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

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner Belden.

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, Eldon Wisdom, Kevin Steinert, Dave Garnas, Mardell Snaveley, Kim Muff, Phil Gilliland, Terry Harris. 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

Amy Lange added three executive sessions, for Confidential Business Data, Preliminary Discussion of Acquisition of Real Estate, and Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kevin Steinert discussed property near his on Archer, where owners are using the property as a 4-wheeler track. He stated this is noisy and a nuisance.

Eldon Wisdom and Terry Harris voiced their concerns over the lead pipe survey the City is currently conducting. Mr. Harris requested a public hearing to make the public aware of government overreach.

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

Public Hearing for Unsafe & Dangerous – 223 W. 11th St.

Bruno Rehbein stated that the public hearing was not required, as work was nearly completed and the insurance funds could be returned to the owner.

ACTION AGENDA *(Action Expected)*

Minutes of February 15, 2023 Meeting

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the minutes of February 15, 2023. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #4

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #4. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-2151 - Unsafe & Dangerous – 223 W. 11th St.

There was presented to the City Commission a Resolution for returning insurance proceeds to the owners of 223 W. 11th after certain repairs have been completed.

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

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2023-2151, was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

Animal Control Vehicle

The current animal control vehicle is a 2008 Ford F-150 purchased new by the City. It now has 80,000 miles on it, and is starting to see wear. Bids were solicited, and the results were as follows:

Vendor	Vehicle	Base Bid	Alternate
Concordia Chevy/Buick	2023 GMC Sierra Crew Cab 4x4	\$41,420.00	
Farm Country Ford	2023 Ford F150 Crew Cab 4x4	\$44,699.32	\$250.00
Farm Country Ford	2023 Ford F150 Ext. Cab 4x4	\$42,699.32	\$250.00

The alternate is for running boards.

Staff recommended the GMC from Concordia Chevy/Buick. The vehicle is on the lot in Beloit, while the others from Farm Country Ford would need to be ordered, with a delivery of approximately six months.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the purchase of the 2023 GMC Sierra Crew Cab from Concordia Chevy/Buick for \$41,420.00. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Command 2 Fire Vehicle

The current command vehicle is needing to be replaced, as it has been diagnosed with \$8,000 in repairs and no longer runs. The vehicle is used to respond to emergencies among its many uses. Bids were solicited, with only one returned. Farm Country Ford has bid a 2023 Ford F-250 XL for \$51,616.88. Additional costs would be a Ranch Hand bumper and headache rack for \$2,750.00 and running boards for \$405.00, both of which are recommended, for a total of \$54,771.88. The truck would need to be ordered, with an estimated delivery date of six months.

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the purchase of the 2023 Ford F-250 XL from Farm Country Ford for \$54,771.88. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Grant and Authorization to Purchase Ambulance Cot System

The City has received a Dane G. Hansen grant for the purchase of a Stryker power cot system. An additional service contract would be the City's responsibility.

The power cot system would give EMS staff assistance in lifting patients, decreasing the possibility of injury to staff. The goal is to eventually have the power cot system in all four ambulances.

Stryker bid the system at \$51,944.00, with an additional 7-year service agreement costing \$16,676.21.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to accept the grant from Dane G. Hansen Foundation and approve the purchase of the Stryker Power Load system and cot with 7-year service agreement for a total of \$68,620.21. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-3197 – Nuisances

There was presented to the governing body an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A NUISANCE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA; REPEALING CONCORDIA CODE SECTIONS 13-101 & 13-103; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING NEW SECTIONS 13-101 & 13-103.

Commissioner Wentz moved that the ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. 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, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

The Mayor declared the ordinance duly passed and the ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2023-3197, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and the Ordinance or a summary thereof was directed to be published one time in the official City newspaper.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

Amy Lange said the MIH grant agreement would be presented to the commission at the March 15 meeting. The CloudCorp luncheon will be held Monday. She gave a legislative update on several Senate bills of interest to Concordia.

Staff Reports

Jeremy Arnold said construction started this week on the south development water line.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Commissioner Jackson said she toured the airport and was updated on the master plan.

Mayor Lambertz discussed Mr. Steinert's concerns about the 4-wheelers and encouraged the police department to address the issue. He also discussed the water pipe issue, and suggested a public hearing. Commissioner Hutchinson felt there was some overreaction, and perhaps KDHE should be present if any public meetings are held.

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, Justin Ferrell, Dave Garnas, and Phil Gilliland in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:48 p.m. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time 6:32 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

Mayor Lambertz announced there was no binding action taken.

Preliminary Discussion of Acquisition of Real Estate

Commissioner Hutchinson moved that the city commission recess into executive session for the preliminary discussion of acquisition of real estate exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(6), with Amy Lange and Justin Ferrell in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 6:49 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Lambertz announced there was no binding action taken.

Attorney-Client Privilege

Commissioner Hutchinson 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 7:25 p.m. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 7:06 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Lambertz announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 7:25 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith
City Clerk