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

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session February 15, 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, Kevin Cowan, Rick Barrett. Staff present: Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Fuller Bates, Public Works Director; Brent Gering, Police Chief; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Chris Atkins, Parks & Recreation.

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.

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

Public Hearing to Establish Rural Housing Incentive District

Mayor Lambertz opened the public hearing.

Among other business, in accordance with Resolution No. 2023-2147 published on February 3, 2023, in the Concordia Blade-Empire, a public hearing was held by the governing body relating to the proposed establishment of a Rural Housing Incentive District within the City and adopting a plan for the development of housing and public facilities in such District. At the hearing, the project proposed for the District was identified and explained. Following the presentation, all interested persons were afforded an opportunity to present their views on the establishment of the District and the proposed projects.

Mayor Lambertz closed the public hearing.

ACTION AGENDA (*Action Expected*)

Ordinance 2023-3196 Establishing a Rural Housing Incentive District

Following the close of the public hearing, there was presented to the governing body an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, ESTABLISHING A RURAL HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY AND ADOPTING A PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC FACILITIES IN SUCH DISTRICT, AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS IN CONJUNCTION THEREWITH (ST. JOSEPH SUBDIVISION RURAL HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT).

Commissioner Hutchinson moved that the ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wentz. The ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of the ordinance 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 ordinance duly passed and the ordinance was duly numbered Ordinance No. 2023-3196, and signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and was directed to be published one time in the official City newspaper.

Minutes of February 1, 2023 Meeting

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the minutes of February 1, 2023. Commissioner Belden seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #3

Commissioner Belden moved to approve appropriation ordinance #3. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-2150 Employee Handbook Changes

There was presented to the City Commission a Resolution updating the employee handbook.

Thereupon, on motion of Commissioner Hutchinson, seconded by Commissioner Belden, 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. 2023-2150, was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

REPORTS

Manager’s Report

Amy Lange said CloudCorp’s annual luncheon will be on March 6, and the City will reserve a table. Seats are open to the commissioners first, with the department heads being offered a seat if there are any available. She talked about legislation being discussed at the State which affects Concordia.

Staff Reports

Jeremy Arnold presented a two-page survey to be sent out to all utility customers this week. Each property owner should note what material of pipe they have coming into their home.

Amber Farha said the audit is tomorrow. Due to the forecasted snow, it will all be done remotely.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Commissioner Hutchinson praised staff for putting notes on vehicles in the snow routes. She said the RHID is an important chapter in the City’s history.

Mayor Lambertz said he has heard good things about the new police chief.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 6:14 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith
City Clerk