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

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

5:30 p.m.

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The governing body met in regular session May 3, 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.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Lambertz called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Toby Nosker, Russell Gagnon, Neil Phillips, Lisa Smith, Dwight Whitead, Chris Jackson. Staff present: Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Fuller Bates, Public Works Director; Brent Gering, Police Chief; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Chris Atkins, Parks & Recreation Director.

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

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Amy Lange added a proclamation for Public Service Recognition Week. Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lisa Smith said she had received a nuisance sign in her yard for foul smell pertaining to her dogs, and stated it was embarrassing.

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

#### ***Motorcycle Awareness Month Proclamation***

Chris Jackson presented the proclamation.

The mayor read the proclamation, and proclaimed May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

#### ***Public Service Recognition Week Proclamation***

Amy Lange presented the proclamation, and gave a history of public service.

The mayor read the proclamation, and proclaimed May 7-13 as Public Service Recognition Week.

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

#### ***Minutes of April 19, 2023 Meeting***

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the minutes of April 19, 2023. Commissioner Belden seconded. Motion carried.

#### ***Appropriation Ordinance #8***

Commissioner Belden moved to approve appropriation ordinance #8. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

#### ***2022 Audit Presentation***

Neil Phillips, of Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, presented the audit. No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were identified.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to accept the audit and authorize the mayor to sign the management representation letter. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

#### ***Frank Carlson Library Board Appointments***

Two positions have come open on the library board. Lindsey Metcalf expressed interest to continue another term, but Sue Gustafson elected not to. Two new expressions were received, and the board recommended Peggy Scarth, as well as reappointment of Ms. Metcalf.

Commissioner Belden moved to appoint Lindsay Metcalf and Peggy Scarth to the Frank Carlson Library Board. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

### ***Manager's Report***

Amy Lange discussed events planned for this weekend's Big Kansas Road Trip. She said the asbestos survey for 830 W. 11th was underway. She asked for the commission's preference on continuing to wait for a call back from the old hospital demo contractor or to move forward with bidding out the demolition. Commissioners agreed to pause until the asbestos project is completed.

### ***Staff Reports***

Fuller Bates gave an update on citywide cleanup.

Jeremy Arnold said his crew is flushing hydrants this week.

Brent Gering announced dispatch was now fully staffed, with only one officer vacancy remaining.

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

Commissioners praised Amber Farha for the favorable audit report, and to Fuller Bates for citywide cleanup.

Mayor Lambertz stated he has been receiving positive comments about the police department.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, at 6:19 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith  
City Clerk