



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – HUTCHINSON, KANSAS
April 2, 2019
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, April 2, 2019 in the City Council Chambers with Mayor Inskeep presiding. Councilmembers Dechant, Daveline, Soldner and Piros de Carvalho were present.

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

3. The prayer was given by Pastor Kim Biery of Trinity United Methodist Church.

4. Proclamations

a. A Proclamation for Reno County Crime Victims' Rights Week was read by the Mayor.

b. A Proclamation for The Week of the Young Child was accepted by Michael Woods, Family Services Supervisor with the Kansas Children's Service League. Mr. Woods spoke about special events happening during the week; and said there will be five or six events taking place during Third Thursday.

c. A Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month was accepted by Michael Woods, Family Services Supervisor with the Kansas Children's Service League.

d. A Proclamation for Boys & Girls Club Week was accepted by Skip Wilson of the Boys & Girls Club. Mr. Wilson thanked the City for 30 years of support; and use of the Shaddock Park Community Center. Caleb, President of the Keystone Club, said the Boys & Girls Club means a lot to him; and has always been a safe place for him.

5. 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.)

City Manager John Deardoff introduced Datjaeda Moore, the new Human Relations Officer for the City of Hutchinson. Ms. Moore said she is excited to be here; and hopes to be a great asset to the City.

Police Chief Jeff Hooper spoke about an opportunity that has arisen for the City. He said after 9/11, those in emergency services learned there was a problem with communication. He said the Federal government initiated a project that mandated emergency services getting a special bandwidth;

and AT&T was awarded the contract for that project. Chief Hooper talked about how this technology would be used including live feeds of events to the dispatch center, smart intersections, traffic flow and traffic counts, the use of drones, etc. Chief Hooper said AT&T approached the City of Hutchinson about being the beta test city for the project. He said City personnel met with representatives of AT&T last week. Chief Hooper said if the City decides to go forward, there will be monetary commitment on our part. He said AT&T will furnish all upgrades to the software, hardware, etc.; and after the beta test is completed, the hardware will remain with the City at no cost. Chief Hooper said there would be a service fee to continue the program, as well as some staff time. He said the City would have national recognition, we would be in all of the promotional material, etc.

Mayor Inskeep said he is intrigued by their investment at no expense to us, but knows there will be ongoing expenses. He asked how long the beta testing would last. Chief Hooper said it's going to be a fairly aggressive timeline, as they want to have this operational by the first quarter of 2020, with the beta test lasting approximately six months.

Councilmember Daveline asked why Hutchinson was selected. Chief Hooper said we are the top in the country for dispatch communications, with 98% of the communication centers being on the statewide system. He said no one else has been able to do this; and the test site for that is in Yoder. He said AT&T wants an urban environment, but not one that is too large; and said we will be the first beta test site in the nation.

Councilmember Piros de Carvalho said she is in favor of smart cities; and the direction we are moving. She said there are some concerns we need to be aware of such as how it will impact future budgets, privacy concerns, etc. Chief Hooper said the City can select only the projects we want; and we have total control over what we would test. He said if we do decide after the testing to keep any of the equipment, we would have to go on the AT&T network. Mayor Inskeep asked what is needed at this time. Mr. Deardoff said at the present time we need a letter of commitment, but wanted to have a conversation with councilmembers about this matter prior to proceeding. Additional discussion ensued regarding the type of equipment that would be installed, required ordinances, etc. Mayor Inskeep said he is in favor of going forward; and the other councilmembers agreed.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of March 19, 2019 City Council meeting.
- b. Approval of appointment to the Hutchinson Recreation Commission of Sue Wray, 14 N. Plum, to fill the unexpired term of Stephen Schaffer to a four-year term beginning 8/01/2018 to 8/01/2022.
- c. Approval of contract with the Hutchinson Municipal Band Association for the 2019 subsidy.

- d. Approval of Multi-Use Trail License Agreement with the Kansas State Fair.
- e. Approval of appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$984,181.07.

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

7. New Business

a. Consider application submittal for the Hutchinson Zoo Nature Play Expansion. Ryan VanZant, Director of the Hutchinson Zoo, spoke about the new area saying there would be a new playground for all children, a nature play area, etc.

Justin Combs, Director of Parks & Facilities, talked about the grant. He said the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been around since the 1950's; and part of Orchard Park and other projects were funded through this program. Mr. Combs said during the KRPA meeting this past February, the grant program manager sat down with him; and encouraged him to apply for grant funds. He was told last year there was money left over that was being rolled into this year's funding. The program manager told Mr. Combs she knew the City had a project ready to go, so it was just a matter of filling out the required forms. Mr. Combs said the total budget for the project is \$300,000.00, with \$150,000.00 being the Federal share; and a local share of \$150,000.00. He said Friends of the Zoo would offer \$75,000.00, leaving the remaining \$75,000.00 coming from the City. Mr. Combs said they could budget for this in 2020, or use current cash reserves. He said all they are asking for today is the authority to submit the grant application.

Councilmember Daveline asked Mr. Combs if he was reasonably confident the project would not exceed the amount budgeted. Mr. Combs said he was confident; and these project costs are easier to predict than construction costs. Additional discussion ensued regarding Phase II of the project, timelines, costs for upkeep, etc.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, to approve application submittal to the Land and Water Conservation Fund for the Hutchinson Zoo Nature Play Expansion; and authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documents. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Report of City Officials

a. Council

- Councilmember Piros de Carvalho had no comments.
- Councilmember Dechant invited everyone to attend "Bee Hive" at the Family Community Theatre beginning April 11.
- Councilmember Daveline had no comments.
- Councilmember Soldner had no comments.

- Mayor Inskeep had no comments.

b. City Manager

Mr. Deardoff said he is excited to welcome Datjaeda Moore to the City; and said the new Planning Director will start May 13.

9. Executive Session

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Councilmember Dechant, to recess into executive session pursuant to the employer-employee negotiations exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(3) in order to discuss issues related to 2020 contract negotiations with the City's bargaining units; the open meeting to resume in the City Council chambers at 11:00 o'clock a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened in the Council Chambers at 11:00 a.m.

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10. Adjournment

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