polluters of the environment. She provided a petition from the homeowners.

Christie Will Height of 1313 McFarland stated that R-2732 will be financially crippling to residents, and it will be difficult to sell the property; funds need to be found in the budget to pay for the project.

Pat Hunter asked what problem it is that the City is trying to solve with the proposed sewer line. She stated that if the developer needs the line then the developer should pay for it.

Alan Bontrager of 1505 McFarland stated that septic tanks work, and the health department can make corrections; let the developer build and move ahead.

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Ralph Langrin stated that the City should provide the sewer, and give the option of what pump to purchase.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-14 dated June 26th to July 8th 2013 in the amount of \$613,594.66. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner McCallister to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of City Commission Minutes for 7-2-2013. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner McCallister to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Approval of assessment lists to be sent to Geary County for 2012 tax roll billing. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner McCallister to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner McCallister to accept the in kind gift of labor and materials subject to City Code for the animal shelter quarantine wall. Ayes: Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of G-1129 amending Battery and adopting a Domestic Battery Ordinance. Commissioner Sands commented that this change is a good move. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner McCallister to approve Ordinance G-1129. Ayes: Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of G-1130 Adoption of Amended Sections to Title IV Sex Offenses. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner McCallister to approve Ordinance G-1130. Ayes: Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of award of bid for HVAC replacement at Fire Station 1. Commissioner Sands asked if the company was local. Chief Rook stated that the winning bid was from a local company. Commissioner Sands asked how long the item would take to install. Chief Rook said it would take 4-6 weeks. Commissioner Landes asked if the units would be replaced with the same type that is currently installed. Chief Rook stated that the winning meets the requirements in the bid specifications. Commissioner McCallister if the duct work would be included in the cost for approval. Chief Rook stated that the duct work is included in that cost. Interim City Manager Beatty stated that this item was not budgeted for, and the cost would need to come from the budgeted reserve.

Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve the bid for the HVAC replacement at Fire Station #1 in the amount of \$37,750. Ayes: Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of the Waiver of the Installation of Sidewalks on Golden Belt Blvd. as part of the Dick Edwards Development. Commissioner McCallister moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to table the item until the next meeting. Ayes: Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of R-2732 creating a wastewater Special Improvement District. Commissioner McCallister stated that he has struggled greatly with this item; he stated that he is not prepared to approve this item, and more information is needed. Commissioner Ryan stated that the systems are working now. Commissioner Sands stated that the developer could place septic systems if the size of the property is large enough; there is no problem with functioning septic tanks. Commissioner Landes stated that there has been a history of spotty services upon annexation, and the citizens are not asking for this. Also, the lines would need to be put through rock; the MPC may need to re-think on-site septic. Planning and Zoning Director Yearout stated that many of the systems are tanks, but he recommends on-site treatment processes similar to the type Pat Hunter purchased. Planning and Zoning Administrator Yearout stated that the low pressure system was presented to the Commission because it was the most affordable option. Commissioner Landes stated that the residents shouldn't ask for installation of a sewer line in the future.

Discussion on the AUSA trip. Commissioner Landes stated that Mayor Aska has requested to attend the AUSA convention, and Commissioner Ryan has not attended previously. Commissioner McCallister stated that he may attend next year. Commissioner Landes stated that the last trip was fruitful; the fire truck grant was funded for example.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner McCallister stated that the McFarland decision was tough, and he was told that he was going to lose some friends over this issue, but he said that is not the case because if it were true those people were not friends in the first place. Too much trash was left behind after 4th of July festivities, and he would like to see policy changes to limit locations on fireworks. Interim City Manager Beatty stated that the City has experienced a lot of trash in public parking lots. Commissioner McCallister stated that citizens and staff need to work to save every dime with energy conservation. Taxes can be lowered if people stop wasting water and energy.

Commissioner Sands reminded the Community of CVB events and the Free Fair, Float Your Boat, and Milford Lake restrictions have been lifted. Commissioner Sands stated that he was sad to hear that Gilbert Hammond had passed away.

Commissioner Ryan stated that he appreciated the input from the audience, and it was regrettable that the discussion was heated.

Commissioner Landes stated that the AmeriCorps group has finished their work at the park this year, and thanked them. He encouraged people to use the trail.

STAFF COMMENTS

Chief Brown stated that service K-9 Figo passed away, and a ceremony will be held at the police station August 9th.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Ryan to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Ayes: Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 6TH DAY OF AUGUST AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JULY 16, 2013.


Tyler Ficken, City Clerk


Cecil Aska, Mayor