

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

September 17, 2013

7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Junction City Commission was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 with Mayor Cecil Aska presiding.

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

Commissioner McCallister moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to add an executive session to the meeting to discuss personnel issues. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Representative Rothlisberg stated that work on the US 77 corridor will begin next year at this time; costs would change if a pedestrian path is to be considered, and the City should plan for the costs. Representative Rothlisberg stated that a town hall meeting is scheduled at the Grandview Plaza City building for 10AM to 12PM on October 12, 2013. Representative Rothlisberg stated that he has submitted the Casino bill to the correct board for a hearing; the City will need to have a good showing to support the idea. Representative Rothlisberg will provide an update on the time and location of that hearing.

Kirk Douglas of 518 W. 10th Street stated that the City needs to look into the ban for alcohol sales within 1000 feet of a church. He stated that he has a right to his personal property and he can own as many trailers as he wants. He stated that the police were on his property without a warrant.

John Stewart asked if there would be a community meeting with the City Manager candidates. Mayor Aska stated that the meeting would drag out the hiring process and was not planned for. Mr. Stewart stated that the City needs a new plan for enterprise operations. Commissioner Aska stated that City business operations need to operate like business operations; the City does not spend money with disregard. Commissioner Landes stated that the board is willing to listen to suggestions.

Gerald Gerloff stated that the golf carts were not discussed during the budget process. He suggested that the City adopt a replacement program instead of changing all cats at once. Interim City Manager Beatty offered to meet with Mr. Gerloff regarding the budget.

Todd Godfrey stated that the proposed contract on the agenda is a win for the City and Police Officer Association. Mr. Godfrey stated that attorneys were involved because they are police officers and not lawyers. The proposed contract was approved unanimously at their last meeting.

Anna White of 604 W. 8th Street stated that any Casino project should be ecologically correct. She stated that any projects considered should not increase water and sewer rates because they are too high. She stated that citizen safety should not rely on the prison industrial complex, and children should go to school and not prison. Mrs. White stated that the children need something to do in the community to keep them out of trouble.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-18 dated Aug 29 to Sept 9, 2013 in the amount of \$813,108.45. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Landes to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Minutes for August 27, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes and September 3, 2013 Commission Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Landes to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of approval to receive grant award in the amount of \$71,892.00 for the Open Door. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Landes to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration to purchase personal protective equipment for the Fire Department. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Landes to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation marking September of 2013 as National Recovery Month. Mayor Aska presented the proclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration to lease a new fleet of 42 carts to replace the outdated current fleet of 40. Lease will be a 5 year term. General Manager Bernstein stated that the existing cart fleet is 3 years beyond the recommended life. Mr. Bernstein stated that golf cart rentals are the second largest revenue generator after greens fees; the lease would cost approximately \$22,000 annually, and generate

approximately \$60,000. Mr. Bernstein stated that courses do not replace a few carts at a time because newer carts would become over used in the rotation, and the older carts are more expensive to maintain than they are worth.

Commissioner Landes asked what occurs when a cart breaks down while on the course. Mr. Bernstein stated that he must push the cart back to the shed after providing a working cart to the customer; he is required to close the shop for this time resulting in lost revenue. Mr. Bernstein stated that the proposed lease is for basic carts; they are not luxurious. Commissioner McCallister moved, seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve the lease with Yamaha for 42 golf carts to replace the current fleet. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan. Nays: Sands. Motion carried.

Consideration and approval of Agreement by and between the City of Junction City and the Junction City Police Officer's Association for 2013, 2014 and 2015. Interim City Manager Beatty stated that the goal for the City was to bring salaries to 75% market value. Chief Brown stated that beyond financial considerations, the contract has clarified many issues that will improve operations into the future resulting in easier future negotiations. Commissioner Aska inquired why the negotiations were for a three year contract instead of two years. Interim City Manager Beatty stated that the idea was to reduce future negotiation costs; this process took over a year to complete and approximately \$46,000 in legal fees. Chief Brown stated that the improved salaries will improve the City's ability to recruit officers. Commissioner Landes moved, seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve the Agreement by and between the City of Junction City and the Junction City Police Officer's Association for 2013, 2014 and 2015. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan. Nays: Sands. Motion carried.

