CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

June 21, 2011 7:00p.m.

The regular meeting of the Junction City City Commission was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 with Mayor Pat Landes presiding.

The following members of the Commission were present: Cecil Aska, Scott Johnson, Pat Landes, Jim Sands, Jack Taylor. Staff present was: City Manager Gerry Vernon, City Attorney Catherine Logan, and City Clerk Tyler Ficken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben Kitchens, EDC Director presented the achievements of the EDC to the Commission. Commissioner Taylor stated that he would like to have reports on projects more than once per year. Mayor Landes thanked the EDC for their work. Ben Kitchens stated that the EDC board is in support of a water surcharge over property tax increases.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-12-2011 dated June 2, 2011 through June 15, 2011 in the amount of $1,119,718.62. Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Motion carried.

Consideration of the June 7, 2011 City Commission Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Motion carried.

Consideration to declare equipment as surplus and approve disposal. Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Motion carried.

Consideration of waiver of various ordinances and other sundry items for the Sundown Salute event to be held July 1-4, 2011. Commissioner Taylor moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The State of Kansas Attorney General's Office will present Letters of Commendation to Sergeant Mark Roberts, Detective John Berrios and Officer Mareleann Hewins. Mayor Landes presented letters of commendation.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing to consider condemnation of property at 139 E 11th St and approval of Resolution 2641. City Attorney Logan stated that verification of ownership of the property is needed. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands table the request. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

UNFINSIHED BUSINESS

Consideration and approval of the sale of 617 N. Washington for $12,000.00. (Finance Director Beatty Presenting. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to deny the approval of sale of 617 N. Washington for $12,000.00. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Ordinance G-1100 repealing Chapter 535, Energy Code, from Title V, Building and Construction, of the Municipal Code of the City of Junction City on first reading. (Planning & Zoning Administrator Yearout Presenting). Planning & Zoning Director Yearout stated that the City of Manhattan has not repealed this portion of their energy code, and instead have decided not to enforce the code. Senior Inspector Karmann stated that Manhattan and Lawrence are the other two communities that have adopted an energy ordinance. Commissioner Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve Ordinance G-1100 in first reading. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance G-1101 modifying City ordinance Section 700.280 entitled "Fluoride Content Authorization" of Title VII the Code of Ordinances of the City of Junction City on first reading.(Steve Hoambrecker Presenting) Mayor Landes asked if there would be a cost savings. Steve Hoambrecker stated that the savings would be approximately $2,500.00. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to approve Ordinance G-1101 on first reading. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of an Employee Health Insurance Plan for 2011 – 2012. (Administrative Services Director Gowen Presenting). Administrative Services Director Gowen stated that the City would use surplus health insurance funds for a wellness program; the goal is to reduce future health costs. She stated that the City may receive a better plan next year. Mayor Landes asked if the City had experienced a lot of illness. Gowen stated that there have been several large claims, and when the City moved from Preferred Health back to BCBS that past premium deficits did not lapse. Commissioner Johnson stated that he needs to see the budget before this is approved. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Aska to approve the staff recommended Employee Health

Insurance Plan for 2011-2012. Ayes: Aska, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: Johnson. Motion carried.

Discussion to provide direction to the Economic Development Commission as well as City staff concerning the NRP. (City Manager Vernon Presenting). Stacy Schulte stated that the board is in favor of eliminating the NRP program for residential properties; two board members are opposed. Commissioner Johnson stated that a 50% rebated for 3 years is what is needed. Mayor Landes stated that it seems the program has perhaps served its purpose. Commissioner Aska suggested the removal of the I-70 corridor from the plan. City Manager Vernon stated that the Commission would be presented with an NRP moratorium Resolution, and the County and School District would also need to approve a moratorium.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Sands thanked those who participated in the morning coffee talk. Commissioner Sands stated that there are many events on the weekend that could be coordinated; many people do not know what is going on. Commissioner Sands stated that 75% of the community voted for a casino in the past, and the issue needs to be addressed again. Commissioner Sands stated that the farmer's market is doing a great job.

Commissioner Taylor thanked Jim Clark and the CVB for their work with the fly-in event. Commissioner Taylor stated that this budget will be tough and lives will be changed, but the Commission must be good stewards of tax funds.

Commissioner Aska stated that there are too many abandoned animals in the community. The Animal Shelter takes care of these animals, and is a good and caring staff.

Mayor Landes stated that it has been a pleasure to work on the Commission for the last few months. He appreciates hearing from the community. He is going to do his best to help the community.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Vernon stated that the next Coffee conversation will be held at Mr. Goodcents.

Police Chief Brown stated that a retirement party will be held for Bobby Whitten at 4:00 PM on Friday.

ADJOURNMENT

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Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Aska to adjourn at 8:44 PM Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 5th DAY OF JULY 2011 AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR JUNE 21, 2011.

Tyler Ficken, City Clerk

Pat Landes, Mayor