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

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session August 2, 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, Nicole Reed, Dwight Whitead, Everett Ford, Randy Greenwood. Staff present: Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Chris Atkins, Parks and Recreation Director; Fuller Bates, Public Works Director; Brent Gering, Police Chief.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pastor Dwight Whitead said he's been interested in opening a Christian daycare at the Christian Church. He's asking for help to get started, and was directed to talk to CloudCorp about possible local grants.

Everett Ford discussed his property at 504 E. 10th St. currently slated as unsafe and dangerous. He said the goal is to have the house on the demo program this year. He stated he wants to renovate 229 W. 1st.

Randy Greenwood said he recycles and scraps appliances. He has received a nuisance for his property, and stated he did not like the sign put in his yard.

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

CloudCorp Quarterly Report

Nicole Reed, CloudCorp director, presented the report. She discussed programs she hosted and attended. She noted the recipients of the Get in the Cloud grants.

2024 Budget Public Hearing

Mayor Lambertz opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Amber Farha stated the highlights. There will be no mill increase. There will be a 4% COLA, with additional wage increases for two departments. The City is in good shape financially.

Mayor Lambertz closed the public hearing.

ACTION AGENDA *(Action Expected)*

Approval of 2024 Budget

Commissioner Belden moved to approve the 2024 budget as presented. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of July 17 and July 19, 2023

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the minutes of July 17 and July 19, 2023. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance #14

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #14. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Motion carried.

Image Trend Ambulance Billing Software

Eric Voss discussed the software, stating the benefits of moving to software currently used on the fire and EMS side. The system would allow for collecting payments directly into the system, and the additional add of \$1,000 allows patients to pay online.

Commissioners asked for a report on how many patients used the online payment module after being utilized for a year.

Commissioner Jackson moved to approve Image Trend Billing Bridge from Image Trend for \$8,517.50 for the first year, and \$3,767.50 annually. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded. Motion carried.

Bids for Demolition of Condemned Structures

The three properties have been condemned by resolution in July. Bids were solicited, and were as follows:

Contractor	119 Washington	218 West 1st	1008 Valley	Total Bid
Dalton Dirt Works	\$3,600	\$6,850	\$6,000	\$16,450
Inline Construction	\$7,500	\$9,750	\$9,500	\$26,750

Staff recommended the low bid. Mr. Snyder likely will begin work in the fall.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to accept the low bid of \$16,450 from Dalton Dirt Works for the demolition of the structures at 119 Washington, 218 W. 1st St., and 1003 Valley. Commissioner Belden seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-3204 – Trailer and RV Parking

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA PERTAINING TO PARKING OF TRAILERS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES ON CITY STREETS; AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE BY ADDING NEW ARTICLE 7 OF CHAPTER XIX.

The commission was in favor of changing the 48 hours allowance for parking unattended to 72 hours. It was also suggested adding language preventing someone from moving the trailer a short distance to reset the time.

Thereupon, Commissioner Hutchinson moved that said Ordinance be passed as amended. 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, and Wentz.

Nay: Commissioner Belden.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2023-3204, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk, and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

Ordinance 2023-3205 – Utility Vehicles

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA PERTAINING TO THE OPERATION OF WORK-SITE UTILITY VEHICLES, GOLF CARTS, AND MICRO UTILITY TRUCKS ON CITY STREETS; REPEALING CONCORDIA CODE SECTION 19-109; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING NEW SECTION 19-109.

Thereupon, Commissioner Jackson moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Belden. 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. 2023-3205, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk, and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

Ordinance 2023-3206 – Police Property

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR PROPERTY IN POLICE CUSTODY; AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE BY ADDING NEW SECTION 14-109.

Thereupon, Commissioner Belden moved that said Ordinance be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wentz. 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. 2023-3206, was signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk, and was directed to be published one time in the official newspaper of the City.

League Voting Delegates

Voting delegates are solicited by the League for its annual conference business meeting. Commissioners discussed waiting until more information is released on the sessions being offered.

Commissioner Belden moved to table the League voting delegates to the August 16 meeting. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

Amy Lange thanked commissioners for allowing her a vacation last week. School will start August 16, and college classes start August 13.

Staff Reports

Fuller Bates said the stoplight at 11th & Lincoln should be repaired before school starts.

Brent Gering said lights will start flashing at the middle school to alert for the 20 mph speed zone. Extra patrol will be taking place at the school zones. The animal shelter passed its recent inspection with the State.

Chris Atkins said his department will be soliciting bids for a pickup.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Commissioner Belden asked about the procedure for renting out the ballfields, and what responsibilities fell on the renter.

Mayor Lambertz thanked the police officers who stopped by the community functions during National Night Out.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 6:46 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith
City Clerk