Consideration to adopt Ordinance G-1134 new code for Animal Control in Junction City, Chapter 215 of City Code. Commissioner Landes asked how the City and County contribute to the Animal Shelter. Interim City Manager Beatty stated that the City pays for 60% of the expenses and owns the facility. Commissioner Landes stated that the focus of this change is to encourage better pet ownership. Interim City Manager Beatty stated that she is aware of the desire to expand the current facilities; she has asked for a concept for that expansion from the animal shelter staff. Commissioner McCallister stated that he believes there are still some holes in the ordinance; he is concerned about the section regarding fowl and particularly Emu. Commissioner McCallister requested clarification regarding banned breeds of dogs. Interim City Manager Beatty stated that the ban previously is still in place but in addition there is a dangerous dog section which would address any dog exhibiting the characteristics of a dangerous dog. It was acknowledged that the newly hired animal control officer has not provided input on the proposed ordinance; the ordinance will be considered at a future Commission meeting with the knowledge that the ordinance can be amended in the future. Commissioner McCallister moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to table the ordinance. Ayes: Aska, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: Landes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Landes moved, seconded by Commissioner Ryan to adjourn into executive session at 8:44 PM for 30 minutes to include the Commission, City Attorney Logan, and Marla Flentje via teleconference to discuss personnel issues. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried. At 9:14 PM Commissioner Landes moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to adjourn from executive session where no action was taken and no decisions were made. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried. Commissioner Landes moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to adjourn to executive session at 9:15 PM for 20 minutes to include the Commission, City Attorney Logan, and Marla Flentje via teleconference to discuss personnel issues. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried. At 9:35 PM Commissioner Landes moved, seconded by Commissioner Ryan to adjourn from executive session where no actions were taken and no decisions were made. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner McCallister stated that he met with the Westwood Elementary Rocking Readers and it was a good experience of peer to peer reading.

Commissioner Sands stated that he attended a great historic ice cream social. County extension agent Otte is holding a course on procedural process. Commissioner Sands attended a Young Professionals event that was good.

Commissioner Ryan stated that the Annie production was a good show. He attended a 9/11 walk at Lincoln Elementary. Commissioner Ryan asked who he should get information to regarding a speed limit change request on Spring Valley Rd. He was referred to Chief Brown and Public Services Director McCaffery.

Commissioner Landes stated that the Geary County Health Foundation is doing a great job. Commissioner Landes stated that he couldn't disagree more with the citizen complaint at the beginning of the meeting regarding the lack of activities in Junction City for Children. Commissioner Landes stated that the City provides a swimming pool, 18 parks, a library, Spin City, and the 12th Street Community Center and additionally there is the YMCA, Milford Lake, organized sports, brigade baseball, and sundown salute. Commissioner Landes wished Commissioner Sands a happy birthday.

STAFF COMMENTS

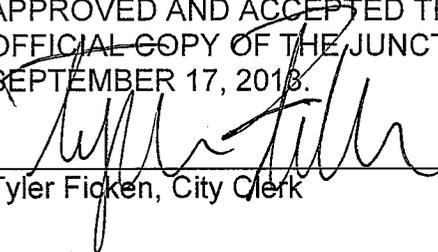
Interim City Manager Beatty requested that the Commissioners bring their calendars for a work session to learn about development design standards. She stated that additionally, there will be presentations on water and wastewater projects in November by HDR engineering.

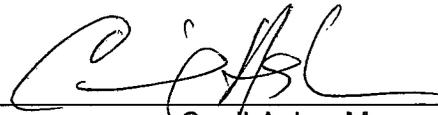
Chief Brown briefed the Commission on the Governor's Freedom Rally, and the potential for use of Heritage Park. The event could attract 500 to 2000 participants.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Landes moved, seconded by Commissioner McCallister to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2013.


Tyler Ficken, City Clerk


Cecil Aska, Mayor