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

Thursday, January 2, 2025      5:30 p.m.

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The governing body met in regular session January 2, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Jackson, Hasch, and Wentz. Commissioner Lambertz attended via Zoom.

Absent: Commissioner Hutchinson.

Other Officers: City Manager Amy Lange, City Clerk Stacey Smith, Finance Director Amber Farha, City Attorney Justin Ferrell.

Visitors: Russell Gagnon, Olivia Bergmeier, Troy LeDuc, Shirley LeDuc, Julie Willoughby, Tim Beims, Rick Barrett, Jesse Pounds. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Brent Gering, Police Chief; Chris Atkins, Parks & Recreation Director; John Christensen, Fire Chief.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

An executive session for confidential business data was added.

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

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

***National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month Proclamation***

Julie Willoughby from DVACK presented and read the proclamation.

***National Stalking Awareness Month Proclamation***

Julie Willoughby from DVACK presented and read the proclamation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***Confidential Business Data***

Commissioner Hasch 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, Troy LeDuc, Shirley LeDuc, Jesse Pounds and Tim Beims in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 5:40 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Jackson announced there was no binding action taken.

Mayor Jackson moved to approve the development agreement with LeDuc Properties, LLC. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

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

***Minutes of December 18, 2024 Meeting***

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the minutes of December 18, 2024. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

**Appropriation Ordinance #24**

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve appropriation ordinance #24. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

**Agreement for Electric Services for St. Joseph Subdivision**

At a previous meeting, the commission approved three wooden street light poles at the new subdivision, at a cost of \$48.75 per month. The poles would be owned by Prairie Land Electric, and would be maintained by them. Recently, Prairie Land provided an agreement for black light poles. The cost would be \$105.75 per month.

After discussion, the commissioners agreed it wasn't important enough for aesthetics and the extra money being spent.

Commissioner Hasch moved to authorize the city manager to sign the contract with Prairie Land Electric for area lighting service at the St. Joseph subdivision for \$105.75 a month, to replace the previous area lighting service contract. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion failed 4-0.

**Ordinance 2025-3232 – Rezoning Lots 1-6 in Block 4**

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS, AND ORDERING THE OFFICIAL CITY ZONING DISTRICT MAP TO BE CHANGED TO REFLECT SUCH AMENDMENTS.**

Thereupon, Commissioner Hasch 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: Jackson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2025-3232, 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 2025-3233 – Alleyway Vacation for Block 4**

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 12-504 AND 12-505, AS AMENDED, VACATING THE ALLEY WAY BETWEEN KANSAS AND OLIVE STREETS, IN BLOCK 4, ORIGINAL TOWN OF CONCORDIA, CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS.**

Thereupon, Commissioner Hasch 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: Jackson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly passed and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2025-3233, 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.

**REPORTS**

**Manager's Report**

Amy Lange said we're now in a winter weather watch, and staff is preparing. City Hall carpet will be installed starting January 17. A study session on property maintenance will be held at the next meeting. Local Government Day will be held in Topeka later this month.

**Staff Reports**

None.

**Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports**

Commissioner Hasch questioned whether the snowflakes on the light poles would be coming down soon.

Mayor Jackson said the unpaved block on Broadway between 19th and 20th could use some attention.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, at 6:22 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn to a study session to discuss commission orientation and priorities.



/s/ Stacey Smith  
City Clerk