

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

February 14, 2012

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, February 14, 2012.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Tim Long, Vice Mayor Joe Denoyer, Larry Koochel 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, Air Museum Director Jim Bert, Police Chief Al Sill and City Attorney Shirla McQueen.

Mayor Long 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. Chief Sill introduced Jim Crosier as the City's new animal control supervisor.

2. Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Long requested approval of the agenda.

- City Clerk Giskie requested the resolution number on item 7 should be changed to #2149 instead of #2140.

Commissioner Koochel moved to approve the agenda, as amended, with Vice Mayor Denoyer seconding the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

3. Approval of Minutes.

Vice Mayor Denoyer moved to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2012 special meeting and the January 24, 2012 regular meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Denoyer and carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

4. Items from Citizens.

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

Ronda Maxwell, representing the Air Fair 2012 Committee, noted the 2010 Air Fair had been so successful, they decided to have an air show every other year. She announced the 2012 Air Fair would be held on Saturday, September 8, 2012.

- She announced the performers secured for the one-day free air show and noted they were attempting to have some events in conjunction with high school activities. She expressed appreciation to City management for their encouragement and support of the Air Fair activities and noted they couldn't have the Air Show without the City's support.

5. Items from Groups.

Mayor Long 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. Liberal Housing Authority, January 11, 2012.
2. Liberal Metropolitan Area Board of Zoning Appeals, January 12, 2012.
3. Liberal Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, January 12, 2012.
4. Liberal Memorial Library, January 17, 2012.
5. Liberal Convention and Tourism Board, February 4, 2012.

• Mayor Long inquired if the Commission wished to remove any items for further discussion. *Commissioner Koochel moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, with Vice Mayor Denoyer seconding the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.*

7. Resolution No. 2149 – Water Meter Project Funding.

Mayor Long requested Commission consideration of Resolution No. 2149, entitled, “A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LIBERAL, KANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE WATER SYSTEM AND THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE THE FINANCING THEREFOR”.

- Finance Director Ford advised the resolution deals with the water meter project discussed at the last meeting, and tonight financing options will be presented by John Haas, Ranson Financial Consultants.
- Mr. Haas advised discussion had been held with City staff regarding financing options such as lease purchase and issuance of general obligation bonds. He reported the lease purchase option was the most favorable and outlined the material distributed covering the estimated debt service and tentative time table for completion of the lease purchase project.

Vice Mayor Denoyer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2149, as presented, with Commissioner Koochel seconding the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

8. SKADAF Funding Request.

Henry Helmke, director of SKADAF, appeared before the Commission to request financial assistance to hire counselors that are licensed by the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board of the State of Kansas, so SKADAF can be licensed by July 1, 2012. Mr. Helmke referred to information contained in the packet outlining the estimated costs. He introduced SKADAF staff member Cheryl Valdez, board member and county attorney Don Scott and 26th judicial district chief court service officer Robert Arheart.

- Mr. Scott and Mr. Arheart reported on how SKADAF has provided a tremendous service to the community and 26th judicial district for many years while being self-supportive and saving a tremendous amount of money, especially in incarceration costs and probation services.
- Discussion was held on the changes in the State dealing with enhancing alcoholic treatment programs, how the local alcohol tax is distributed, sources of funding and if Southwest Guidance Center has credentialed personnel that would qualify.
- Vice Mayor Denoyer felt staff should gather more information regarding what is needed, research available funding options and visit with the County and Southwest Guidance Center regarding this issue.
- Commissioner Koochel advised he would research, so that SKADAF continues to operate.

Commissioner Willimon moved to direct City staff to research this issue, meet with the County administrator and schedule a special meeting. Vice Mayor Denoyer seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

9. Air Museum – Request to Expend Donated Funds.

Air Museum Director Bert requested permission to engage Spaceworks Fabrication and Restoration, Hutchinson, Kansas to create an interactive exhibit kiosk to be used for the Aviation in Agriculture exhibit and the Earnest Thorp display. He reported the project would be funded from the 2010 Air Fair Committee in the amount of \$5,000.

Commissioner Koochel moved to authorize the expenditure of \$5,000 in donated funds for an exhibit project, as presented, with Vice Mayor Denoyer seconding the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

10. Police Department – Donation for Animal Shelter.

Police Chief Sill referred to correspondence in the packet regarding a donation from Mrs. Jean Randall in the amount of \$24,821.70, for enhancements to the animal shelter. He outlined plans to expand the shelter and requested acceptance of the donation.

Commissioner Koochel moved to accept the \$24,821.70 donation for the enhancements to the animal shelter, as presented, with Vice Mayor Denoyer seconding the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

11. Recreation Department Donation.

Public Works Director Sealey referred to information in the packet regarding the \$14,116.36 donation for improvements to Rosel Field, as outlined in the memorandum. He requested acceptance of the donation.

Vice Mayor Denoyer moved to accept the \$14,116.36 donation for the improvements to Rosel Field, as presented, with Commissioner Koochel seconding the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

12. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT.

- City Manager Hall expressed appreciation to the City departments for their efforts in preparing for Pancake Day. He also referenced the thank you letter from the Carlile family.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Koochel expressed appreciation for City staff’s efforts in shining up the community in preparation for Pancake Day. He also commended the enforcement efforts of the police department and the efforts of street department in the street crack sealing program.

Commissioner Willimon welcomed Jim Crosier to the City organization. She also commended City Manager Hall and City staff for a great job in putting together the State of City Address.

- Commissioner Willimon thanked Ronda Maxwell for her efforts and expressed appreciation to Mrs. Randall for her generous donation.

Vice Mayor Denoyer thanked City staff for making the community look great and for their efforts in putting together the State of City presentation. He expressed appreciation to Mrs. Randall for her donation and thanked the many volunteers who give of their time and resources to make the community a great place to live.

Mayor Long echoed the comments made by fellow commissioners and advised he is constantly receiving compliments on how good the community looks. He commended City staff for their efforts and noted each person make a difference.

14. VOUCHERS.

\$781,002.14, dated February 14, 2012. *Commissioner Koochel moved to approve the vouchers, as presented, with Commissioner Willimon seconding the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.*

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Vice Mayor Denoyer, seconded by Commissioner Koochel.

Tim Long, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra S. Giskie, CMC, City Clerk