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

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session June 21, 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, Dwight Whitead. 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

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Belden seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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

LKM Public Service Week Recognition – Chief Eric Voss

Eric Voss was recognized for his accomplishments of the past year, including significant grant funding and filling in as interim police chief. The recognition was in conjunction with the League's Public Service Week.

ACTION AGENDA (*Action Expected*)

Minutes of June 7, 2023 Meeting

Commissioner Belden moved to approve the minutes of June 7, 2023. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #11

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve appropriation ordinance #11. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded. Motion carried.

Federal Funds Exchange

The City participates in the federal funds exchange every year, which allows us to exchange federal money through KDOT at a reduced amount, meaning strict federal guidelines would not have to be followed for projects. The City intends to use the funds for street maintenance.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the Mayor to sign the request to exchange federal funds in the amount of \$69,208.53 and to apply for reimbursement of \$62,287.68 using funds for street maintenance material. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Radio Bids – DOJ Grant

The police and fire chiefs solicited bids for radios for their vehicles, as well as the county sheriff. Only one bid was received, which came in over the amount of remaining grant funds. It was decided to use the funds for another small project, and look for grants which could be used for radios. Staff recommended rejecting the bid.

Commissioner Wentz moved to reject all radio bids for the DOJ grant. Commissioner Belden seconded. Motion carried.

Addendum to Development Agreement – 1909 Lincoln Street, LLC

The property for discussion is the old bowling alley site. The new owner intends to build a car wash. In order for the project to move forward, the City needed to extend 20th Street by July 15, but it hasn't been

accomplished yet due to not receiving the site elevation timely. The addendum would extend the time frame. The intention is to have the street completed in October, and the new business open by spring.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the addendum to the development agreement with 1909 Lincoln Street, LLC. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

Amy Lange said the mural committee is soliciting artists for their first project, which will be the bath house at the municipal pool. The Rotary Club has donated \$5000 towards the project. A prebid meeting for 830 W. 11th was held, with several contractors attending. The LOMR project is on hold until additional data has been obtained. She said the comprehensive plan preparation is moving forward. NIMS training will be held in September through the county emergency manager.

Staff Reports

Fuller Bates said he solicited bids for a dump truck, but received no responses. He plans to find a Ford dealer with available trucks.

Brent Gering announced that the dispatch upgrades are complete, and there will be an open house June 28.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Commissioner Hutchinson praised the condition of the ballfields. She said she appreciates Chief Gering's presence in the community.

Commissioner Jackson reminded residents to be mindful of kids on bikes and scooters now that summer is here.

Commissioner Wentz has noticed multiple golf carts and utility vehicles that don't appear to be licensed, and said she appreciates those who are following the rules.

Commissioner Belden has received complaints of the long stoplights at 11th & Lincoln.

Mayor Lambertz agreed with Commissioner Hutchinson's comments. He invited the public to the Hood Park July 4 celebration.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 5:49 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith
City Clerk