



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - HUTCHINSON, KANSAS
March 3, 2020
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, March 3, 2020 in the City Council Chambers with Mayor Piros de Carvalho presiding. Councilmembers Daveline, Soldner, Garza and Bagwell were present.

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

3. The prayer was given by Fire Chief Steve Beer.

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.)

There were no oral communications from the audience.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2020 City Council Special Meeting.

b. Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2020 City Council meeting.

c. Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2020 City Council Special Meeting.

d. Approval of Operating Agreement with the Hutchinson Recreation Commission for the Salt City Splash Aquatic Park.

e. Approval of 2020 Cultural Activities Fund allocations.

f. Approval of reappointment to the Landmarks Commission of Shannon Whetzel, for a second three-year term from 8/11/2019 to 8/11/2022.

g. Approval of appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$1,444,160.51.

Councilmember Bagwell asked about Item 5.d. Justin Combs, Director of Parks and Facilities, said this agreement has been in place since the opening of the Salt City Splash. He said the City owns and maintains the pool; and during the pool season operations are handled by the Hutchinson Recreation Commission. Mr. Combs said this is a formal agreement to make those arrangements; and no significant changes have been made to the contract.

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

6. Ordinances and Resolutions

- a. Consider Resolution setting a public hearing for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Paul Brown, City Attorney, spoke.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Bagwell, to approve Resolution 2020 R 5 setting a public hearing for March 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to consider the application of Richard Burgess for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to operate a taxi service within the City of Hutchinson, Kansas. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Consider Resolution approving the Hutchinson Fire Department 2018-2023 Strategic Plan. Fire Chief Steve Beer, said on February 6, 2018 he discussed the Strategic Plan with council. He said in going through the accreditation process, one of the requirements is that they are required to have a Resolution approved by City Council which adopts the strategic plan.

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, second by Councilmember Garza, to approve Resolution 2020 R 6 adopting the Hutchinson Fire Department 2018-2023 Strategic Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

7. New Business

- a. Consider bid report and project award for wastewater pipe maintenance and manhole rehabilitation. Jeff Peterson, Director of Engineering, spoke. He said this is a critical piece of the City's infrastructure; and by lining the existing pipe we can extend the life for 20-50 years. Mr. Peterson explained the process of lining the existing pipe; and said the completion date is set for January, 2021. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Bagwell, to approve the reduced scope bid and authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with SAK Construction, LLC in the amount of \$881,096.00, subject to compliance with all legal requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Consider 2020 parking lot and road improvement bid results. Justin Combs, Director of Parks and Facilities, spoke. He said several projects have been wrapped up into one bid; and discussed each individual project which includes the 1st and Washington parking lot, Sherman and Walnut parking lot, Carey Park fishing pond road (will not include inner loop), and the McQueen Field parking area. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Garza, second by Councilmember Bagwell, to approve a contract with Ward Davis Builders for parking lot and road improvements for an amount not to exceed \$521,517.00; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Daveline asked Mr. Combs about the Sports Arena parking lot, saying during the renovation process the City deferred to do what should have been done in the first place. He said he is not very proud of the existing conditions of the parking lot. Mr. Combs said resurfacing will be in the 2021 CIP budget. He said he is currently working on the Operating

Agreement with HCC for operation of the Sports Arena; and said there has been discussion that there should be some kind of cost share with regard to the parking lot. He said he hopes to have this agreement before council in the next two weeks. Councilmember Daveline asked if the Fun Valley parking lot project could be combined with the Sports Arena project. Mr. Combs said he is not sure how much we would gain because of the cost of moving equipment, etc. Additional discussion ensued.

c. Consider Tower 1 graphic design options. Rebekah Starkey Keasling, Director of Public Information and Community Engagement, presented an overview of the design options. Mayor Piros de Carvalho and Councilmember Bagwell indicated they liked the third option presented. Discussion ensued regarding fading of paint, etc.

Councilmember Bagwell said she would like to talk about lighting for the water tower, saying there would be a big cost savings if the City were to install the lights. Mr. Clennan said he doesn't have an issue with that; and it would be the Parks Department crews that would install the lights. Discussion ensued regarding the various lighting options, illumination of the name of the City, etc.

Mr. Deardoff said we are talking about the paint options today; and after that has been decided they can work on the lighting issue. All councilmembers agreed on Option 3 for the design.

8. Report of City Officials

a. Council

- Councilmember Soldner said the Police Department recognition event was nice; and said she appreciated the article in the newspaper as it told some of the stories behind the awards.
- Councilmember Daveline had no comments.
- Councilmember Garza said he heard from the government teacher at the high school; and they will be meeting next week to discuss the Junior City Council.
- Councilmember Bagwell said she went to the code enforcement meeting, saying she is working hard with that group to come up with a solution. She said they are making baby steps in the right direction.
- Councilmember Piros de Carvalho talked with Commissioner Sellers about a joint meeting with the County. She said no date has been set yet; and that we may want to consider waiting for the new City Manager.

b. City Manager

Mr. Deardoff spoke about Senate Bill 408 which is a bill that would allow the consumption and carrying of alcohol throughout the grounds of the Kansas State Fair during the Fair. He said part of that bill also makes changes to how tax revenue derived is distributed. Mr. Deardoff said we currently receive a portion of those funds, which is approximately \$26,000.00, but this bill gives all the money to the State Fair. He asked councilmembers what position the City wants to take on this issue. He said he isn't sure the bill has much life; and doesn't understand the concept behind the bill. Councilmembers Daveline and Soldner said they were neutral on this issue; and Mayor Piros de Carvalho said she agreed. Mr. Deardoff said he is not even sure the bill will pass, but said he will inform the League of the City's position.

The City Manager said there is a task force meeting on March 4, 2020 regarding the hotel and convention center. He said they will begin talking about the next steps; and said work on that project continued.

Mr. Deardoff said there is a new billboard at 3rd and Main which focuses on the "Working for Hutch" campaign; and represents the City's work force. Rebekah Keasling said the City has a two year contract for the billboards; and they will be displayed in four different locations. She said there will also be videos following on social media showing City employees working 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

9. Executive Session

a. Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Soldner to recess into executive session pursuant to the preliminary discussion relating to acquisition of real property exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) in order to discuss the terms of acquiring real property; the open meeting to resume in the City Council chamber at 10:55 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The open meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, second by Councilmember Bagwell, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.