

August 16, 2011

SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

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6:00p.m.

The special meeting of the Junction City City Commission was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 with Mayor Pat Landes presiding.

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

NEW BUSINESS

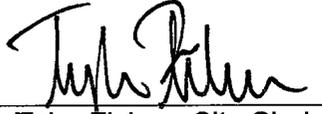
A presentation and discussion regarding low water levels at Riverwalk Landing. Leon Osbourn with Kaw Valley Engineering stated that the Riverwalk project Phase I began in 2005, and the pond area was the result of fill removal. Mr. Osbourn stated that water level has been tracked and fixes have been attempted in the past; the City used bentonite instead of liner at a \$200,000 cost savings. Mr. Osbourn stated that an inspection was not conducted when the boat ramp was installed. 2010. Mayor Landes asked why boat ramp not sealed. Mr. Osbourn stated that he didn't know why the ramp was not sealed correctly, and added that the pond does not leak below the ramp. Commissioner Johnson stated that the owner built the ramp and did not follow plan of the engineer. Mr. Osbourn stated that City Manager Vernon asked Kaw Valley to look at the pond and water levels again. Mr. Osbourn stated that in January of 2006 construction continued on the project and the City asked for 50 acre feet of water, but only 15 acre feet were provided for by the state. Mr. Osbourn stated that there are a number of options moving forward. First, South of Washington St there is a storm sewer line that passes the pond. The existing structure could be tied into, and provide additional water during rain events; approval from the state will be needed. Mr. Osbourn stated that for this option to be completed Ash Street would need to be cut into and the success of this option is dependant upon rain. Mr. Osbourn stated that another option would be to pump water out of the old river channel; there would for this option: the pump station, and also power to operate the station. Mr. Osbourn stated that the third option would be to purchase water from Mr. Strauss. Commissioner Johnson asked how much water Rothwell Landscaping has. Mr. Osbourn stated that he believes they have 15 acre feet. Mr. Osbourn stated that the cost to purchase acre feet would run from \$500 to \$1,000 per acre foot. Commissioner Johnson asked if the City would own the rights in perpetuity. Mr. Osbourn replied yes. Commissioner Johnson stated that it does not make sense to forever pump waster as proposed in the second option. Mayor Landes asked if the pond could cause damage if it floods. Mr. Osbourn stated that the pond has a spillway. Commissioner Johnson asked the opinion of Mr. Osbourn who in turn stated that the easiest method to fill the pond is to purchase the water rights, but the first option would be a good alternative. Commissioner Aska asked if there would be pumping costs for the third option. Mr. Osbourn stated that the pump is already installed. Commissioner Johnson stated that the Commission needs to consider addressing the development agreements for these properties given the numerous changes. Mayor Landes stated that the Commission needs to be presented with the costs for option #1 and option #3.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 6:37 PM Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 6th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2011 AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR AUGUST 16TH, 2011.



Tyler Ficken, City Clerk



Pat Landes, Mayor