

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

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

5:30 p.m.

The governing body met in regular session on January 16, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, with the following members being present: Commissioners Matthew, Hasch, Lambertz, and Sacco.

Absent: Commissioner Snavelly.

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

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

Visitors: Toby Nosker, Jim Lowell, Mark Paul, Wayne Jeardoe, Matthew Carder, Gary Jeardoe, Randy Johnson. Staff present: Ron Copple, Public Works Director; Jeremy Arnold, Utilities Director; Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector; Chris Atkins, Recreation Director; Eric Voss, Fire Chief; Ric Fredrickson, Police Chief.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amy Lange stated the recognition item would be postponed until the next meeting.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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

1st & Lincoln Intersection Improvements

The City has repeatedly applied for KDOT funding to add a turning lane for truck traffic at 1st & Lincoln to no avail. After scaling down the project from \$2.6 million to \$313,000 for a shoulder improvement, Cloud County Coop has offered to contribute 70% of the project's estimated cost.

The City has already invested over \$32,000 in purchasing the land and clearing the lot on the northwest corner of the intersection for this project. We would need to match funding of approximately \$100,000 from the CIP fund. Already, \$66,000 has been budgeted for the project which would have been the local match had we received KDOT funding, and additional money is available due to not paving the alley between 6th & 7th St. in 2018. Ron Copple stated no street projects would be postponed due to this project.

Commissioner Sacco noted that he would support the project if planned street projects would continue. Commissioners expressed appreciation to the Coop for the partnership, stating this was the time to undertake the project due to the contribution of private funds.

Mark Paul, Cloud County Coop, said since the construction of Concordia Terminal LLC there have been 540,000 trucks received into the terminal, with 135,000 coming from the north. He marveled that no serious accidents have occurred at the intersection to date.

Amy Lange said the City has no formal process to accept gifts, and said if the commission wished to act on it, a vote to move forward with the project was all that was required.

Commissioner Lambertz moved to authorize the city manager to proceed with engineering and design for the 1st & Lincoln project. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried.

ACTION AGENDA *(Action Expected)*

Approval of Appropriation Ordinance #1

Commissioner Hasch moved to approve appropriation ordinance #1. Commissioner Sacco seconded. Motion carried.

Demo Application – 428 E. 11th St.

This property was destroyed by fire, and the City had started the condemnation process. Recently, the owner paid all back taxes, allowing him to apply to accepted into the demo program. The City will pay a maximum \$4,000 towards the demo of the property, minus any fees. Based upon this, the City's share is \$3,726.34 upon completion of the demolition.

Commissioner Hasch moved to accept 428 E. 11th St. in to the demo program. Commissioner Sacco seconded. Motion carried.

Bruno Rehbein stated since the property was accepted in the program, the public hearing scheduled for tonight would not be necessary. It was pulled from the agenda.

REPORTS

Manager's Report

Amy Lange stated January 23 is Local Government Day in Topeka, and invited two commissioners to attend with her.

Staff Reports

None.

Mayor/Commissioner Comments & Reports

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Non-Elected Personnel

Commissioner Lambertz moved that the city commission recess into executive session to discuss personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1), with the commission in attendance for 5 minutes then Amy Lange in attendance for the final 15 minutes, and to reconvene in the city commission chamber at 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Hasch seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commissioners Matthew, Hasch, Lambertz, and Sacco.

Nay: None.

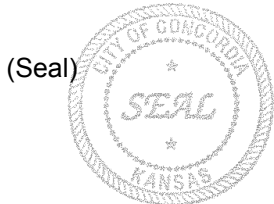
Time 5:54 p.m.

The commission reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor Matthew announced there was no binding action taken.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, at 6:16 p.m. it was moved and seconded to adjourn.



/s/Stacey Smith
City Clerk