

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

April 10, 2012

The regular meeting of the Liberal City Commission was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located at 325 North Washington on Tuesday, April 10, 2012.

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

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 Kory Krause, Code Enforcement Officer Larry Mastellar, Air Museum Director Jim Bert, and City Attorney Shirla McQueen.

Mayor Long declared the meeting called to order and City Clerk Giskie read the roll call declaring all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the invocation was given by Ann Holman of the Risen Glory Church.

1. Awards/Proclamations/Presentations. Mayor Long presented Tami Schwindt of Families Together, Inc., with a proclamation designating the month of April as Families Together, Inc. Month.

2. Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Long requested approval of the agenda, as presented.

Commissioner Koochel moved to approve the agenda, as presented, with Vice Mayor Denoyer seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes.

Vice Mayor Denoyer moved to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2012 regular meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Willimon and carried unanimously.

4. Items from Citizens.

Mayor Long 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 Long 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. Liberal Memorial Library, March 20, 2012

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

Commissioner Koochel moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, with Vice Mayor Denoyer seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. REORGANIZATION

a. and b. Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Commissioner Harrison moved to retain the Tim Long as Mayor and Joe Denoyer as Vice Mayor. Commissioner Koochel seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 3 to 0, with Mayor Long and Vice Mayor Denoyer abstaining.

8. Mid-America Air Museum - MAAM Foundation Agreement.

City Manager Hall referred to the Agreement in the packet between the Mid-America Air Museum (MAAM) Foundation and the City of Liberal.

- Air Museum Director Bert noted that tonight is a special evening for rebuilding bridges and moving the Museum forward by bringing the Dinosaur Exhibit back to Liberal. He noted the event would coincide with the second year of the Kansas Sampler Festival in 2013 and an opportunity to bring school field trips back to the Museum.
- Commissioner Koochel questioned how many visitors had attended the last showing of the dinosaur exhibit. Mr. Bert advised the audited records reflect that more than 10,000 folks visited the exhibit in 1996 with more anticipated at the 2013 exhibit.
- Mr. Bert reported that the MAAM Foundation has donated over \$35,000 to the Museum in the last two years alone.
- John Smith, member of the Air Museum Foundation Board, appeared before the Commission and introduced fellow board members in attendance, including Ron Judy, Don and Nancy Parsons, Don Rash, Kerry McQueen and Tony McKee. He highlighted the details of the agreement and explained the MAAM Foundation wants to be a friend of the Museum. After further discussion, Mr. Smith asked for approval of the Agreement, subject to legal counsel review.

Commissioner Harrison moved to approve the Agreement, subject to legal counsel review, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Willimon. The motion carried unanimously

- The Commission was encouraged by this venture and the start of momentum to promote the Museum further.
- Mr. Smith noted 2013 will also be Liberal's 125th anniversary or it's Quasquicentennial. He noted there is some time to begin planning for the community's anniversary.

9. Resolution No. 2151 – Fixing the Hearing Date for the Condemnation of 1111 S. Calhoun Avenue.

Code Enforcement Officer Mastellar referred to the resolution setting a hearing date of May 22, 2012 and explained this process came in as a complaint. He pointed out the deficiencies and photographs of the structure and noted the owner has done some work on the property to make it secure.

Vice Mayor Denoyer moved to adopt Resolution No. 2151, as presented, with Commissioner Koochel seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Resolution No. 2152 – Fixing the Hearing Date for the Condemnation of 635 ½ S. Pennsylvania.

Code Enforcement Officer Mastellar referred to the resolution setting a hearing date of May 22, 2012 and explained this process came in as a complaint. He pointed out the deficiencies and

photographs of the structure and noted some work has been done on the interior but not by a licensed contractor.

Commissioner Harrison moved to adopt Resolution No. 2152, as presented, with Commissioner Willimon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Mars Curiosity Academy Project.

Air Museum Director Bert appeared before the Commission for approval to expend funds from a local foundation to create a robotics program that will serve Liberal and the surrounding communities, their schools, home schools, 4-H and Scout groups. Mr. Bert explained the project will provide (STEM) Science, Technology, Engineering and Math hands-on minds-on activities for children grades 3-9.

- Mr. Bert requested the Commission accept the donated funds and authorize the expenditure of funds for the robotics program as outlined.

Commissioner Koochel moved to accept the donation and to authorize the expenditure of funds to create a robotics program, as presented, with Vice Mayor Denoyer seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Update on Summer Youth Employment.

Human Resources Director Schmutz updated the Commission on the summer employment program and reported the City has opportunities for summer youth. She noted Adventure Bay Water Park will open on May 26, 2012 and will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily.

13. Liberal Memorial Library Board Appointment.

Commissioner Harrison moved to reappoint Kenneth Thompson to the Liberal Memorial Library Board for a four-year term expiring April 2016, as recommended. Vice Mayor Denoyer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

14. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

City Manager Hall thanked Desiree Courkamp and Larcyn Carter for observing tonight's meeting representing Liberal High School.

- He advised progress is continuing for the upcoming Kansas Sampler. He expressed appreciation to City staff for their efforts. He also noted the weed ordinance goes into effect on May 11 and City staff will begin enforcement by putting out door hangers giving residents a 5-day notice to take care of vegetation.
- Mr. Hall reported there would be a big agenda for the next meeting.

15. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Vice Mayor Denoyer expressed appreciation to City staff for once again pursuing donations. He thanked the donors for their generosity. He applauded the efforts of the MAAM Foundation, Air Museum staff and volunteers for their dedication to the education of the youth. He expressed appreciation to the efforts of City staff for making Liberal a community of choice.

Commissioner Willimon thanked City staff and the Air Museum for their efforts. She advised she likes the direction the community is going and is pleased to be a City commissioner.

Commissioner Koochel advised the community is looking good and planning for the Kansas Sampler is going well. He also was glad to see things happening at the Air Museum.

Mayor Long also thanked the MAAM Foundation and Air Museum for their efforts in working together on an exciting exhibit. He thanked City staff for their efforts in keeping the community looking nice and moving forward.

Commissioner Harrison had no items to present.

16. VOUCHERS.

- \$419,017.96, dated April 10, 2012. *Commissioner Koochel* moved to approve the vouchers, as presented, with *Commissioner Willimon* seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion by Vice Mayor Denoyer, seconded by Commissioner Koochel.

Tim Long, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra S. Giskie, CMC, City Clerk