

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

November 25, 2014

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, November 25, 2014.

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

City Staff Present: City Manager Mark Hall, Public Works Director Joe Sealey, Finance Director Chris Ford, City Clerk Debbie Giskie, Human Resources Director Sheena Schmutz, Zoning Administrator Kory Krause, Chief of Police Al Sill and City Attorney Shirla McQueen.

Mayor Denoyer declared the meeting called to order, and City Clerk Giskie 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. Mayor Denoyer introduced Cyara Heredia a student at South Middle School who was recently named as Miss Kansas Junior High 2015. Ms. Heredia advised she won this honor last weekend and advised her platform is Stop Bullying/Brave. *The Commission congratulated Ms. Heredia for her accomplishments.*

2. Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Denoyer requested approval of the agenda. City Clerk Giskie requested Item 10 - Conveyance of Real Property - Rescind May 13, 2014 action, be stricken from the agenda. *Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the agenda, as amended, with Vice Mayor Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

3. Approval of Minutes.

Commissioner Willimon moved to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2014 regular meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Aragon and carried unanimously.

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.

- Ozzie Ridings appeared before the Commission to discuss an issue he had previously brought to the County Commission and wanted to make the Commission and public aware of the alleged Muslim prayer rooms at National Beef. He felt this was discrimination of religion as other religious groups are not provided the same opportunity.
- Mayor Denoyer advised the City can't file a complaint, but an employee at the plant can file a formal complaint to the EEOC if they feel they are discriminated, according to the Attorney General's office.

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. Approval of Airport Leases:

1. #43.01	FedEx Freight, Inc.	\$2,779.92	1 year
2. #69.02	L & D Oilfield Services, Inc.	\$2,317.39	1 year

b. Approval of Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses:

1. Love's Country Store #24	208 West Pancake Boulevard
2. Mid-America Air Museum	2000 West Second
3. Presto #1621	440 South Kansas Avenue
4. Walgreen's #10722	10 West Fifteenth Street
5. Willow Tree Golf Course	1800 West Fifteenth Street

- 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.

7. Final Reading of Ordinance No. 4440 – Annexation of Land.

Mayor Denoyer requested Commission consideration of the final reading of Ordinance No. 4440, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING LAND TO THE CITY OF LIBERAL, KANSAS".

- Zoning Administrator Krause this is the final reading of an ordinance annexing 10.63 acres north of Fifteenth Street on Western Avenue for the Eisenhower Middle School. He reported his office had not received any comments on this issue and recommended adoption.

Commissioner Willimon moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4440, as presented, as presented, with Commissioner Warren seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. First Reading of Ordinance No. 4441 – Adopting the 2014 Standard Traffic Ordinance.

Mayor Denoyer requested Commission consideration of the first reading of Ordinance No. 4441, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LIBERAL, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE 'STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES', 42ND EDITION OF 2014 AND REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 14-101, AND REPEALING SECTIONS 14-108, 14-109 AND 14-110 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LIBERAL, KANSAS".

- City Clerk Giskie reported this is the first reading of an ordinance adopting the 2014 Standard Traffic Ordinance as prepared by the League of Kansas Municipalities. She indicated the changes were reviewed by the police department, municipal court judge and legal counsel and the ordinance was drafted by legal counsel. She referred to the booklet containing the State laws and recommended the ordinance be advanced to a second reading.

Commissioner Harrison moved to advance Ordinance No. 4441 to a second reading, as presented, with Commissioner Willimon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. First Reading of Ordinance No. 4442 – Adopting the 2014 Uniform Public Offense Code.

Mayor Denoyer requested Commission consideration of the first reading of Ordinance No. 4441, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LIBERAL, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE 'UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES', 30TH EDITION OF 2014 AND

REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 11-101 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LIBERAL, KANSAS”.

- City Clerk Giskie advised this is the first reading of an ordinance adopting the 2014 Uniform Public Offense Code as prepared by the League of Kansas Municipalities. She noted the changes had been reviewed by the police department, municipal court judge and legal counsel and referred to the major changes in the State law as listed in the packet. She recommended the ordinance be advanced to a second reading.

Commissioner Harrison moved to advance Ordinance No. 4442 to a second reading, as presented, with Commissioner Warren seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Conveyance of Real Property – Rescind May 13, 2014 Action. *This item was deleted from the agenda.*

11. Final Plat of Eisenhower Middle School Addition.

- Zoning Administrator Krause noted the Planning Commission had reviewed and approved the plat as shown in the packet. He advised the Planners recommend the City Commission accept the plat.

Commissioner Harrison moved to accept the Eisenhower Middle School Addition Plat on Western Avenue, as presented, with Commissioner Willimon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Final Plat of the 7th Street and Western Avenue Addition.

- Zoning Administrator Krause noted the Planning Commission reviewed and approved the Plat and recommend the City Commission accept the final plat.
- He introduced Patrick Gunn and Mike Cargo, representing Galloway of Denver. Mr. Gunn displayed drawings of the 41,000 square foot grocery facility with fuel station and three outlets on the property for future development that would compliment a neighborhood market.
- Commissioner Willimon expressed gratitude to the developers for having faith in Liberal.
- Vice Mayor Aragon advised he was very pleased to see this new development.

