



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 6, 2018
9:00 a.m.

1. The Governing Body of the City of Hutchinson, Kansas met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 in the City Council Chambers with Mayor Dechant presiding. Councilmembers Daveline, Piros de Carvalho, Soldner, and Inskeep were present.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

3. The prayer was given by Pastor Gary Getting of Elliott Mortuary.

4. Petitions, Remonstrances and Communications

a. Oral communications from the audience. (Please limit your remarks to five (5) minutes and to items NOT on the agenda.)

Meryl Dye, Assistant City Manager, spoke about the art displayed in the council chambers and conference room. She said the art was done by clients of TECH and can be purchased through their website or by calling Dorinda Simmons at TECH. Ms. Dye said she has invited the artists to come to the February 20th City Council meeting.

Justin Combs, Director of Parks and Facilities, introduced Sean Thomas, the new Assistant Director of Parks and Facilities. He said Mr. Thomas comes from Shawnee, Kansas, with a Bachelor's degree from K-State. Mr. Thomas said he worked as the superintendent of landscape and forestry; and is excited to join the city.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2018 City Council meeting.

b. Approval of appointments to the Greater Hutchinson Convention/Visitors Bureau Board of the following:

At-Large positions for two-year terms ending 12/31/2019, as expiring in an odd-numbered year:

Scott Nelson, 3501 Sandy Hollow Drive

Mitch Hixson, 402 East 13th

Ryan VanZant, 202 N. Kent Road

Charles A. Johnston, 1022 E. Sherman

Existing board members who will continue in At-Large positions for two -year terms ending 12/31/2018, as expiring in an even-numbered year:

Chris Wietrick – Smallville Festival
Laura Barb – Hutchinson Mall
Tracy Tanley – The Alley
Nate McClanahan – Holiday Inn Express

Individuals appointed by their organizations to fill permanent positions:

Michele McCartney – Cosmosphere
Mary Grace Clements – Strataca
David Tobias – Kansas State Fair
Amy Conkling – Hutchinson Recreation Commission
Jim Seitnater – Downtown Hutchinson
Gregg Wahlers – Atrium Convention Center

- c. Approval of appointment to the Hutchinson Human Relations Commission of Karlene Nisly, 401 Crescent Blvd., to fill the unexpired term of J. W. Martin for the term beginning 9/11/2015 to 9/11/2018.
- d. Approval of appointment to the Hutchinson Public Library Board of Jocelyn Woodson, 1 Woodson Plaza, to fill the unexpired term of Barbara Scott, for the four-year term from 4/30/2014 to 4/30/2018.
- e. Approval of License Agreement with Jodie Bliss for “The Juggler” for 2018 SculptureWalk.
- f. Approval of License Agreement with Marianne Caroselli for “Three and Half Going on FORE” for 2018 SculptureWalk.
- g. Approval of License Agreement with Maureen Hearty for “Projection” and “Kite Flying” for 2018 SculptureWalk.
- h. Approval of License Agreement with Gregory Johnson for “The Professor” for 2018 SculptureWalk.
- i. Approval of License Agreement with Rollin Karg for “One Love” for 2018 SculptureWalk.
- j. Approval of License Agreement with Sue Quinlan for “Cultural Pedestrians” for 2018 SculptureWalk.
- k. Approval of License Agreement with Tom Riefe for “Portal” for 2018 SculptureWalk.
- l. Approval of License Agreement with Glenn Zwegardt for “Cosmic Spiral” for 2018 SculptureWalk.
- m. Approval of appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$2,859,328.89.

Councilmember Inskeep asked about the League dues in the financial report; and how those dues are determined. John Deardoff, City Manager, said they are based on population.

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve the Consent Agenda; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Ordinances and Resolutions

- a. Consider retailers’ sales tax levy approved by voters on November 7, 2017. Paul Brown, City Attorney, spoke. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Inskeep, second by Councilmember Daveline, to approve Ordinance 2018 - 2 levying an additional City retailers' sales tax in the amount of one-quarter of one percent (.25%) within the City of Hutchinson, Kansas effective April 1, 2019; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

