

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

January 11, 2017

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 Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

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, Public Grounds Director Brad Beer, Transportation Services Director Daniel Zuniga, Human Resources Director Sheena Schmutz, Chief of Police Al Sill, Recreation Director Matt Quint, and City Attorney Shirla McQueen.

Mayor Denoyer called the meeting to order. City Clerk Hidalgo read the roll call and declared a quorum present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Kevin Alexander of New Beginnings Church gave the invocation.

1. Awards/Proclamations/Presentations. *No items were presented.*

2. Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Denoyer requested approval of the agenda.

It was noted there was an error on Consent Agenda Item #11, the amount should be \$1,054.20.

Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the agenda, with the correction, with Vice Mayor Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes.

Commissioner Carlile moved to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2016 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.

Rozelle Webb, Liberal, KS. The Chamber invites the Commission to attend the Night Out in Topkea on January 23 from 5p.m.-7p.m. at the Capital Plaza Hotel. The event gives everyone a chance to visit with Kansas legislators. The event is open to the public and free to attend; however, travel and hotel is on your own.

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.	# 29.04M & J Sales & Equipment	\$1,603.80	1 year
2.	# 36.00First National Oil	\$1,542.42	1 year
3.	# 43.01FedEx Freight East, Inc.	\$2,779.92	1 year
4.	# 46.00Guy's Food Warehouse	\$ 693.00	1 year
5.	# 52.01Regency Auto Group (Hertz)	\$3,100.00	1 year

6.	# 55.04 Jayhawk Southwest	\$ 828.63	1 year
7.	# 87.04 M & J Sales & Equipment	\$1,574.70	1 year
8.	# 88.02 Heritage Real Estate	\$1,964.16	1 year
9.	# 91.03 HECS, LLC	\$1,309.97	1 year
10.	# 98.00 Roy's Electric Service	\$1,344.00	1 year
11.	#101.00 Mike Carlile	\$1,054.20	1 year
12.	#107.04 Jayhawk Southwest	\$1,841.40	1 year
13.	#130.02 Kerr Well Service	\$ 928.62	1 year
14.	#134.04 Mobile Storage	\$1,319.67	1 year
15.	#147.00 E.A. Sween Company	\$ 553.01	1 year
16.	#172.04 Jayhawk Southwest	\$ 551.76	1 year
17.	#184.00 Jayhawk Southwest	\$ 551.76	1 year
18.	#186.01 Cox Construction	\$ 580.00	1 year

b. Approval of Cereal Malt Beverage License:

1. Dao's Convenience Store 208 E. 8th Street.
2. Express Stop #3 343 E. Pancake Blvd.
3. Fruteria Ojinaga 621 S. Kansas Ave.
4. Grand Buffet 539 E. Pancake Blvd.
5. La Herradura Restaurant 401 S. Kansas Ave.
6. Mi Tierra 601 S. Kansas Ave.

Mayor Denoyer inquired if the Commission wished to remove any items for further discussion.

Commissioner Carlile requested removal of the Item #b4 Grand Buffet for discussion.

Commissioner Harrison approves the consent agenda with item #b4 removed for discussion.

Commissioner Aragon seconds the motion and the motion passes unanimously.

Discussion on Consent Agenda Item b#4 - Grand Buffet CMB License.

- Commissioner Carlile questioned Mr. Yu if he is a single owner or incorporated.
- Mr. Yu stated he doesn't believe you have to be a single owner and he is allowed to be a corporation. He stated his previous partner sold him his 20% share so he now owns 100% and it is still a corporation. He may have a new partner coming.
- Commissioner Carlile asked Mr. Yu if he owned 100% of the Grand Buffet.
- Mayor Denoyer questioned if he needed to fill out a new application since he is 100% owner of the Grand Buffet.
- Commissioner Carlile noted a waitress offered a drink to a patron when he did not have his license.
- Mr. Yu thought he had been approved previously. He was out of town and once he was back and received the message that he needed to fill out a new application, he filled out a second application.
- Commissioner Carlile stated he is only applying for 3.2 beer and not liquor.
- Mr. Yu stated they don't buy anything like that just 3.2.
- Commissioner Harrison stated that Mr. Yu needs to make sure the Grand Buffet is approved and meets all the requirements before selling any beer.

Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the CMB license for Grand Buffet pending verification of the proper documents being filled out and the fees being paid. Commissioner Carlile seconds the motion and the motion carries unanimously.

7. Reorganization

a. Election of Mayor

Mayor Denoyer opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Harrison moved to retain Joe Denoyer as Mayor, with Vice Mayor Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Election of Vice Mayor.

Mayor opens the floor for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Commissioner Harrison nominates to appoint Tony Martinez as Vice Mayor, with Vice Mayor Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A Five Minute Recess was held.

8. Adolescent Support Services:

a. 2017 Truancy Program.

- Ivanhoe Love passed out information to the Commission and gave the history of Truancy Court. He is asking for continued support of the program in the amount of \$53,666.00. The program is supported by USD 480, Seward County and the City of Liberal.

Commissioner Carlile moved to approve the support of the Truancy Program, as presented, with Commissioner Harrison seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b. 2017 Teen Court.

- Ivanhoe Love explained Teen Court and the process of the program. He is asking for continued support of the program in the amount of \$20,686.00. Teen Court is supported by USD 480, Seward County and the City of Liberal.

- Discussion was held about the program, students involved and the process of Teen Court.

Commissioner Carlile moved to approve the support of Teen Court, as presented, with Vice Mayor Martinez seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- Mr. Love invited the Commission and public to the MLK March and Celebration on Monday at 4:30 p.m. The march will start at the Library and end at Mahuron Park.

9. Adventure Bay Waterpark Improvements:

a. Painting Pools.

- Recreation Director Matt Quint noted the problems with the pools and referred to the photos he passed out to the Commission. As the season went on, they began to have issues and not enough texture/grit. He recommends SLIDERITE Waterpark Restoration Services in the amount of \$72,600 to paint the pools. He stated SLIDERITE works with Great Wolf Lodge and Mt. Olympus. The paint will have a grit in the paint which will keep it from being slick.

- City Manager Hall noted last year the application of the paint was rushed and didn't allow it to cure and that caused the slickness.

- Commissioner Harrison noted it needs to be in writing that paint will contain grit and not leave the pools slick. He also questioned how long they have been in business.

- Director Quint stated they paint pools & slides and should have it done in 30 days. If it's maintained correctly, it should last 8 years.

Commissioner Harrison moved to approve with the condition of verification of time in business and written guarantee to have the grit in the paint and no slickness, with Commissioner Carlile seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Painting Slides.

- Director Quint referenced the photos of the slides and said it's from wear and tear, weather, and poor maintenance. The slides are very uncomfortable for those who go down them. He recommends SLIDERITE Waterpark Restoration Services in the amount of \$73,206. They will sand the slides down and redo them with a gel coating.

- Commissioner Harrison questioned the last time it was done.

- Director Quint believes two years ago, the slides were patched up. The patching only lasts a short time. Finance Director Ford will verify the last time it was done.

- Commissioner Harrison stated we need to make sure this company is capable of doing the repairs and is in it for the long haul. Staff needs to continue with the maintenance.

Commissioner Harrison moved to approve SLIDERITE Waterpark Restoration Services in the amount of \$73,206, as presented, with Vice Mayor Martinez seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Chlorine System.

- Director Quint stated they are looking into a gas injected chlorine system from HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$11,042.84.

- Discussion was held regarding savings, how the system works and it was noted the Water Department will oversee the chlorination of the waterpark.

Commissioner Carlile moved to approve the purchase of the gas chlorine system from HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$11,042.84, as presented, with Commissioner Aragon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- Mayor Denoyer likes what is going on at the waterpark and encouraged Director Quint to continue to bring ideas to the Commission.

10. Board Appointment Arkalon Council.

- Debbie Giskie stated there are three vacant positions on the Arkalon Council. Their recommendation is to reappointment John Garinger and to appointment of Justin Alexander and Jim Betts to 4 year terms ending December 31, 2020.

Vice Mayor Martinez motioned to reappointment John Garinger and to appointment of Justin Alexander and Jim Betts to 4 year terms ending December 31, 2020, as presented, with Commissioner Harrison seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

- City Manager Hall reported Staff is in the process of planning projects for the next five months along with routine maintenance. Staff is also starting to prepare for the State of the City.
- Staff is working and preparing for this weekend's possible weather.
- Staff is working on the soccer fields and finalizing negotiations for the lighting. MUSCO is sending an agreement for metal lights in the amount of approximately \$200,000.
- Mr. Hall thanked all the departments as they are moving forward & getting things done.
- Vice Mayor Martinez asked for an update on signage for 4 Points.
- Mr. Zuniga stated it is completed.
- Commissioner Harrison stated the signage on Bluebell is extremely small.
- Mr. Zuniga agreed with Commissioner Harrison and stated they can put larger signs up.
- Commissioner Harrison questioned if we can rename Rollie Road and make it Bluebell Road all the way. He also noted there is a problem when buses turn. The radius coming off of Highway 54, that will not work. He also asked if we have met with KDOT regarding the mandated design. He would like to set up a work session.
- City Manager Hall noted that KDOT stated they do not want to participate; however, the City can have a meeting on it.
- Commissioner Harrison wants to figure something out and work on barricades and invite the public and ask for residents in that area for their input.
- It was noted we have to get KDOT's consent on changes. Discussion was held on putting a curb along the highway, railing and making the area more attractive. It was noted that it is safer and the signal lights work better as 4 Points and the improvements need to make it look better.

- Vice Mayor Martinez stated the public thinks it was the City's plan when it was actually KDOT's plan.
- The new Air Museum Director will start on January 23.

12. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Carlile congratulated Vice Mayor Martinez and Mayor Denoyer. He thanked City Staff and noted Staff did a great job cleaning up the snow.

Commissioner Aragon thanked Mayor Denoyer and congratulated Vice Mayor Martinez. He stated the City looks great and Staff is doing good things with the projects around town. He appreciates Staff's hard work.

Commissioner Harrison congratulated the Mayor and Vice Mayor Martinez and thanked former Vice Mayor Aragon for his last two years of service. Thank you for and appreciates their willingness to step up and serve. Commissioner Harrison stated that on 15th and Western, one of the cameras is on its side and the signal light is a little off. Commissioner Harrison questioned if something can be done at Kansas Ave. & Tucker Road such as putting working cameras up on the lights or fix the ones already there. He also thanked the Street Department for handling the snow and they may get the opportunity to deal with ice this weekend. He thanked all City Staff. He noted there are things happening all over town. It's nice to see that people want to invest in Liberal. It's a direct example when people believe in this community that they are willing to invest their money here. Thanks to all who are willing to invest in Liberal. The new deal with the Comfort Inn and Old Chicago is a local group and nice project for Liberal.

Commissioner Harrison questioned Transportation Services Director Daniel Zuniga about the potholes from 15th Street north. Mr. Zuniga stated they have to patch it with cold mix and they will keep maintaining it; however, it doesn't stay. They hope to do an overlay in the spring.

Vice Mayor Martinez thanked the Mayor and Commissioner Aragon for his service. Vice Mayor Martinez noted the parking lot area looks good and he is excited to see the lights.

Mr. Zuniga stated they are hoping to be done by next week weather permitting. The lights will be done in-house.

Vice Mayor Martinez appreciates Jeff's hard work and the locals for investing in Liberal.

Mayor Denoyer thanked Commissioner Aragon for his two years of service as Vice Mayor and thanked his fellow commissioners for having faith in him to do the job again. He believes we have a good group and are moving forward. He is excited to meet new Air Museum Director. He encouraged Director Quint to bring forward new ideas. He would like Staff to continue to think outside the box and move forward. We need to make Liberal all it can be. Mayor Denoyer thanked Staff for all that they do. Thank you for the snow clean up and always being prepared.

13. VOUCHERS.

\$780,481.47, dated January 5, 2017. *Commissioner Aragon moved to approve the vouchers, as presented, with Vice Mayor Martinez seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Commissioner Harrison.

Joe Denoyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Hidalgo, City Clerk