



*MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – HUTCHINSON, KANSAS
APRIL 5, 2016
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 5, 2016 in the City Council Chambers with Mayor Piros de Carvalho presiding. Councilmembers Dechant, Inskip, Daveline and Soldner were present.

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

3. The prayer was given by Ken Willard of the State Board of Education.

4. Proclamations

John Deardoff, City Manager, said Item 8b of the Agenda would be amended by adding a Resolution of Support for funding to the motion.

a. A Proclamation for Fair Housing Month was accepted by Chris Givan, Chairperson of the Human Relations Commission. Mr. Givan also said the Human Relations Commission will have a booth at the Women's Fair on April 23, 2016.

b. A Proclamation for National Service Recognition Day was accepted by Ken Willard, head of the Kansas Volunteer Commission and Leah Chandler from the Reno County Volunteer Center at HCC.

c. A Proclamation for Reno County Crime Victims' Rights Week was accepted by Keith Schroeder, Reno County District Attorney. Mr. Schroeder said this Proclamation means a lot to them. He said there is no one typical victim; and there are other agencies besides the District Attorney's Office that deal with victims. Mr. Schroeder invited the public to a candlelight vigil on April 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Veterans Room located in the in basement of Courthouse.

5. Petitions, Remonstrances and Communications

a. Spring Cleanup. Brian Clennan, Director of Public Works, introduced Jeff Nichols, Superintendent of Public Works Maintenance, saying one of his new responsibilities is managing the spring cleanup project. Jeff Nichols

said this is the 10th year for this program which will be held on April 30 and May 1. Mr. Nichols said there will be 15 dumpster locations and 2 mattress drop off locations. He said they are partnering again with TECH for e-cycling at their Avenue A and Lorraine location on April 30. Mr. Nichols said the flyer advertising the program is now being offered in Spanish, as well as English, in order to reach more people in the community.

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

Justin Combs, Director of Parks & Facilities, introduced Ryan VanZant, Zoo Director, who comes from Bartlesville, OK. Mr. Combs said he is an outstanding fit for us; and said there will be an open house within the next month or so to meet him.

Ryan VanZant said he is glad to be here. He said he previously worked at the Sutton Center which is part of the University of Oklahoma; and is excited to get moving with the things here.

Ken Willard, head of the Kansas Volunteer Commission, spoke about the importance of community service and civic engagement. He said they have agreed to partner with the Lieutenant Governor and the State Board of Education in giving a Community Service Award to one student in every high school in the State; and possibly having a recognition event at the Kansas State Fair for those students.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of March 15, 2016 City Council meeting.
- b. Approval of Residential Infill Construction Incentives by Interfaith Housing at 1327 East Avenue A.
- c. Approval of Sanitary Sewer Easement from Heartland Credit Union.
- d. Approval License Agreement with the Et Cetera Shop for entrance ramp.
- e. Cultural Activities fund allocations for 2016.
- f. Approval of appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$2,436,319.35.

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

7. Ordinances and Resolutions

- a. Consider request to rezone two lots at the northwest corner of Bigger and Elm. Casey Jones, Senior Planner, spoke. Mr. Jones said USD 308 recently acquired these lots with the hope of building additional parking

spaces for staff, as most of the parking is now on the street. Councilmember Daveline asked about lighting in the parking lot. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Inskip, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the request to rezone Lots 2 and 4, Block 3, G. C. Millar's South Addition, from R-4 Residential Neighborhood Conservation District to P/I Public and Institutional District based on due consideration of the factors presented; and authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 2016 - 5. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Consider official seal of the City of Hutchinson. Paul Brown, City Attorney, spoke. Mayor Piros de Carvalho introduced the artist, saying she is a very talented artist in our community. Councilmember Dechant said he appreciates her work and rework on the seal.

