

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

July 9, 2013

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, July 9, 2013.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Dave Harrison, Vice Mayor Janet Willimon, Dean Aragon, Joe Denoyer and Ron Warren.

City Staff Present: City Manager Mark Hall, Public Works Director Joe Sealey, City Clerk Debbie Giskie, Human Resources Director Sheena Schmutz, Zoning Administrator Kory Krause, Air Museum Director Jim Bert and City Attorney Shirla McQueen.

Mayor Harrison 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 Harrison presented Public Works Director Joe Sealey with a retirement plaque and commended him on sixteen years of service to the City of Liberal. He reviewed a list of many projects that were completed under his leadership and oversight of over 100 employees.

- The Commission extended their congratulations and wished him many years of retirement.

2. Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Harrison requested approval of the agenda, which has been amended with Item 12, a fifteen minute executive session.

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

3. Approval of Minutes.

Commissioner Denoyer moved to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2013 regular meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Willimon and carried unanimously.

4. Items from Citizens.

Mayor Harrison 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. Liberal Memorial Library, June 18, 2013.
2. Liberal Convention & Tourism Board, June 20, 2013.

b. Approval of Airport Leases:

1. # 21.02 New Iron & Metal \$2,385.11 1 year

2.	# 27.02	Don Small	\$ 510.51	1 year
3.	# 60.01	Kenny McElvain	\$1,344.00	1 year
4.	#124.00	Crown Consulting	\$1,783.20	1 year
5.	#175.02	Brungardt Pumping	\$1,875.85	1 year

c. Approval of Cereal Malt Beverage License:

1. KompaZ Sports Bar, 141 ½ West Pancake Boulevard

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

7. First Reading of Ordinance No. 4412 – Rezone Platted Land from “R-2” to “R-3.

Mayor Harrison requested Commission consideration of the first reading of Ordinance No. 4412, entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE “OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP” OF THE CITY OF LIBERAL, KANSAS BY REZONING LOTS 9-16, BLOCK 9; LOTS 1-16, BLOCK 10; LOTS 1-16, BLOCK 11; LOTS 1-16, BLOCK 12; LOTS 1-8 & LOTS 11-16, BLOCK 13; LOTS 19-24, BLOCK 14; LOTS 6-8, BLOCK 15, ALL IN THE REPLAT BLOCK 1, LOT 3; NORWOOD AVENUE, AND A PORTION OF BLOCK 2, LOT 1 OF THE LEEIONE ADDITION FOR CORONADO HEIGHTS ADDITION NO.1 TO THE CITY OF LIBERAL, SEWARD COUNTY, KANSAS, FROM “R-2” TWO-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO “R-3” MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT.”

- Zoning Administrator Krause referred to the information in the packet and noted the applicant is in the audience if the Commission has any questions. He reported the planners recommend the rezoning request.

Commissioner Denoyer moved to advance Ordinance No. 4412 to a second reading, as presented, with Vice Mayor Willimon seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Air Museum Robotics Request.

Air Museum Director Bert requested permission to expend \$5,860 for the purchase of robotics equipment to support the robotics workshops and competition year. He noted grant funds were secured for this project a local foundation and will purchase the next generation of robotics kits.

- He also noted the program is bringing in youth from within the 100-mile radius of Liberal and his dream is to have the program grow every year.

Commissioner Denoyer moved authorize the expenditure of \$5,860 for the robotics program to further the robotics program, as presented. Vice Mayor Willimon seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

9. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT.

City Manager Hall referred to the information in the packet on the truancy program and the article by KSN TV on our housing program. He thanked with City staff for their efforts and thanked the City Commission for allowing participants of the all-school class reunion to visit the air museum and water park.

- Mr. Hall announced it is July and we are officially in budget season. He expressed appreciation to the Commission for making this happen.

10. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Denoyer thanked Joe Sealey for a tremendous job working with the City and

taxpayers using a common sense approach and a sense of humor. He wished Joe and his wife Teresa good luck.

- Commissioner Denoyer also noted there was a six team competitive ball tournament at Rosel Field over the weekend and he thanked the youth, organizers and parents for their involvement. He advised the Bee Jay game had a good turnout on the 4th of July.

Vice Mayor Willimon thanked City staff for a great job in moving the City forward. She reported there would be a Truancy program workshop coming up to review the program. She thanked Joe Sealey for a fabulous job.

Commissioner Warren expressed appreciation for what Mr. Sealey has done for the City. He also noted he was lucky enough to coach a 12-year old baseball team and expressed appreciation to City staff for a having the ball fields in such great condition.

Commissioner Aragon thanked Joe Sealey for his outstanding service and noted he has a good staff that will continue to do well.

Mayor Harrison stated he had already thanked Joe for his service at the retirement reception and noted we have a good public works team that will continue to diligently work on the many projects. Mayor Harrison expressed appreciation to the City crews for their hard work, especially in the hot temperature.

11. VOUCHERS.

\$686,188.18, dated July 9, 2013. *Commissioner Denoyer moved to approve the vouchers, as presented, with Vice Mayor Willimon seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Commissioner Denoyer moved to adjourn into a fifteen (15) minute Executive Session per K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) – for the purpose of preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Warren carried unanimously.

- The Commission invited the city manager, city attorney, finance director, city clerk and economic development director to the executive session.

Mayor Harrison inquired if the Commission wished to take any action as a result of the Executive Session. *No action was taken.*

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Commissioner Denoyer.

Dave Harrison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra S. Giskie, CMC, City Clerk