

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

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, July 24, 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, Zoning Administrator Kory Krause, 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 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. Mayor Long presented a retirement plaque to Jo Ann Combs after 13 years of successful service to the City as a dedicated employee of the Convention & Tourism Bureau.

- Mrs. Combs reported this had been a hard decision to make, but she felt it was time as she was looking forward to a new great-grandchild in the near future. She advised it had been a pleasure to work for the City of Liberal.

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.

Mayor Long requested approval of the July 10, 2012 regular meeting.

- City Clerk Giskie requested the minutes be amended to read the amount donated by the PEO Chapter PA Club as \$1,430.31 on page 2 under Item 10.

Vice Mayor Denoyer moved to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2012 regular meeting, as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Harrison 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.

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6. Consent Agenda.

a. Acknowledge Receipt of Minutes:

1. Arkalon Council, June 7, 2012.
2. Liberal Housing Authority, June 13, 2012.

- Mayor Long inquired if the Commission wished to remove any items for further discussion. *Vice Mayor Denoyer moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, with Commissioner Koochel seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

7. First Reading of Ordinance No. 4405 - Rezone "A-L" Agricultural District to "C-2" General Commercial District (Sunnyside Farm Tract Addition).

Mayor Long requested Commission consideration of the final reading of Ordinance No. 4405, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 'OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP' OF THE CITY OF LIBERAL, KANSAS BY REZONING THE WEST 118' OF THE EAST 272.5', BLOCK THIRTY (36), LESS AND EXCEPT THE NORTH 155' THEREOF, SUNNYSIDE FARM TRACT ADDITION TO THE CITY OF LIBERAL, SEWARD COUNTY, KANSAS, FROM 'A-L' AGRICULTURE DISTRICT TO 'C-2' GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT".

Zoning Administrator Krause reported Ron Warren, owner of the property in question, has requested the property be rezoned from agricultural to commercial in order to build a 40' x 60' metal building structure. He explained the property abuts commercial property and is located behind the packing store and Ron Warren Construction. He noted both City staff and the Planning Commission recommend the ordinance be passed.

- Mayor Long questioned how the property would be accessed from Western Avenue. Mr. Krause explained a drive will be constructed for access.

Commissioner Harrison moved to advance Ordinance No. 4405 to a second reading, as presented, with Commissioner Willimon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Pine Street Crime Prevention Lighting.

City Manager Hall noted on August 23, 2011, the City Commission approved the crime prevention lighting program and explained tonight the request is to approve the lighting from Oklahoma Avenue to Country Estates Road. Mr. Hall reported the estimate for the lighting equipment is \$48,000 from a local dealer and noted City staff will install the equipment.

- Commissioner Koochel questioned if the lights would cover the road. Mr. Hall explained the lights would be directed to the sidewalk but would cascade over the road as well.
- It was noted the fixtures would be funded through sales tax but the electrical usage would come out of the general fund and the electrical line would be underground.
- Commissioner Willimon questioned how soon this project would be done. Mr. Sealey explained that was unknown as the fixtures would have to be ordered.

Commissioner Koochel moved to approve the use of one cent sales tax funds from the crime prevention lighting program to install lighting along the Pine Street sidewalk east of Kansas Avenue to Country Estates Road, as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Denoyer. The motion carried unanimously.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

City Manager Hall reminded the Commission of the Council of Governments meeting on Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at SCCC and also of the budget session on Wednesday night at the Air Museum at 5:30 p.m.

- Commissioner Koochel questioned when work would begin at the Leete Family Park. Mr. Sealey advised they are waiting for the contractor to start on the parking lot.

10. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Koochel said he thinks we should feel lucky to live in southwest Kansas.

Commissioner Harrison thanked City staff for what they do, especially those who work out in the heat.

Vice Mayor Denoyer also thanked City staff and all the department heads for their assistance in putting together the budget. He thanked the organizations for making Liberal a better place to live.

Mayor Long echoed what *Commissioner Koochel* said and felt we are fortunate and blessed to live where we live, other than the heat and drought conditions. He expressed appreciation for the hard work done by the departments and especially those who work out in the heat. He thanked all involved in the budget process and acknowledged it was going to be necessary to make some tough decisions.

Commissioner Willimon had no items to present.

11. VOUCHERS.

\$1,733,913.07, dated July 24, 2012. *Commissioner Koochel* moved to approve the vouchers, as presented, with *Commissioner Willimon* seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Vice Mayor Denoyer and seconded by Commissioner Koochel.

Tim Long, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra S. Giskie, CMC, City Clerk