
**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 701 WASHINGTON ST.**

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session January 18, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Lambertz, Hutchinson, Jackson, Belden, and Wentz.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: City Manager Amy Lange, City Clerk Stacey Smith, Finance Director Amber Farha, City Attorney Justin Ferrell.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Lambertz called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Toby Nosker, Russell Gagnon, Rick Barrett. Staff present: Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Fuller Bates, Public Works Director; Brent Gering, Police Chief.

The invocation was followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Belden moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION AGENDA *(Items Deserving of Brief Discussion, Action may be taken)*

Commissioner Priorities 2023

Amy Lange presented a list of priorities for 2023 based on discussion at the last meeting. All commissioners were in approval.

ACTION AGENDA *(Action Expected)*

Minutes of January 4, 2023 Meeting

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2023. Commissioner Belden seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #1

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #1. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-2148 – Waiver of GAAP

There was presented to the City Commission a Resolution waiving generally accepted accounting principles for 2022.

Thereupon, on motion of Commissioner Hutchinson, seconded by Commissioner Wentz, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Yea: Commissioners Lambertz, Hutchinson, Jackson, Belden, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2023-2148 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

Resolution 2023-2149 – Set Public Hearing for 223 W. 11th St.

There was presented to the City Commission a Resolution setting the public hearing for 223 W. 11th St. for the fire-damaged structure.

Thereupon, on motion of Commissioner Belden, seconded by Commissioner Wentz, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Yea: Commissioners Lambertz, Hutchinson, Jackson, Belden, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2023-2149 was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk. The Clerk was directed to arrange for the publication of the Resolution once a week for two consecutive weeks, at least 30 days before the public hearing takes place.

Board of Zoning Appeals Appointments

The positions filled by Tammy Britt and Darren Hill expire soon. Both have expressed an interest to continue serving on the board.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to reappoint Tammy Britt and Darren Hill to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Commissioner Belden seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

Amy Lange said next week is Government Day in Topeka. She will also have other meetings with the League next week. She discussed current legislation that might affect Concordia.

Staff Reports

Brent Gering said his department is dealing with fentanyl issues in town.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Commissioner Belden thanked Chief Gering for the quick response to citizens.

Commissioner Wentz wondered whether a park could be included in the new housing development.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Confidential Business Data

Commissioner Hutchinson moved that the city commission recess into executive session to discuss confidential business data or trade secrets of a business, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(4) with Amy Lange and Justin Ferrell in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:10 p.m. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Lambertz, Hutchinson, Jackson, Belden, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Time 5:53 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:10 p.m.

Mayor Lambertz announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 6:11 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith
City Clerk