

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

November 10, 2015

The regular meeting of the Liberal City Commission was held at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located at 325 North Washington on Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Joe Denoyer, Vice Mayor Dean Aragon, Jack Carlile, Dave Harrison and Tony Martinez.

City Staff Present: City Manager Mark Hall, Finance Director Chris Ford, City Clerk Debbie Giskie, Human Resources Director Sheena Schmutz, Fire Chief Kelly Kirk, 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 Joe Denoyer.

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. Vice Mayor Aragon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes.

Commissioner Carlile moved to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2015 regular meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Aragon 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. *No items were presented.*

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.

Jack Taylor, representing SPIRIT Highway 54, invited the Commission to their 20th anniversary conference next Tuesday through Wednesday in Liberal at Seward County Community College with a reception Tuesday night at Baker Arts. He distributed a copy of the agenda and noted they would have good speakers and entertainment.

Cyara Heredia, Liberal, appeared before the Commission and advised she came before them last year when was vying for Miss Kansas Junior High and won under best interview. She thanked everyone who helped her and explained she has a new opportunity whereby she is competing in the Miss Kansas Teen USA pageant to be held November 27-29, 2015 in Mulvane, Kansas.

She has the opportunity to go to Washington, DC and has changed her mind on what profession she wants to pursue; a criminal defense lawyer.

- The Commission wished her good luck at the pageant and thanked her for representing Liberal in this way.

6. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of Airport Lease Renewals:

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| 1. # 76.00 | Modern Insulation, LLC | \$ 514.80 | 1 year |
| 2. # 94.00 | Maurice Richardson | \$4,376.33 | 1 year |
| 3. #174.01 | Panhandle Oilfield Services | \$2,542.32 | 1 year |

Mayor Denoyer inquired if the Commission wished to remove any items for further discussion. *Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, Vice Mayor Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

7. Donation and Equipment Purchase - Portable Lights.

- Fire Chief Kirk advised he was contacted by Bill Harke of Milk Source regarding the donation of \$3,000 to be used to purchase equipment needed by the department. It was noted this is the third year this company has made a donation to the department. Chief Kirk referred to the memorandum regarding the portable light purchase being proposed and noted the balance of the purchase would be made out of the gifts and donations fund.
- Commissioner Carlile questioned who Milk Source was. Chief Kirk advised they are the new owners of the feed yard on Bluebell Road, also known as Heifer Source.
- Commissioner Harrison advised they are a valuable company to our community and have been very generous to the City.

Commissioner Harrison moved to accept the donation and approve the purchase three Nomad portable lights from Weis Fire Equipment in the amount of \$3,286.00, as presented. Vice Mayor Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Donation from Milk Source.

- Police Chief Sill advised Milk Source, LLC has donated \$2,000 to the department and asked for approval to purchase fitness equipment to help supplement the officer's workout programs. *Commissioner Harrison moved to accept the donation and approve the expenditure of funds to buy fitness equipment, as presented, with Vice Mayor Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

9. Board Appointment - Planning & Zoning Board.

Commissioner Carlile moved to table this item until the next meeting. Commissioner Harrison seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

City Manager Hall reported City staff is preparing for the winter season and also planning an end of the year final trimming of the community to make it shine through the winter months.

11. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Vice Mayor Aragon expressed appreciation to City staff for all they do and noted there are a lot of good things happening. He also thanked Cyara for coming forward and doing positive things in the community.

Commissioner Harrison advised there are a lot of good things happening in the community. He thanked City staff for all they do every day and noted it will be a hard day tomorrow with the high winds.

Commissioner Carlile congratulated Cyara for doing a great job representing Liberal. He also expressed condolences to the Paul Boles family and the Jim Head family.

Commissioner Martinez also sent prayers and condolences to the families of Jim Head and Paul Boles. He noted he had attended a fast and furious meeting to Washington, DC last week with Chris Ford where they had meetings with legislators.

Mayor Denoyer thanked Cyara for stepping up and being a positive role model in our community. He noted Heifer Sources makes a difference in our community and he thanked all the organizations who continue to contribute in the community.

- Mayor Denoyer thanked City staff for their hard work and he was thankful they are ready for the winter months.

12. VOUCHERS.

\$768,324.73, dated November 10, 2015. *Vice Mayor Aragon moved to approve the vouchers, as presented, with Commissioner Carlile 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