

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

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session January 4, 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, Brent Gering, Dwight Whitead, Shella Thoman, James Quillen, Kevin Cowan. Staff present: Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Fuller Bates, Public Works Director.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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

Everbridge Mass Notification System

James Quillen, County Emergency Manager, discussed the new notification system the county has adopted. Phone calls, texts, and/or emails can be sent to those who sign up to alert them of severe weather, notifications of any kind, etc. The system is funded by the North Central Regional Homeland Security Council, at no cost. The City can use the system as well, rather than Textcaster, which we have used for years. The contacts can transfer from the current system.

The commission was in approval of beginning to utilize the system, once staff is trained.

ACTION AGENDA *(Action Expected)*

Minutes of December 21, 2022 Meeting

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the minutes of December 21, 2022. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #24

Commissioner Belden moved to approve appropriation ordinance #24. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-2147 – Set Date for Public Hearing to Establish RHID Development Plan

There was presented a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, DETERMINING THAT THE CITY IS CONSIDERING ESTABLISHING A RURAL HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY AND ADOPTING A PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC FACILITIES IN SUCH PROPOSED DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING THE DATE AND TIME OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON SUCH MATTER, AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING (ST. JOSEPH SUBDIVISION RURAL HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT)

Commissioner Hutchinson moved that the Resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Belden. The Resolution was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the adoption of the Resolution was carried by the vote of the governing body as follows:

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

Nay: None.

The Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2023-2147 and was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk. The Clerk was directed to arrange for the publication of the Resolution one time in the official newspaper of the City not less than one week or more than two weeks preceding the date fixed for the public hearing.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

Amy Lange discussed the next steps in the MIH grant. She said a draft RFP is ready to find a floodplain consultant. The turf project at the sports complex is nearing completion. Amy introduced Brent Gering, the newly hired police chief, who will start January 16.

Staff Reports

Fuller Bates shared that the crosswind runway is nearly complete, as the contractor has finished the grading.

Eric Voss stated that Miltonvale EMS is having staffing issues, and staff is discussing how to proceed with assistance.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Commissioner Wentz received an update on the property on Cedar Street with the unfinished retaining wall. Commissioners heard from Jeremy Arnold about the main break on Archer this past week.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 5:54 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn to a study session to discuss commissioner orientation and priorities.



/s/ Stacey Smith _____
City Clerk