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

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session April 2, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Jackson, Hutchinson, Lambertz, and Hasch. Commissioner Wentz 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, Tim Parker, Brett Denham, Matthew James, Pam Campbell, Julie Willoughby, Austin Hasenbank, Tim Beims, Dylan Morris, Kyle Mcfadden, Carter Eakins, Kenlee Williams, Katelyn Reedy, Kinsleigh Bethune, Nevaeh Valcoure, Dean Doolittle, Victoria Doolittle, Mackenzie Hasenbank, Brice Bowers, Dave Garnas. 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 Hasch moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

Julie Willoughby of DVACK presented the proclamation, and the mayor declared April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Donate Life Month Proclamation

Pam Campbell of North Central Kansas Medical Center presented the proclamation, and the mayor declared April as Donate Life Month.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Confidential Business Data

Commissioner Lambertz 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, Tim Beims, and Matthew James in attendance, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: None.

Time: 5:43 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Jackson announced there was no binding action taken.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the development agreement between the City of Concordia, CloudCorp, and Matthew & Delaney James for Lot 4 Block A, known as 808 Sunflower Circle, at the St. Joseph Subdivision. Commissioner Hutchinson seconded. Motion carried.

ACTION AGENDA (Action Expected)

Downtown Improvement Grant – 123 W. 6th St.

The downtown improvement grant program is administered by CloudCorp and the grant board. Monique & Co. Salon and Spa has purchased the Print 5 building, and intends to relocate the salon. The property is being renovated, and new signage will be installed. The grant will assist with the cost of the exterior work. Estimated total costs for the improvements is \$15,241.22, and the grant will reimburse the owners \$5,000.00.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the application for the downtown improvement grant for 123 W. 6th St. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes of March 19, 2025 Meeting

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to approve the minutes of March 19, 2025. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Appropriation #6

Commissioner Wentz moved to approve appropriation ordinance #6. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

Demolition of 202 Broadway St.

Commissioners questioned tonight's projects, due to three of the properties being offered for sheriff's sale next week. The costs of the demolition will be passed on to the new owners of the property, should the property be sold. These costs will be announced during the sale.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to accept the bid for \$12,310.00 from Dalton Dirt Works for the demolition of the structure and removal of blight at 202 Broadway St. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

Demolition of 325 E. 12th St.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to accept the bid for \$11,700.00 from Dalton Dirt Works for the demolition of the structure and removal of blight at 325 E. 12th St. Commissioner Lambertz seconded. Motion carried.

Demolition of 421 W. 14th St.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to accept the bid for \$14,845.00 from Dalton Dirt Works for the demolition of the structure and removal of blight at 421 W. 14th St. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Demolition of 712 E. 10th St.

Commissioner Hutchinson moved to accept the bid for \$14,790.00 from Dalton Dirt Works for the demolition of the structure and removal of blight at 712 E. 10th St. Commissioner Wentz seconded. Motion carried.

Bunker Gear Purchase

The fire department is in need of bunker gear for the newer hires. The Kansas State Firefighters Association has received a grant from SAFER that will reimburse up to \$3,725.00 per firefighter for the gear. Requirements are the firefighter has to have been hired after 11/23/2023, pass a physical, and be enrolled in or have completed Firefighter 1 or equivalent.

A new set of gear will cost \$3,897.59, and seven new firefighters qualify. One received new gear last year.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the purchase from Weis Fire and Safety for up to 6 sets of bunker gear for up to \$23,385.54 pending the SAFER grant qualifications. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

Amy Lange said she'd participated in Senior Day last week. The NCK Tourism meeting was also attended. The department head team handed out commodities. She noted various meetings she will be attending. Citywide cleanup takes place next week.

Staff Reports

Justin Ferrell said the dollar amounts were sent to the county of the demolition costs for the three properties selling at the sheriff's sale next week.

Brent Gering noted there are compliance changes for the dispatch center. Patrol has been very busy. The newest officer hired is attending academy now.

Bruno Rehbein said we are in the review period for the floodplain maps, and a draft map has been received from FEMA.

Amber Farha said the audit will be held next week.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

Commissioner Hutchinson praised the progress at the new subdivision.

Commissioner Lambertz noted DVACK's presence here tonight, and thanked Chief Gering for the confidence in our local law enforcement.

Commissioner Wentz stated she hoped people cleaned up their front porches during citywide cleanup.

Mayor Jackson spoke to a former resident who would like to see ways a person can be memorialized by contributions which would benefit the community.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 6:39 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/ Stacey Smith
City Clerk