

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

March 10, 2015

The regular meeting of the Liberal City Commission was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located at 325 North Washington on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Joe Denoyer, Vice Mayor Dean Aragon, Commissioner Dave Harrison, Commissioner Ron Warren and Commissioner Janet Willimon.

City Staff Present: City Manager Mark Hall, Finance Director Chris Ford, Human Resources Director Sheena Schmutz, Economic Development Director Jeff Parsons, Zoning Administrator Kory Krause, Chief of Police Al Sill, Mid-America Air Museum Director Jim Bert, Recreation Director William Weber and City Attorney Shirla McQueen.

Mayor Denoyer declared the meeting called to order, and Human Resources Director Schmutz read the roll call declaring a quorum present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the invocation was given by Ann Holman of the Risen Glory Church.

1. Awards/Proclamations/Presentations. *No items were presented.*

2. Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Denoyer requested approval of the agenda.

Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the agenda, as presented, with Vice Mayor Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

3. Approval of Minutes.

Commissioner Willimon moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2015 regular meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warren and carried unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

4. Items from Citizens.

Mayor Denoyer read the rules of the Commission and requested members of the audience approach the podium to address the Commission.

- Ms. Rita Isaacs, 406 Princeton, Liberal, KS. Ms. Isaacs addressed the Commission regarding code enforcement around her neighborhood. She spoke to the Commission about assisting elderly groups with cleaning up their residences.

5. Items from Groups.

Mayor Denoyer read the rules of the Commission and requested members of the audience approach the podium to address the Commission. *No items were presented*

6. Consent Agenda.

a. Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes:

1. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, January 14, 2015
2. Liberal Convention & Tourism, January 22, 2015

- Mayor Denoyer inquired if the Commission wished to remove any items for further discussion.

Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, with Vice-Mayor Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

7. KSBDC Presentation.

Norma Jean Dodge, SCCC/ATS, requested the Commission to approve Liberal as the Regional Service Site for KSBDC. Seward County is on-board with the request and this item has been brought before the Council of Governments. All costs will be split into thirds. Seward County is willing to contribute funds for 2015 as they were not initially a partner.

- 2016 contributions will be \$20,830.00 for all entities; in addition SCCC will contribute in-kind by means of office space, infrastructure, etc.

Commissioner Willimon made a motion to approve funding an additional amount of \$4,830.00 to the KSBDC, from the 2015 Economic Development portion of the One-Cent Sales Tax, with consideration of their 2016 request of \$20,830.00 in the City's 2016 budget process, should funding be available. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harrison and carried unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

- SCCC will update the Commission after the application has been submitted for final approval.

8. 7th Street and Western Property Sale Proceeds.

Finance Director Ford requests the consideration of the Commission to temporarily deposit the sale proceeds from the sale of 7th Street and Western Avenue properties into the Ballfields Capital Project, along with any community donations received, with any remaining Ballfields Capital Project funds to be transferred into the Streets, Drainage and Other Capital Improvements portion of the One-Cent Sales Tax, once the project is complete.

Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the, as presented, with Vice-Mayor Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

- Commissioner Warren clarified that we have previously transferred money out of this fund and we are now putting money back into the fund.

9. First Reading of Final Plat of G & G Addition.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Krause presented the first reading of the Final Plat of G & G Addition. This is a correction to a previous plat in the area of Tucker Road and the Bypass. A re-plat was never done after the creation of Tucker Road and the Bypass and this is a correction to that original plat. This revision has been through the Planning and Zoning Board. Currently there is a temporary sewer line and they (Wilson Trailers) will continue to use this until future development. Then they will need to tie into the permanent line.

Commissioner Harrison moved to accept the proposed final plat for a second reading, with Commissioner Willimon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

10. Resolution No. 2211 - Renaming Reefer Road to Wildcat Court.

Mayor Denoyer requested Commission consideration of Resolution No. 2211, entitled, "A RESOLUTION RENAMING REEFER ROAD TO WILDCAT COURT WITHIN THE CITY OF LIBERAL, KANSAS".

Economic Development Director Parsons stated that the City is in the process of re-platting the Liberal Industrial Addition which is the industrial park located on the Eastern edge of Liberal along Highway 83. The City recently completed the construction of a cul-de-sac street in the addition. City staff thinks this is the appropriate time to change the change of this street. *Commissioner Harrison moved to adopt Resolution No. 2211, remaining Reefer Road to Wildcat Court, with Commissioner Willimon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.*

11. Mid- America Air Museum:

a. OV-10 Restoration

- Mid-America Air Museum Director Bert requested the authorization to expend \$10,000 to Randy's Professional painting, LLC to repair and repaint the OV-10 aircraft. In addition, the MAAM Foundation will pledge \$1,000 toward the restoration.

Commissioner Warren moved to expend \$10,000 of budgeted funds and accept the donation of \$1,000 towards the restoration of the OV-10, with Commissioner Willimon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

- Commissioner Willimon stated that Director Bert has done a great job.

b. Roof Repair.

