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

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

5:30 p.m.

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The governing body met in regular session February 19, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Hutchinson, Lambertz, Hasch, and Wentz.

Absent: Mayor Jackson.

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

Visitors: Russell Gagnon, Olivia Bergmeier, Deb Ohlde, Rith Goodwin, John Goodwin, Pam Campbell, Jason Johnson, Sharon DeMars, Blake Graham, Ken Davis. Staff present: Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Brent Gering, Police Chief; Chris Atkins, Parks & Recreation Director; Shane Kisby, Public Works Director; John Christensen, Fire Chief.

There being a quorum present, Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson called the meeting to order.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

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

***Freedom – Celebrate and Remember in Concordia, Kansas Proclamation***

The Veterans Tribute Wall will be coming this summer. A military flyover is being scheduled, which requires official local government support. Pam Campbell from the hospital presented and read the proclamation, and the mayor proclaimed June 5-9 as Freedom – Celebrate and Remember in Concordia, Kansas.

***Public Hearing for Closeout of CDBG SS-PF-004***

Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson opened the public hearing.

North Central Regional Planning Commission served as grant administrator for the CDBG received for a new ladder truck. The project was also funded by USDA and Dane G. Hansen. The City's share was only \$30,000.00 on the \$1.1 million purchase. The project has been completed with no findings.

Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson closed the public hearing.

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

***CDBG Closeout Paperwork***

Commissioner Lambertz moved to authorize the mayor to sign the closeout paperwork for the CDBG firefighting apparatus. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

***Minutes of February 5, 2025 Meeting***

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve the minutes of February 5, 2025. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

***Appropriation Ordinance #3***

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #3. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

***Campbell & Johnson Professional Services Agreement – Mill & Overlay***

The City intends to initiate a mill and overlay project on Highland Drive between W. 11th and 13th Streets, and W. 11th Street from Highland Drive to west city limits. This borders the new subdivision.

Campbell & Johnson estimated the Highland Drive project to be \$76,407.50, to be paid with CIP funds. The West 11th Street project is estimated at \$140,665.00, to be paid out of Special Highway Fund.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to authorize the mayor to sign the agreement with Campbell & Johnson for the mill and overlay projects in the amount of \$24,000.00. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

***Miltonvale EMS Mutual Aid Agreement***

Miltonvale EMS has a severe shortage of staffing, with only four EMTs responding to calls. The Kansas Board of EMS requires 24/7 coverage. Besides Concordia, Clyde, Clay County, and Ottawa County have agreed to provide mutual aid. If Miltonvale cannot respond, another agency will ensure the patient receives care. Based on the map of county townships and their locations, Concordia would add Meredith and Oakland townships to the service area. The call volume may increase, but the fire chief does not anticipate additional fulltime staff needed.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the temporary automatic mutual aid agreement with Miltonvale EMS. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

***Cloud County Sheriff's Dept. – Ambulance Patient Transport Agreement***

The Sheriff's Department has asked for a discounted rate for transporting inmate patients to North Central Kansas Medical Center. Based on the Ordinance 2022-3185 fee schedule, the amount negotiated would be an average of the BLS and ALS rates of \$800.00, for a transport fee of \$400.00, with mileage bringing the total to \$470.00.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the Cloud County Sheriff's Dept. contract for a discounted inmate transport rate of \$470.00 per patient transport. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

***Manager's Report***

None.

***Staff Reports***

John Christensen said the ladder truck sold yesterday on Purple Wave for \$44,000.00.

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

The commissioners thanked the street department for the snow removal once again this season.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, at 5:57 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith