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

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

5:30 p.m.

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The governing body met in regular session February 1, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Lambertz, Jackson, Belden, and Wentz.

Absent: Commissioner Hutchinson.

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, Dwight Whitead, Haleigh Stimatze, Mardell Snavelly, Victoria Sugrue, Marylu Fellows, Mary Anderson. Staff present: Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Fuller Bates, Public Works Director; Brent Gering, Police Chief.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Amy Lange added an executive session for attorney-client privilege. Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ACTION AGENDA** (*Action Expected*)

***Minutes of January 18, 2023 Meeting***

Commissioner Belden moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2023. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

***Appropriation Ordinance #2***

Commissioner Belden moved to approve appropriation ordinance #2. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

***Manager's Report***

Amy Lange said staff has been given some training on the Everbridge software, which will soon take the place of Textcaster. She provided written testimony on legislation affecting the City. She also noted she spent time last week in Topeka, where she attended functions at the League and met with legislators.

***Staff Reports***

Stacey Smith informed the commission that the grant awarded to the Housing Authority would be run through the City, as the board does not have sufficient funds to pay contractors up front.

Jeremy Arnold said he recently was notified the City would need to map all service lines and check them for lead and copper, including the homeowner's line on their property. KDHE will require all information be completed by October 2024.

***Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports***

Mayor Lambertz was approached by a downtown business about the possibility of designated parking stalls for takeout.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/ITEMS SCHEDULED AT A CERTAIN TIME**

***Recognizing O'Connor Animal Shelter Volunteers***

Animal Control Officer Jodi Baker recognized Marylu Fellows, Mary Anderson, Haleigh Stimatze, and Victoria Sugrue for their assistance as shelter volunteers. They fill in on weekends, holidays, and any time she is off. Certificates and chamber bucks were presented.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***Attorney-Client Privilege (1)***

Commissioner Belden moved that the city commission recess into executive session for consultation with an attorney

for information deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2) with Amy Lange and Justin Ferrell in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time 5:59 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor Lambertz announced there was no binding action taken.

**Attorney-Client Privilege (2)**

Commissioner Wentz moved that the city commission recess into executive session for consultation with an attorney for information deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2) with Amy Lange and Justin Ferrell in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:25 p.m. Commissioner Belden seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time 6:16 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:25 p.m.

Mayor Lambertz announced there was no binding action taken.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, at 6:26 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith  
City Clerk