Commissioner Harrison moved to accept the 7th Street and Western Avenue Addition Plat, as presented, with Vice Mayor Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Police Department:

a. Police Uniform Cleaning.

- Police Chief Sill presented a proposal to proceed with professional cleaning of uniforms as discussed and approved during budget sessions. He indicated research was done to utilize Unifirst who services the other department's uniforms. They also held discussion with Comet Cleaners who will clean and press the uniforms in a two-day cycle at \$4.90 per set.

Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the request of the Police Department to utilize the services of Comet Cleaners to have police uniforms cleaned and pressed, as presented. Commissioner Willimon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. Grant Donation for Shop with a Cop.

- Police Chief Sill introduced Alison Clark and Chris Head who have been organizing the Shop with a Cop for several years. Officer Head and Ms. Clark thanked the City for carrying

on the program for the last seven years where they have helped 700 kids have a better Christmas and noted it is amazing to see the smiles on their faces when they get a hot breakfast and get to go Christmas shopping. They indicated they raise approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000 per years by holding fundraisers in the form of golf and softball tournaments and normally take 25 to 30 kids shopping.

- It was noted they came across grant opportunity through Southern Pioneer and were awarded a \$5,000 HUGS grant and they hope to take 60 kids shopping this year. Elyse Molstad and Jeremy Nix, team leaders of Southern Pioneer presented the grant check from the H.U.G.S. (Help Us Give to Society) program. They noted they meet quarterly to review grant applications and instead of giving the minimum grant of \$2,500, they decided to double the grant amount because they wanted to become a part of the Shop with a Cop program.
- Chief Sill noted since the program had doubled as a result of the grant, they would split the program up into two dates; December 6 at Fellowship Baptist Church and December 13 at Southern Baptist Church, where 30 kids will receive a hot breakfast and go Christmas shopping at each session.

Commissioner Harrison moved to accept the grant from the HUGS program of Southern Pioneer Electric, for the Shop with a Cop program, as presented. Vice Mayor Aragon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

c. Acceptance of Donation from Milk Source, LLC.

- Police Chief Sill advised Milk Source, LLC has donated \$2,000 to the police department for the purchase of equipment. He advised Milk Source located in Wisconsin, has a sister company, Heifer Source, located in Liberal. Chief Sill recommended acceptance of the grant and authorize the future purchase of unbudgeted equipment.

Commissioner Harrison moved to accept the donation from Milk Source, LLC and authorize the purchase of future unbudgeted equipment, as presented, with Commissioner Warren seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Board Appointments.

a. Liberal Memorial Library Board.

- City Clerk Giskie advised the Library Board has two vacancies created by the resignations of Jody Holt and Olga Cisneros. The Library Board recommends the appointment of Judy Chance and Robert Oblander to fill the unexpired terms ending May 30, 2017 respectively.

Commissioner Willimon moved to appoint Judy Chance to fill the unexpired term of Jody Holt ending December 30, 2015 and to appoint Robert Oblander to fill the unexpired term of Olga Cisneros ending May 30, 2017, to the Liberal Memorial Library Board, as recommended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warren and carried unanimously.

b. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

- City Clerk Giskie advised the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board has a vacancy created by the resignation of Jane Harding. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board recommends that Roland Van Wyhe be appointed to fill the unexpired term ending September 30, 2015.

Commissioner Harrison moved to appoint Roland Van Wyhe to fill the unexpired term of Jane Harding ending September 30, 2015, as recommended. Commissioner Willimon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

15. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

City Manager Hall reported thank the departments that are working on the ball fields and reported work is progressing very well. He also noted City staff is getting ready for the holiday season and hope to end the year on a high note.

16. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Vice Mayor Aragon congratulated Ms. Heredia for representing Liberal and bringing something back to the community. He advised he was very pleased to see all the equipment working at the ball fields and expressed appreciation to Southern Pioneer for their donation to the Shop with a Cop program. He reported he was happy to be here.

Commissioner Harrison echoed everything said by Vice Mayor Aragon and noted this is a great place to live and he is grateful for everything going on.

Commissioner Willimon thanked Mr. Ridings for attending tonight and also expressed appreciation for the generous grant from Southern Pioneer (H.U.G.S.) for the Shop with a Cop program. She congratulated Ms. Kansas Junior High on her achievements and advised she was proud to be part of this town and this staff.

Commissioner Warren congratulated Ms. Heredia on her accomplishment. He noted it is exciting to see all the projects going on in the community.

Mayor Denoyer congratulated Cyara and noted she was also the Cinco de Mayo Queen and will be heading to Florida soon for another pageant and noted it is great to have young folks representing the community.

- Mayor Denoyer thanked City staff for an exciting 2014 and noted a lot of things will be happening in 2015. He expressed appreciation to the H.U.G.S. grant and donation from Milk Source, LLC and for being community-minded organizations that help make a successful community. He also noted a ground breaking ceremony will be held on December 9 for the Rogers school and then the elementary school adjacent to that.
- He noted it is an exciting time to be serving with his fellow commissioners and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

17. VOUCHERS.

\$1,531,947.56, dated November 25, 2014. *Commissioner Warren moved to approve the vouchers, as presented, with Commissioner Willimon seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Commissioner Harrison.

Joe Denoyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra S. Giskie, CMC, City Clerk