

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

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session April 19, 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, Quentin Breese, Kelly Struebing, Brenda Gilliland, Kim Muff, Kevin Muff, Dan Haist, John Culley, Brian Kemling. Staff present: Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Fuller Bates, Public Works Director; Brent Gering, Police Chief; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Chris Atkins, Parks & Recreation Director.

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)

City Fireworks Display

Dan Haist asked if the fees collected from the two fireworks stands in town could be earmarked for the cost of the annual fireworks display. The two stands have generated \$2400 in previous years. Commissioners agreed it was good use of the funds.

Commissioner Hutchinson authorized to distribute the amount paid in fireworks vendor permit fees collected in 2023 for the 2023 fireworks show, and eliminate the \$500 budgeted for the show. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

ACTION AGENDA (Action Expected)

Minutes of April 5, 2023 Meeting

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the minutes of April 5, 2023. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #7

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #7. Commissioner Belden seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-3200 – Withdrawal from KMGMA Membership

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS AUTHORIZING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE CITY AS A FULL MEMBER IN THE KANSAS MUNICIPAL GAS AGENCY; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER ACTIONS RELATED THERETO.

Thereupon, Commissioner Hutchinson moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the passage of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2023-3200, and was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

None.

Staff Reports

Eric Voss discussed the Jamestown fire from last week. Five counties were involved. He said he is hoping the City can recoup the costs associated.

Amber Farha said sales tax is up \$61,400 ahead of last year's record year.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Commissioner Hutchinson gave high praise for the sport complex turf project.

Commissioner Jackson said the citywide cleanup is a wonderful resource provided by the City.

Commissioner Belden asked Chris Atkins for numbers on summer programs.

Commissioner Wentz received clarification on the central garage fund.

Mayor Lambertz said a citizen had asked if citywide cleanup could occur at the same time as citywide garage sales.

ADJOURN

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



/s/ Stacey Smith
City Clerk