Mid-America Air Museum Director Bert requested the authorization to expend \$2,216.84 and \$21,734.58 to Aqua Shield Roofing of Hugoton, KS to repair the Museum's roof over the administrative, gift shop and robotics lab spaces and also patch the theater roof.

- Commissioner Warren asked if they (Aqua Shield) have a presence in Liberal. Commissioner Harrison stated that they work in Liberal and just opened an office. There were no additional bids received.

Commissioner Harrison moved to authorize the expenditure of budgeted funds of \$2, 216.84 and \$21,734.58 to Aqua Shield for the repair of the Museum's roof, with Vice-Mayor Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

- Director Bert also advised that 4,000 paid visitors have seen the Shark Exhibit so far. The Robotics competition is scheduled for March 28, 2015 and they are currently seeking volunteers. There will be 15 different communities represented at the event. The competition will be held at the Activity Center and the fee has been waived.

12. Board Appointments:

a. Joint Economic Development Council.

Commissioner Harrison moved to reappoint Mr. Roger Crossman to the Joint Economic Development Council for 3 years ending in 2017 and appoint Mr. Dan Jarboe to fill the remaining 2 year unexpired term for Mr. Kyle Brewer, ending in 2016 , as recommended, with Commissioner Willimon seconding the motion, which carried unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

b. Liberal Housing Authority.

- City Manager Hall stated that the Liberal Housing Authority received additional applications and has requested more time to review the applications.

Commissioner Harrison moved to table this item to allow Liberal Housing Authority additional time to review applications, with Vice-Mayor Aragon seconding the motion, which carried unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

City Manager Hall thanked staff for everything they do and reminded the public that we take care of emergency routes first and then move to normal traveled routes (snow removal). Our priority is to make sure emergency routes are cleared. Things are going well at the ballfield complex. Staff has met with Liberal High School and they will utilize Rozel field and SCCC for softball and we are in the final process of discussion with Cal Ripken. Temporary mounds are in the process of being ordered and they will be clay colored and will look like a true "mound".

- Recreation Director Weber reported back to the Commission regarding Salt Water Treatment at Adventure Bay Family Water Park. He has contacted the pool equipment suppliers regarding salt water systems in larger pools in addition to other facilities that use salt-water systems. It hasn't quite hit (trend) the larger pools just yet; it could be fairly expensive, between \$30,000 - \$40,000 per pool plus generators to convert the chlorine and salt. The Salt System uses UV light to pull the minerals from the water; there are concerns regarding the backwash and the EPA. The salt is very hard on the iron pumps and very corrosive. Other chemicals must be added to a salt-water system so they don't devastate the equipment and/or vegetation.
- Commissioner Harrison asked if salt water is different than a soft water. Do we have the same problems if you treat the water through a softener, not salt water? Further investigating will need to take place to determine if a softener will eliminate the scale, to a lesser degree. Recreation Director Weber will do more research and report back to the Commission.

14. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Warren stated that the ball parks are looking great and thanked William and the Parks Dept. for letting them practice at the fields. He thanked the Parks Department and the Commission for doing this (baseball field) project.

Commissioner Willimon advised the ballpark and Bill Houk and his crew has done a fabulous job and a lot has been done in-house and saved the City lots of money. Hats off to Jim Bert; the Sharks are a big hit. She thanked Rita Isaacs for coming to the meeting and thanked Tony Martinez for coming as well.

Commissioner Harrison stated that he listed to the forum and hears the complaints about Economic Development and those who complain have not been informed. He stated that if one spent time with Economic Development Director Parsons, one would learn what is going on in the community. He stated that we have one of the best Economic Development Directors in the area. He cannot say enough about all the City employees who have had a hand in the ballfields. This project was done publicly and not done behind closed doors and there is very little that is not public and there is a reason why some things are not public. Again, he can't say enough about staff and those that voted for the sales tax and because it allows the city to move forward.

Commissioner Harrison stated that Jarrod Neiman is coming to town Friday night and he urged the public to come support a hometown person.

Vice Mayor Aragon thanked staff very much. He stated that things are moving fast on ballfields and schools. Hotel parking lots are full and it's good to see this.

Mayor Denoyer reminded the Commission that the Commerce Banquets is this Saturday night at 6 PM. He thanked Rita Isaacs for coming to the meeting and stated it is important for the public to come to these meetings. He reminded everyone that all meetings are open to the public and the Commissioners are accessible to answer questions. Mayor Denoyer stated that there is a lot going on around town; ground breaking for the grocery store, hotel, travel plaza, Taco Johns.

15. VOUCHERS.

\$950,142.59, dated March 10, 2015. *Commissioner Warren moved to approve the vouchers, as presented, with Commissioner Willimon seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously or by a vote of 5 to 0.*

Joe Denoyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheena Schmutz, Human Resources Director