7. New Business

a. Consider request for approval of Prairie Dunes II final plat. Jana McCarron, Director of Planning & Development, spoke.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the final plat for Prairie Dunes II subdivision. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consider contract for Hobart-Detter Locker Room and Maintenance Building Project. Justin Combs, Director of Parks and Facilities, spoke. He said this project was originally in the 2015 budget, but there have been several delays. Mr. Combs said the building will include locker rooms, a maintenance garage, umpire room, office, restroom, laundry/storage, etc. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Councilmember Inskeep, to approve Contract with Mark Borecky Commercial Construction for the Hobart-Detter Locker Room and Maintenance Building Project in the amount of \$229,400.00; and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Consider contract for Pelican Point Playspace at the Hutchinson Zoo. Justin Combs, Director of Parks and Facilities, spoke. He said a spider web type climbing structure was removed a year ago due to safety concerns; and the Zoo Director, Ryan VanZant, has received a lot of questions about its removal. Mr. Combs said this sparked an idea to build a new small playground structure at the zoo. He said they applied for the Community Foundation "Fun For Hutch" grant; and received \$10,000.00 from the foundation. Mr. Combs said the playground will be supervised; and will only be open during zoo hours.

Ryan VanZant, Zoo Director, said 90% of people visiting the zoo are families with children under eight years of age; and they wanted something original looking and durable. He said the playground will be located across from the prairie dog complex. Discussion ensued regarding the community build project, bids received, etc.

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve Contract with Athco LLC to supply equipment and supervision of a community build at the Hutchinson Zoo in an amount not to exceed \$17,500; and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Consider BNSF crossing signal at Whiteside. Brian Clennan, Director of Public Works, said this crossing was identified as a priority crossing by BNSF. He said the City's only responsibility is to install and maintain advance warning signs.

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, second by Councilmember Inskeep, to approve Contract with BNSF Railway Company and the Secretary of Transportation of the State of Kansas for construction and maintenance of highway crossing signals and gates; and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Consider 2018 ditch cleaning project. Bruce Colle, Director of Engineering, spoke. Mr. Colle said this is the second year for this type of project; and it is funded by the stormwater utility fund. Discussion ensued regarding bids for the project, future areas to be addressed, etc.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Inskeep, to approve awarding the bid to APAC-Kansas, Inc. in the amount of \$88,905.00, subject to compliance with all legal requirements; and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

f. Consider 2018 arterial street maintenance project. Bruce Colle, Director of Engineering, said this project is funded by the arterial street CIP; and approximately 8.5 road miles will be included in this project. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Inskeep, second by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, to approve awarding the bid to APAC-Kansas, Inc. in the amount of \$1,497,506.40, subject to compliance with all legal requirements; and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

g. Consider Public Art Commission Contract for Hutchinson Zoo Otter Exhibit. Meryl Dye, Assistant City Manager, spoke.

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve the Public Art Commission Contract with Margie Barron as the muralist for public art at the new Otter Exhibit for the sum of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,750.00); and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

h. Consider City Manager contract for 2018. Paul Brown, City Attorney, spoke.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, to approve the contract for the City Manager for 2018; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

i. Update on Fire Department. Steve Beer, Fire Chief, said they are a very data driven organization. He said from 2010 to 2017, there was a 123% increase in calls to the department which were split between EMS and fire responses. Chief Beer said in 2017 they saved \$98 million worth of property in the City; and lost \$3 million. For the month of January, the Chief said they responded to 457 incidents, 11 of which were building fires with losses of \$126,000.

Chief Beer said in 2017 we were plagued with intentionally set fires and arson. He said they are making internal changes to address this problem. Chief Beer said if you start a fire, they will do everything in their power to come after the offender; and prosecute

them. He said they are working with the Hutchinson Police Department in trying to reverse this trend.

The Chief said they are working on three major projects including a strategic plan, flow testing of hydrants; and risk management assessments of every commercial building. He said Hutchinson is currently a Class 3 city, but after completing these projects he believes we will be a Class 2 city or even possibly a Class 1 city. The Chief said this will be a game changer for Hutchinson and is a big promotional tool to bring in business and industry. He said they are also making changes in their wildland fire program and are working with the GIS department to identify trends and past history.

Discussion ensued about the increase in calls, investigation of arsons, etc.

8. Report of City Officials

a. Council

- Councilmember Piros de Carvalho had no comments.
- Councilmember Inskeep had no comments.
- Councilmember Daveline had no comments.
- Councilmember Soldner had no comments.
- Mayor Dechant had no comments.

b. City Manager

The City Manager had no comments.

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Councilmember Inskeep, to recess into executive session pursuant to the confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)4, in order to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs of a business enterprise; the open meeting to resume in the City Council Chambers at 11:15 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened in the City Council chambers at 11:15 a.m.

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The meeting reconvened in the City Council chambers at 11:30 a.m.

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the open meeting to resume in the City Council Chambers at 11:45 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened in the City Council chambers at 11:45 a.m.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Councilmember Inskeep, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.