

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

August 28, 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, August 28, 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, Police Chief Al Sill, 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. *No items were presented.*

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 August 14, 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.

- Rita Isaacs voiced concern about enforcement of City codes dealing with houses, weeds and graffiti.

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. Airport Advisory Board, June 12, 2012.
2. Mid-America Air Museum Advisory Board, June 12, 2012.
3. Liberal Metropolitan Area Board of Zoning Appeals, June 14, 2012, July 12, 2012 and August 9, 2012.
4. Liberal Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, July 12, 2012.
5. Liberal Housing Authority, July 17, 2012.

6. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, July 19, 2012.
 7. Liberal Convention & Tourism Board, August 16, 2012.
- b. Approval of Airport Lease Renewals:
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| 1. | # 24.00 | Independent, Inc. | \$ 878.50 | 1 year |
| 2. | #137.02 | Butch & Linny Dick | \$1,174.75 | 1 year |
| 3. | #142.00 | ABC Self-Store-It | \$3,744.18 | 1 year |
| 4. | #164.00 | David Falke | \$1,317.75 | 1 year |
- Mayor Long read the Consent Agenda items and 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. Police Department - SRO Positions Funded by the COPS Grant.

- Chief Sill noted the City received a COPS grant in the amount of \$118,495 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the purpose of hiring a school resource officer. Chief Sill explained the local match is \$39,498 and through an agreement with the school system, they have agreed to fund the position. He referred to the grant, special conditions and MOU with U.S.D. 480 included in the packet.
- Chief Sill noted with the approval of the Commission, U.S.D. 480 and legal counsel approval from both entities, we will continue to move forward with the program.

Vice Mayor Denoyer moved to continue with the SRO program, utilize the grant funds under the grant conditions stated by the Chief, subject to approval by USD 480 and legal counsel, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Willimon and carried unanimously.

8. Truancy.

- City Manager Hall referred to the proposal by Adolescent Support Services to provide a truancy program for the Liberal school system at \$172,000 per year. He noted the payment would be done on a quarterly basis by all three entities; the City of Liberal, Seward County and U.S.D. 480 at approximately \$14,333 per quarter. He explained the one-year program would be subject to the approval of each entity.
- Discussion was held on the reporting process and accountability of the proposed program. *Following further discussion, Commissioner Harrison moved to fund one-third of the Adolescent Support Services truancy program for a period of one-year contingent on USD 480 and Seward County participation. Commissioner Willimon seconded the motion. After further discussion, the motion carried by a vote of 4 to 1, with Vice Mayor Denoyer against.*

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

- City Manager Hall thanked Pizza Hut for donating pizza to the firefighters as they responded to a fire on Virginia Avenue. He reminded the Commission of the Council of Governments meeting on Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at SCCC. He also reminded the Commission of the SPIRIT conference next week on Thursday evening, September 6, with the main conference on Friday, September 7 at the Air Museum.
- City Manager Hall thanked all the departments for their hard work and noted this is the last weekend that the pool will be open for the season.
- Discussion was raised about the enforcement of weeds in the community.

10. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Vice Mayor Denoyer expressed appreciation to his fellow commissioners for the discussion this evening and noted he would stand behind the final vote. He reported some graffiti in Blue Bonnet Park, questioned when trees would be trimmed at the Airport and voiced concern about the lack of radios for code enforcement.

Commissioner Willimon thanked the commission for their hard work and taking the initiative to work on the truancy issue.

Commissioner Harrison expressed appreciation to the recent rain which washed the streets and noted that he looked forward to the fall and winter months.

Commissioner Koochel thanked his fellow commissioners for their hard work in discussing the truancy issue and expressed appreciation for Mayor Long's leadership.

Mayor Long thanked the commission for the discussion on the truancy issue and appreciated each of their opinions. He thanked all the departments for their hard work and noted the City is looking good.

11. VOUCHERS.

\$905,752.76, dated August 28, 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