

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

September 11, 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, September 11, 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, Deputy City Clerk Alicia Hidalgo, Human Resources Director Sheena Schmutz, Economic Development Director Jeff Parsons, Building Inspector Kory Krause and City Attorney Shirla McQueen.

Mayor Long declared the meeting called to order, and Deputy City Clerk Hidalgo read the roll call and declared all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Ann Holman, of the Risen Glory Church, gave the invocation.

1. Awards/Proclamations/Presentations. *None were presented.*

2. Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Long requested approval of the agenda.

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 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.

- Ronda Maxwell – 1110 N Jordan, gave a report on the Air Show. She wanted to thank the City Commission and special thanks to City Manager Mark Hall, all Airport Staff, Fire Chief Kelly Kirk, and Police Chief Al Sill as their participation was critical for a successful show. At the 2010 Air Show, 4,200 attended and this year 6,900 people from over 80 zip codes attended. They plan on having an Air Show every other year with the next one in 2014

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, August 14, 2012.
 2. Liberal Memorial Library, August 21, 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. Resolution No. 2160, to Schedule a Public Hearing on Creating a Community Improvement District.

Mayor Long requested Commission consideration of Resolution No. 2160, entitled, "A RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADVISABILITY OF CREATING A COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF LIBERAL, KANSAS; ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT SALES TAX TO FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN SUCH DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING."

- Economic Development Director Parsons explained this is a Community Improvement District petition and this resolution calls for a public hearing on October 9, 2012 to create the CID and CID sales tax.

Commissioner Koochel moved to adopt Resolution No. 2160, as presented, with Vice Mayor Denoyer seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

- City Manager Hall reported all departments are working hard to start preparing for winter. The pool's last weekend was Labor Day and we will start winterizing it and looking to the future for the pool. He also wanted to thank all departments for the great work and appreciates all City Employees.
- Discussion was held regarding weeds in residential and commercial areas, what the City is doing, how the City plans to remedy the weed problem and continue to keep Liberal safe and clean.

9. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Koochel advised past weekend was exciting with the successful Air Show. He also wanted to state that Liberal is making progress in economic development.

Commissioner Harrison advised the Air Show was fantastic and thanks those who put it on and helped. The Patriot Day Program at Cottonwood Intermediate was outstanding and thanked all the people that were honored there.

Commissioner Willimon advised the SPIRIT conference held in Liberal had a great turnout, great speakers, and things are really moving forward on the Highway 54 project. She also encouraged everyone to attend the October 2 town hall meeting from 5p.m.-7p.m. at the Depot to hear more on the Highway 54 Project. Commissioner Willimon helped with the Air show and was thrilled on how well it came. She also stated the City looks great, everyone is doing a great job and referred to a newspaper article about the Police Department and how they are doing a great job.

Vice Mayor Denoyer wanted to thank the volunteers, organizers and people that attended the Air Show. He thanked the Police Department for keeping citizens safe and first responders on 9/11.

Mayor Long stated this was a great weekend and thanks everyone at all events especially from the Air Show and Patriot Day.

Economic Development Director Parsons also gave an update on the bus system that starts Monday, September 17 at 6:00 a.m. from City Hall. The buses will be free until September 30 and will resume normal pricing on October 1. The Cost is \$1.00/ride or \$0.50 for students and/or

senior citizens; monthly passes are \$30 or \$15 for students/Seniors. The first monthly pass was sold today.

10. VOUCHERS.

\$361,597.46, dated September 11, 2012. *Commissioner Koochel moved to approve the vouchers, as presented, with Commissioner Willimon seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

Tim Long, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Hidalgo, Deputy City Clerk