

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

June 28, 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, June 28, 2016.

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 Alicia Hidalgo, Transportation Services Director Daniel Zuniga, Building Inspection Services Director Kevin Kirk, Code Enforcement Officer Rocky Khemraj, Police Chief Al Sill and City Attorney Shirla McQueen.

Mayor Denoyer declared the meeting called to order, and City Clerk Hidalgo read the roll call and declared a quorum present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Rex Petty of Faith Tabernacle gave the invocation.

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 amended, with Vice Mayor Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes.

Commissioner Carlile moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2016 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.

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6. Consent Agenda:

a. Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes:

1. Liberal Convention and Tourism Board, June 16, 2016.
2. Liberal Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, January 14, 2016, February 25, 2016 and May 12, 2016.
3. Liberal Planning and Zoning Board of Zoning Appeals, March 10, 2016, May 12, 2016 and May 16, 2016 Special Meeting.

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. Ordinance No. 4466 - Rezone Property from "MH" Manufactured Home District to an "R3" Multiple Family Dwelling District.

Mayor Denoyer requested Commission consideration of Ordinance No. 4466, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE "OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP" OF THE CITY OF LIBERAL, KANSAS BY REZONING LOTS 1-18 AND PARTS OF LOTS 19-22, BLOCK SIX (6) AND LOTS 18-22, BLOCK FIVE (5) PARK PROPERTIES FOURTH ADDITION OF LIBERAL, SEWARD COUNTY, KANSAS, FROM "MH" MANUFACTURED HOME DISTRICT, TO "R3" MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT."

- Zoning Administrator Kirk explained Ordinance No. 4466 is a rezone from "MH" Manufactured homes to "R3" Multi-family Dwelling District. It was brought to the Zoning Board on May 12 and the Planners recommended it to the City Commission for acceptance.

Commissioner Carlile moved to adopt Ordinance No. 4466, as presented, with Commissioner Harrison seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Resolution No. 2239 - Vehicle Abatement.

Mayor Denoyer requested Commission consideration of Resolution No. 2239, entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE NUISANCES FROM CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF LIBERAL, KANSAS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-510 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LIBERAL, KANSAS."

- Code Enforcement Officer Khemraj presented Resolution No. 2239 for vehicle abatement at 1204 N. Western. The owner has been properly notified and 10 days have passed.
- Discussion was held regarding the vehicle and about the home being involved in a fire.

Commissioner Harrison moved to adopt Resolution No. 2239, as presented, with Commissioner Martinez seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Fire Department Bunker Gear Purchase.

- Fire Chief Kelly Kirk referred to the information in the packet and explained the Department prefers to keep the gear on a five to seven (5-7) year rotation. Brian Fornwalt recommended five sets to get them through this year. The gear is a matched set and they would like to stay with the same brand and vendor.

Commissioner Carlile moved to purchase five sets of protective clothing from Weis Fire Equipment at a total cost of \$7,703.35, as presented, with Commissioner Martinez seconding the motion. The motion carried.

10. Police Department Annual Taser Purchase

- Police Chief Al Sill referred to the information in the packet and explained the tasers are issued to all officers and are on a five year rotation.

Commissioner Harrison moved to purchase the tasers and taser equipment in the amount of \$8,190.55 from Taser International, as presented, with Vice Mayor Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Arkalon Assault Update.

- Ronna Stump referred to the summary in the packet and went on to review the highlights of the Assault. There were 172 participants and the one mile course was opened up to everyone. They had a Committee of 10 volunteers that helped plan the event and Jim Betts, Scott Betts, Mike Rice, and Justin Alexander built new obstacles. It was a great event with lots of volunteers

including 40 city employees, 18 community members and the Boy Scouts helped with parking. Ms. Stump also thanked Jody Thompson, Shad Johnson, Gerald Mann, the 24 Business Sponsors and Arkalon Staff and Board.

- Next year's Arkalon Assault will be June 10, 2017.
- The Commission thanked all who were involved and helped with the Arkalon Assault.

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

- City Manager Hall reported the Mary Frame Park playground equipment and supervisor are rescheduled due to the chance of rain. He'll come back hopefully next week with the hope the departments will construct it in one day.
- There will be about a month long break on the Kansas Ave. Project. After the break, they will start from the intersection of Highway 54 and Kansas Avenue to Pine Street. There have been some changes on the Light Project and Daniel is supervising the project. Also, in the not too distance future, 15th Street and Kansas Ave will be concrete. Staff will get with the radio station and newspaper to get the detour information out to the public. When completed, the intersection will have new concrete 120 feet north, south and west of center and 400 feet to the east to the good concrete on other side of the Dillons entrance.
- City Departments are working hard to keep up with the weather. We appreciate the rain but it does make weeds and grass grow. The Street Department is out spraying and trying to keep ahead of it and Parks is out mowing.
- Recreation baseball is almost over and softball will go co-ed.
- A few Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken teams will have district tournaments in Liberal.
- Mr. Hall appreciates Staff and all their hard work.

13. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Martinez advised he attended a ballgame in Garden City and he noticed our baseball fields look better.

Commissioner Carlile thanked Mark and Danny for getting on the street at Southern Pioneer and thanked Staff for cleaning up.

- Commissioner Harrison advised that it is not a street by Southern Pioneer. The City does it out of kindness and if it is a street, it belongs to Southern Pioneer. The City does not build streets. Southern Pioneer says it's not their street. Commissioner Harrison is fine with helping as they do a lot to help the Community.

Commissioner Harrison thanked Staff especially the Building Department as they have been overwhelmed and it's not an easy job keeping Liberal clean. He appreciates what they do to try to make this community a better place. Mr. Harrison thanked all City employees working outside for their effort to make Liberal look great even when it's hot out. Mr. Harrison noticed the Police Motorcycles are out and about and catching people that are breaking the law. He thanked Chris, Mark, and the Finance crew for working on the budget. Also, if you have a problem, please call the Commission or Staff and they will help you out.

Vice Mayor Aragon thanked Staff as they are keeping busy and doing a good job.

Mayor Denoyer thanked Staff for working in the heat, mowing and weeding. Staff has the Commission's support and safety equipment is always a priority. Mayor Denoyer also announced work sessions for tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. in Commission Chambers and Thursday, July 7 for Not-for-Profit Funding. There is also a Ribbon Cutting at Loves July 7 at 10 a.m. He also wished everyone a Happy & Safe 4th of July.

14. VOUCHERS.

\$2,550,781.34, dated June 23, 2016. *Vice Mayor Aragon moved to approve the vouchers, as presented, with Commissioner Martinez seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION – A five (5) minute Executive Session per K.S.A.75-4319(b)(1) – Personnel matters of nonelected personnel.

Commissioner Harrison moved to adjourn into a five (5) minute Executive Session per K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) – for the purpose of discussing personnel matters of non-elected personnel. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Aragon and carried unanimously.

- The Executive Session started at 6:00 p.m. and ended at 6:05 p.m.
- Mayor Denoyer inquired if the Commission wished to take any action as a result of the Executive Session. *No action was taken.*

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Commissioner Harrison.

Joe Denoyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Hidalgo, City Clerk