

**CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**

January 7, 2014

7:00p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Junction City Commission was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 with Mayor Cecil Aska presiding.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-25 dated December 11, 2013 to Dec 31, 2013 in the amount of \$1,540,660.15. Commissioner Landes moved, seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of December 17, 2013 City Commission Minutes. Commissioner Landes moved, seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Payroll #25, #26, Longevity and vacation buy back pay for the month of December. Commissioner Landes moved, seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan. Nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Consideration and approval of Award of Bid - Valve Turning Machine. Commissioner Landes moved, seconded by Commissioner Ryan to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation by Tom Weigand on the Economic Development Commission. Mr. Weigand made his presentation. Mayor Aska stated that it is important to receive information for the Chamber of Commerce so that the community can speak with one message. Commissioner McCallister stated that he would appreciate an update from Mr. Weigand on a 6 month basis; perhaps annual is too long. Mr. Weigand stated that the emphasis is placed on local and regional retreats, and supporting their attendance; people are becoming serious about their

involvement, and providing information to the community educates the coffee club chatter.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration of a Regional Transit Administration Agreement. Flint Hills Regional Council Director Bill Clark stated that funding will provide almost \$1 million in funding for programs such as aTa Bus. Mr. Clark stated that KDOT is interested in a regional approach working with the MPO. Also, the new funding mechanism will be an 80% to 20% local match with is better than the prior 50%-50% match; Kansas State University will be funding the local match. Under the proposed agreement, the University would become a member of the board; and Ft. Riley would participate as a non-voting member of the board. Mr. Clark stated that the fallback position would be to have Riley County administer the program. City Attorney Logan stated that she would like to review the agreement; Mr. Clark stated that Mark Edwards drafted the original, and it includes language for the Kansas Open Meeting Act. Mayor Aska stated that people use the service, and use has increased. Mr. Clark stated that the service has had 250,000 users, and with the new organization, the board will make decisions on vehicle type. Commissioner McCallister inquired about the views of the other boards. Mr. Clark stated that views are favorable towards creating a joint board. City Attorney Logan stated that she would review the agreement and submit for consideration at the next meeting; substantive changes by other boards post approval will be provided for additional consideration.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Landes thanked the Public Works crews for their work clearing the streets. Be sure to help your neighbors with the snow if they need it.

Commissioner Landes stated that the work by Mr. Weigand is well recognized and the board spoke about NBAF strategy today. They will be working on a marketing strategy to provide a path for business transitions, and ultimately diversify the Junction City economy. Commissioner Landes stated that the I-70 and US-77 corridors need to be cultivated.

Commissioner Ryan thanked the EDC for their work, and the ability to work together; an update on a 6 month basis would be good. Commissioner Ryan stated that it is still cold out there; be sure to take care of you and your neighbors.

Commissioner McCallister stated that he appreciates the work on clearing the streets, and he is looking forward to other 2014 challenges. Commissioner McCallister stated that there will be a ceremony Thursday honoring the Ft. Riley soldiers who lost their lives serving in Afghanistan.

Mayor Aska stated that he appreciates the work completed by the EDC; and he believes that Junction City is the greatest place in the world; be sure to get out and get active in the community.

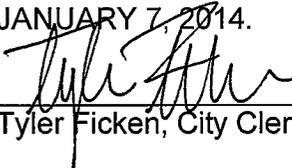
**STAFF COMMENTS**

City Manager Smith stated that Tyler will follow up regarding photos for staff and Commissioners; the likely date will be February 4, 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner McCallister moved, seconded by Commissioner Ryan to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JANUARY 7, 2014.

  
Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

  
Cecil Aska, Mayor