

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

September 2, 2014

7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Junction City Commission was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 with Mayor Michael Ryan presiding.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Representative Rothlisberg stated that he will be holding town hall meetings. He is interested in moving bills on student activity fees, in state tuition for military family members, and a senior citizen rebate on property taxes.

Commissioner Sands made a presentation for the heritage book award on the Konza-Kanza; a book signing will be held at Water True Value.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-16 dated--August 13th 2014--August 26th 2014 in the amount of \$1,924,132.09. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Landes to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of City Commission Minutes for August 19, 2014. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Landes to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration and approval of Payroll #16 and #17 for the month of August. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Landes to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of 2014 Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant award. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Landes to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant award. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Landes to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Award of Bid - Salt Purchase - Department of Public Works. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Landes to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of the Award of Bid - Joint and Crack Sealing Materials - Department of Public Works - Pavement Maintenance Supply, Inc. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Landes to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of a request for modification of farm lease. Interim City Manager Beatty stated that the requested actions of placing cattle on the leased property violates the lease agreement, zoning laws, animal section of the City Code, and there are also liability and fencing issues to address. Planning & Zoning Administrator Yearout stated that the requested use is not allowed as currently zoned. Commissioner McCallister stated that he is not opposed to the idea since it is for research. Commissioner Sands stated that the animal code was recently revised and accepted. City Attorney Logan stated that the farm lease adopted is different than a pasture lease. Planning & Zoning Administrator Yearout stated the process to allow the use would be to zone the property appropriately, amend the regulations, or consider a special use permit. Commissioner Landes stated that if this is allowed, it could open the door for others. Jim Schmidt the lessee of the property stated that various types of crop research are being conducted, and many trees have been removed from the property; five entities are involved, and the goal is to find advantages of cover crops. Commissioner Landes asked why the cattle are needed. The reply was that cattle magnify the good soil, and the research area is highly visible and accessible; people can see the results. Mr. Schmidt stated that the intent is to flash graze the property with seven to eight cattle per acre. Chuck Otte stated that the current lessee was the only bidder on the lease, and there was no intent at deception; the parcel is not large enough for traditional agriculture. Interim City Manager Beatty stated that Ty Arneson stated that he has property not in City limits that would be available. Tom Weigand provided a letter from the Economic Development Commission supporting the use of the cattle on the property for research purposes. The Commission by consensus asked staff to pursue allowing the cattle with a caveat that cattle be allowed for research when research is conducted by a university.

Consideration of approval of bid award for external Ambulance Billing Audit for Medicare Compliance. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Landes to approve external ambulance billing audit with EMS Billing Management, LLC. in an estimated amount of \$3,390.00. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of LKM Conference delegates. Commissioner McCallister moved, seconded by Commissioner Aska to appoint City Clerk Ficken and Commissioner Sands as LKM Conference delegates. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Contract Amendment Tires and Rims Purchases - T.O. Hass, Junction City, KS. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Landes to approve contract amendment for tires and rims purchases with T.O. Hass in the amount of \$12,000. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Police Department purchase of Taser Camera Docking Stations and contract for data storage and licensing. Commissioner Landes moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to approve the purchase of six (6) Taser Camera Docking Stations and five year licensing as presented. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of request for street closing for the Junction City Arts Council Car Show on Saturday, October 18, 2014. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Aska to approve street closing on October 18, 2014 for a Junction City Arts Council Car Show as presented. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Landes stated that the Land Bank is a good development. Commissioner Landes reminded people of the Friends of Rolling Meadows tournament that is approaching.

Commissioner Aska extended his condolences on the passing of Earnie Baszak. Commissioner Aska asked that the website needs to be updated; he is still listed as Mayor.

Commissioner McCallister stated that the City can be a partner on the farm lease research project, and it can benefit the City.

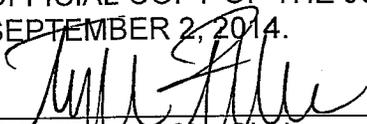
Commissioner Sands stated that his and Larry Hick's meeting with the community went well and was well attended. Commissioner Sands reminded people about apple days, and the CVB will be at the State Fair.

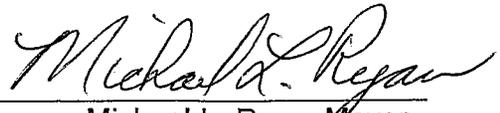
Mayor Ryan stated that he will be participating in the wounded warrior softball tournament in Manhattan.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Landes moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER AS THE
OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014.


Tyler Ficken, City Clerk


Michael L. Ryan, Mayor