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, second by Councilmember Dechant, to approve Resolution 2016 R 10 establishing and adopting a new official seal for the City of Hutchinson, Kansas and repealing Resolution 1936 – 5; and authorizing the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

8. New Business

- a. Consider contract with CDM Smith for Stormwater Master Plan update. Jeff Peterson, Interim Director of Engineering, spoke. Bruce Barnes, a representative of CDM Smith was also in attendance. Mr. Peterson said the present master plan was completed in 2000, but none of the improvements have been made because there was no funding source. He said they can now begin making improvements with funding from the stormwater utility funds.

Councilmember Daveline said this is a major step, but asked to go back in time referencing a 2015 letter from Mr. Peterson to property owners about the master plan. Mr. Daveline also referenced the levy certification and how this ties in with the master plan. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Daveline also referenced a December 2014 map provided by CDM that outlined various phases of stormwater projects, asking how the new plan will differ from that map. Mr. Peterson said there will be a lot of similarities, but some improvements will have to be moved to another location, resized, etc. Discussion ensued regarding public communication, with the Mayor saying it is critical that we communicate with people to let them know what they are getting for their dollars. Additional discussion ensued.

Bruce Barnes with CDM Smith spoke. He said they will be re-engaging the Stormwater Advisory Committee; and will look at how to prioritize projects,

and show rate payers what they are getting for the stormwater utility fees. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Dechant said he is looking forward to the improvements as a lot of the flooding happens in the south part of town. He said the current infrastructure can't handle large amounts of rain; and said this is a long term investment. Additional discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Inskeep, to approve the Professional Services Contract with CDM Smith, Inc. in order to update the City's Stormwater Master Plan for a maximum not to exceed amount of \$354,225.00; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consider financial support for Amtrak Tiger VIII Grant. John Deardoff, City Manager, spoke. He said council is also being asked to approve a Resolution of Support. He said this grant seeks to improve remaining segments of the rail, which constitutes approximately 300 miles of track. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Dechant, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve staff's recommendation and Resolution of Support 2016 R 11 to provide a pledge of \$12,500.00 from the Economic Opportunity Fund toward the TIGER VIII grant to be paid in 2017 should the grant be awarded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Consider Public Art Commission Contract for Fire Station Public Art. Meryl Dye, Assistant City Manager, spoke. Discussion ensued about the artwork at the Avenue E and Walnut station, maintenance and upkeep of the limestone at the 11th and Hendricks station, etc.

Motion by Councilmember Inskeep, second by Councilmember Dechant, to approve the Public Art Commission Contract with Alan Tollakson as the artist for public art at the new fire station at 11th & Hendricks for the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00); and authorize the Mayor to sign the Contract. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Report of City Officials

a. Council

- Councilmember Dechant said Church Basement Ladies will be presented at the Flag Theatre on April 14-17, 2016.
- Councilmember Soldner had no comments.
- Councilmember Inskeep said if you are out, the tulips around City buildings are very nice.
- Councilmember Daveline said it is great news that the NJCAA volleyball tournament will be coming to Hutchinson in 2017. He congratulated

John Deardoff for his efforts. Mr. Deardoff said he attended the NJCAA Conference in Colorado Springs this past weekend; and had the opportunity to speak to them. He said he was also able to update them on the Sports Arena project. Discussion ensued.

- Mayor Piros de Carvalho thanked the Hutchinson News for partnership with the City on the City seal contest. She also thanked the fire department for helping with various wildfires in the area, saying this is a very dangerous job; and one you don't think about very often until they are needed. The Mayor also thanked police department officers, saying she recently visited with the principal of Lincoln Elementary School who told her about several officers who are taking an active role in the school.

b. City Manager

The City Manager said the Sports Arena Building Committee will meet on April 6, 2016; and will receive a construction update. He said they will be reviewing revised cost estimates, bid package 3, etc.

Mr. Deardoff also gave an update on the rental inspection program saying 5,204 units have been registered; and 855 are unregistered. He said Jonathan, who is a temporary employee in the Planning Department, has done an amazing job; and last Friday they processed several hundred registrations. Mr. Deardoff said, depending on what happens in Topeka, legislation will determine where our program stands. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Soldner asked about demolitions. Mr. Deardoff said Trent Maxwell is working on the listed properties; and they should be brought to council in the near future.

10. Adjournment

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