

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

January 26, 2016

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, January 26, 2016.

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

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, Sanitation Director Frank Holman, Industrial Park Director Brad Beer, 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 Jack Jacobs of the First Southern Baptist 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.

3. Approval of Minutes.

Commissioner Carlile moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 regular meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez 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.

Anita Parnell, Liberal, voiced concern about the crematory being proposed in the former Scout cabin in the unit block of South Cain. She noted there would be odors and emissions, especially mercury vapors, released into the atmosphere and then into the blood stream. She was also concerned that there are numerous schools, churches and residents with health problems within a six block area of the proposed site. Mrs. Parnell felt the proposed crematory will be detrimental to the people living there and that it will lower the value of the properties.

- City Clerk Giskie advised she had been questioned about the appeal process following last week's Planning Commission meeting where a special use permit was approved and found out the appeal is to be filed in district court within 30 days of the decision.
- Legal counsel McQueen advised she had been informed of the inquiry and agreed that the appeal must be filed in district court. She noted while district court personnel cannot give legal advice, they will direct individuals to the proper desk and added that it is a daunting task.

Steve Mark Wilson, Liberal, advised there aren't many regulations nor has there been enough research done about crematoriums, but he found the process does release some dioxins, mercury and other chemicals into the atmosphere. He noted the information he found indicates that many health problems could result from exposure to these dioxins as well as the impact to frog pond. He felt there hadn't been enough research done on crematoriums.

- Mayor Denoyer thanked the citizens for presenting their concerns and recommended they focus on the appeal process.

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. No Items were presented.

7. Sanitation Department:

a. City Trash Bags.

Sanitation Director Holman advised the City has less than three month's supply of trash bags in stock. He referred the two quotes received: Dyna Pack Corporation for a truckload of 780 cases for \$40.00 per case and Jadcore, Inc. for \$41.30 per case. He noted in 2014, the City purchased bags from Dyna Pack for \$39.60 per case.

- It was noted that we recoup this cost through the sale of the trash bags.

Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the purchase of 780 cases of trash bags from Dyna Pack Corporation, Lawrenceburg, TN in the amount of \$31,200 with freight, as presented, with Vice Mayor Aragon seconding the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. 3 Yard Containers.

Sanitation Director Holman requested permission to purchase 108 new 3 yard side load containers. He noted the containers are for replacement of old containers that are no longer serviceable in residential areas, as well as schools and businesses. Mr. Holman reminded the Commission they had recycled and scrapped as many of the containers as possible last year.

- Mr. Holman referred to three quotes received: Downing Sales, Phillipsburg, Missouri for \$415 per container, Precision Flame, Plainview, Texas of \$500 per container, plus freight and Wastequip, San Antonio, Texas for \$483 per container, plus freight.

- Mr. Holman recommended the purchase of 108 3-yard containers from Downing Sales for a total cost of \$48,096, including freight to be paid from the Refuse Equipment Reserve fund.

- Mayor Denoyer advised he understood the City has purchased containers from this company so they will be compatible with the trucks.

Vice Mayor Aragon moved to approve the purchase of 108 new 3-yard side load containers from Downing Sales, for \$415 per container, in the total amount of \$48,095, from the Refuse Equipment Reserve fund, as presented. Commissioner Carlile seconded the motion, which carried unanimously,

8. Air Park Road.

- Industrial Park Director Beer requested approval to stake Air Park Road for future grading. He noted at some point we plan on paving the road for future improvements. He noted Earles

Engineering will perform the staking at a cost of \$3,500, to be funded from the Economic Development portion of the One Cent Sales Tax under the Industrial Park Redevelopment.

- City Manager Hall noted this project is included in the future projects, with an estimate of \$1.4 million for Air Park Road improvements and future sales of lots. He explained we have a large safety concern with racing in the area of Service Janitorial and Air Park Road that needs to be addressed.
- Commissioner Harrison advised J-A-G has offered some base material.
- Mayor Denoyer questioned if this was for grading or just staking the road.
- City Manager Hall advised it was for staking the road, with the Airport personnel to grade the road in-house.

Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the expenditure of \$3,500 from Earles Engineering to Stake Air Park Road to be funded from the Economic Development portion of the One Cent Sales Tax, under the Industrial Park Redevelopment, as presented, with Commissioner Carlile seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Airport Land Sale Expenditures:

a. Airport Crack Seal Program.

- Airport Manager Giskie reported the Airport has seen any crack sealing since 2008 and B & H Paving has given a quote of approximately \$30,000 to crack seal the Airport Terminal Parking Lot, Taxiway E, the main runway (17/35) as well as the general aviation ramp adjacent to the t-hangars. She reported FAA has given approval to utilize land sale monies for this project.
- She distributed photographs of the locations and noted B & H Paving will extend their bid price for the City's crack seal program approved last year.

Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the Airport Crack Seal Program in the amount of approximately \$30,000 to B & H Paving, Scott City to be funded from Airport Land Sales funds, as presented. Vice Mayor Aragon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

b. Purchase of an LED Wind Cone.

- Airport Manager Giskie advised the wind cone on Runway 4 is malfunctioning and continually needs maintenance. She noted quotes were received from four vendors: Hali-Brite \$4,075.30, Genesis Lighting \$4,197.60, Blueglobes, LLC \$2,644 (didn't meet specs), and Flight Light, Inc, \$3,460 (didn't meet specs). It was noted that FAA has given approval to utilize land sale monies for this equipment, which will be installed in-house.
- Industrial Park Director Beer advised this wind cone is more efficient when changing the bulbs and they estimate going from halogen to the LED bulbs is 25 to one that they are changing and the cost is expensive.

Commissioner Carlile moved to approve the expenditure of \$4,075.30 for an LED Wind Cone from Hali-Brite in the amount of \$4,075.30 to be funded from Airport Land Sale funds, as presented, with Vice Mayor Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

- City Manager Hall reported City staff has been making preparations for Pancake Day, which is early this year, such as street cleaning, etc., to put our best foot forward. He also noted things are progressing well for the upcoming spring season and we are doing some things to get ahead of weed growth this year in the hopes that we don't get another 50" of rain. He noted the

Building Department will go with the contract basis on weed control and pass through the charges.

- Commissioner Harrison advised there are a couple of parking lots that are full of dirt; one is next to the China Buffet and the other is the former Shell station, now Toot'n Totum next to the truck stop at 54 and Western, where every time it rains they are pulling out dirt onto the highway. He advised the City was assured this would be fixed months ago.
- Mayor Denoyer asked that City staff check on the Abbott properties. City Manager Hall advised he would seek legal action to get him to comply.

11. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Vice Mayor Aragon advised he has seen that City staff is keeping busy and it is exciting to see the work going on in the community, such as the dirt work for Love's.

Commissioner Martinez thanked City staff for their efforts to stay on top of things.

Commissioner Harrison thanked City staff for working hard every day and working on Pancake Day preparations.

Mayor Denoyer also thanked City staff for sweeping and cleaning up the community for the Pancake Day festivities which will be held on February 9, the same day as the next Commission meeting. He noted the City does put their best foot forward.

Commissioner Carlile had no items to present.

12. VOUCHERS.

\$968,243.33, dated January 26, 2016.

Vice Mayor Aragon moved to approve the vouchers, as presented, with *Commissioner Carlile* seconding the motion.

- Commissioner Carlile advised he would abstain from voting on the payable to Seward County Council on Aging, which is listed as the fourth line on page 12.

The motion passed, with Commissioner Carlile abstaining on the payable to Seward County Council on Aging.

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Commissioner Harrison.

Joe Denoyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra S. Giskie, CMC, City Clerk