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

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 5:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

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

Visitors: Russell Gagnon, Olivia Bergmeier. 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 Jackson 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 Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION AGENDA (*Items Deserving of Brief Discussion, Action may be taken*)

Two Lights for Tomorrow

The Daughters of the American Revolution asked that this item be discussed. It symbolizes the 250th anniversary of Paul Revere's ride. The community is asked to put out two lanterns (lights) on April 18 to commemorate the ride.

ACTION AGENDA (*Action Expected*)

Minutes of February 19, 2025 Meeting

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 2025. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried, with Mayor Jackson abstaining.

Appropriation Ordinance #4

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #4. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

KDOT Sidewalk Project

The City was awarded a \$1.032 million grant last year for new sidewalks near the middle school, including crosswalks, replacement of a pedestrian bridge over Niagara Ditch, and connectivity to existing sidewalks which would connect the middle and elementary schools and the sports complex. The City's monetary responsibility would only be for items not specifically listed in the grant application, such as utility relocation. The design would be completed in 2025, with construction occurring in 2026.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the grant agreement with KDOT for the KDOT TA Concordia Sidewalks for Schools project, and authorize the mayor to sign the agreement. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2025-2198 – Condemnations of 211 E. 5th & 1016 Washington

There was presented to the City Commission a Resolution condemning 211 E. 5th & 1016 Washington.

The two properties have seen recent fire damage, including a complete loss at the E. 5th address. Neither owner had insurance.

Thereupon, on motion of Commissioner Hasch, seconded by Commissioner Wentz, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Yea: Commissioners Jackson, Lambertz, Hutchinson, Hasch, and Wentz.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Resolution passed and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No. 2025-2198, was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

Ordinance 2025-3234 – Parking Prohibited on Grass

Thereupon, there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF PARKING OF VEHICLES OR TRAILERS ON LAWNS, GRASS OR LANDSCAPED AREAS, OR OTHER AREAS OF A RESIDENTIAL YARD; AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE BY ADDING NEW SECTION 19-408.

The commissioners voiced concerns whether parking should be prohibited in backyards, causing a hardship for many people. It was decided no surface would need to be placed in a backyard, just front and side yards. Since the ordinance needed some changes, the commission agreed to bring the item back at a later date.

Thereupon, Commissioner Hasch moved that said Ordinance be tabled. 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 tabled by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

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

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Mayor declared said Ordinance tabled.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

Amy Lange thanked the commissioners for allowing her to get away on her vacation.

Staff Reports

Chris Atkins said the summer recreation registration is now open.

Stacey Smith said the Housing Authority grant was closed in December, and the property would be required to remain low income for 15 years from that date. The only thing outstanding is a cost certification.

Bruno Rehbein stated the new floodplain map is on our website. There is a ninety-day viewing period.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Commissioner Lambertz said it was encouraging that the LOMR (floodplain) project is finally wrapping up, after so many years.

Mayor Jackson said several library board members expressed thanks to the street crew for the snow removal. She asked about work on potholes.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 6:26 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith