

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

December 11, 2012

The regular meeting of the Liberal City Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located at 325 North Washington on Tuesday, December 11, 2012.

Commissioners Present: Vice Mayor Joe Denoyer, Dave Harrison Larry Koochel and Janet Willimon. Absent was Mayor Tim Long.

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, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Kory Krause, Chief of Police Al Sill, Mid-America Air Museum Director Jim Bert and City Attorney Shirla McQueen.

Vice 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 Ann Holman of the Risen Glory Church.

1. Awards/Proclamations/Presentations.

Vice Mayor Denoyer and Human Resources Director Schmutz presented ten and twenty-five year service awards to the following City personnel:

10 year: Jon Antrim, Police Department; Allan Classen, Street Department; Christopher Ford, Finance Department; Sally Fuller, Convention & Tourism Department; John Meacham II, Street Department; Ronna Stump, Recreation Department; and Mary Tryon, Communications Department, who was absent.

25 year: Daniel Zuniga, Street Department.

Vice Mayor Denoyer congratulated them for their dedicated service to the City of Liberal.

2. Approval of Agenda.

Vice Mayor Denoyer requested approval of the agenda.

Commissioner Koochel moved to approve the agenda, as presented, with Commissioner Harrison seconding the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0, with Mayor Long absent.

3. Approval of Minutes.

Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2012 regular meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Koochel and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, with Mayor Long absent.

4. Items from Citizens.

Vice 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.

Vice 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. Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes:
 1. Airport Advisory Board, October 11, 2012 (Draft).
 2. Arkalon Council, November 1, 2012 (Draft).
 3. Liberal Memorial Library, November 20, 2012.
 - b. Airport Lease Renewals:
 1. #69.02 L & D Oilfield Services \$2,317.39 1 year
 - c. Cereal Malt Beverage License Renewals:
 1. Express Lane #20 Highway 54 & Western Avenue
 2. Express Lane #21 343 East Pancake Boulevard
 3. Express Lane #22 1421 North Western Avenue
 4. Fruteria Ojinaga 621 South Kansas Avenue
 5. Mi Tierra 601 South Kansas Avenue
 6. Ridin South 925 South Kansas Avenue
 7. Seafood Feast 260 West Pancake Avenue
 8. The Best Market 910 South Kansas Avenue
- Vice Mayor Denoyer inquired if the Commission wished to remove any items for further discussion.

Commissioner Koochel moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, with Commissioner Willimon seconding the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0, with Mayor Long absent.

7. Update on Robotics Academy - Air Museum.

- Air Museum Director Bert updated the Commission on the Dinosaur Exhibit scheduled for next April and the Robotics Program. He announced the Robotics Team, under the supervision of Nikki Whitaker, had attained first place in a recent competition in Kansas City.
- Photographs were taken of presentations made by Anita Wendt of Pioneer Electric Cooperative and Southern Pioneer Electric in the amount of \$10,000 for the Dinosaur Exhibit and \$5,000 to the Robotics Program. It was noted the donation to the Dinosaur Exhibit would allow 1,700 school children to view the exhibit.
- Mr. Bert recognized the Air Museum Foundation and other individuals who have made donations or volunteered to assist with the preparation for the Dinosaur exhibit. He requested permission to continue to expend donated funds for the Robotics program.

Commissioner Harrison moved to continue to expend donated funds for the Robotics Program, as presented. Commissioner Willimon seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4 to 0, with Mayor Long absent.

8. Liberal Memorial Library Board Appointment.

- City Manager Hall reported the Library Board has a vacancy due to the resignation of Randy Scantlin. He referred to the board recommendation to appoint Stanley Lehnert to fill the unexpired term ending April 2014.

Commissioner Koochel moved to appoint Stanley Lehnert to the Liberal Memorial Library Board to fill Randy Scantlin's unexpired term ending April 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harrison seconding the motion and carried by a vote of 4 to 0, with Mayor Long absent.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

- City Manager Hall advised the departments are working hard on projects throughout the community and thanked everyone who assisted with the burning of tumbleweeds.
- Mr. Hall referred to the thank you note regarding assistance with the Santa House. He also referred to the report from Adolescent Support Services and advised the financial report would be available soon.
- City Manager Hall noted the next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 26 at 6:30 p.m.

10. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Willimon congratulated the employees recognized this evening for 10 and 25 years of service to the City. She thanked Pioneer and Southern Pioneer Electric for their contribution and those involved in promoting activities at the Air Museum.

Commissioner Harrison expressed appreciation to Pioneer and Southern Pioneer Electric for their donation. He thanked the Air Museum Foundation for their efforts and also to the many volunteers in the community. Commissioner Harrison commended the employees recognized this evening for service to the City.

Commissioner Koochel thanked Air Museum Director Bert and all the volunteers who are making things happen at the Museum and looked forward for things coming forward. He expressed appreciation for the dedication of the volunteers making our community a better place.

Vice Mayor Denoyer thanked Pioneer and Southern Pioneer Electric for their donation and to the Air Museum Foundation and volunteers involved in transforming the facility for the dinosaur exhibit. He also thanked Nikki Whitaker for her dedication to the Robotics program.

Vice Mayor Denoyer commended the employees who achieved 10 and 25 years of service. He thanked City staff for a job well done this year and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Mayor Long was absent.

11. VOUCHERS.

\$517,378.90 dated December 11, 2012. *Commissioner Koochel moved to approve the vouchers, as presented, with Commissioner Willimon seconding the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0, with Mayor Long absent.*

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Commissioner Koochel.

Joe Denoyer, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra S. Giskie, CMC, City Clerk