



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – HUTCHINSON, KANSAS
April 17, 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, April 17, 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 Fire Chief Steve Beer.

4. Proclamations

a. A Proclamation for Arbor Day was accepted by Justin Combs, Director of Parks and Facilities. Mr. Combs said the Park Department will be planting trees at Orchard Park along with City Beverage and 4th grade students from Plum Creek Elementary on April 27th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. He said the Tree Board is helping pay for the trees.

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.)

Andy Anderson, 424 Carey Street, said when he talked to council about changing meeting times they also discussed holding town hall meetings. He asked about the progress on this matter. Mayor Dechant said there are two meetings scheduled; and after that it may be individual council members holding meetings in their districts. He said it hasn't really been discussed. Mr. Anderson also said when the NCAA tournament was in Wichita there were a lot of big celebrations. He asked if this could happen here for the NJCAA tournaments. Mr. Anderson said this could get people downtown, we could have special entertainment districts so bars/restaurants could have people outside, etc. Mayor Dechant said it might take a group of citizens similar to those that organized HutchFest. Mr. Anderson asked who his first point of contact would be. Councilmember Piros de Carvalho said the Convention & Visitors Bureau works to promote that week; and said they might be interested. She said she would provide contact information to Mr. Anderson. Additional discussion ensued.

Jeff Nichols, Public Works Maintenance & Flood Control Superintendent spoke about the City-Wide Clean-Up taking place on April 28 and 29, 2018. He said there will be dumpsters placed at 15 locations throughout the City. Mr. Nichols said the City is once again partnering with TECH for the e-cycle program, and with the Hutchinson Correctional Facility for mattress drop offs. He said, on average, 142 tons of trash are collected each year; and this is an opportunity for people to clean up yards, alleys, etc.

Jana McCarron, Director of Planning & Development, said there will be a town hall meeting on April 24th at 6:30 p.m. at Lincoln School. She said everyone is invited, but they are focusing on the southwest council district to talk about in-fill zoning areas.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of the April 3, 2018 City Council meeting.
- b. Approval of request by Kansas State Fair for road closures, temporary signage, etc.
- c. Approval of appointments to the Hutchinson Tree Board of the following:
Joel Andrew, 3200 North Lorraine, for reappointment to a first full three-year term beginning 4/19/2018 to 4/19/2021.
Laura Frickey, 804 W. 24th, to fill the expired term of Mary O'Neal for a first three-year term beginning 4/19/2018 to 4/19/2021.
Cammie Rumback, 220 E. 15th, to fill the unexpired term of Elizabeth Grilliot for the term beginning 4/19/2016 to 4/19/2019.
- d. Approval of 2018 subsidy contract with The Hutchinson Symphony Association.
- e. Approval of appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$1,934,904.74.

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

7. Ordinances and Resolutions

- a. Consider request to amend the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map for 329 N. VanBuren. Jana McCarron, Director of Planning and Development, spoke. Discussion ensued.

Jerry Grajeda, owner of the property, said he and his wife came from Chicago. They originally opened the Mi Tierra restaurant in South Hutchinson; and then moved to East 4th. He said he also recently opened the Royals Bar and Banquet facility on East 4th. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Councilmember Inskeep to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the request for an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map appearing at Section M.1.7.b of the 2017-2037 Comprehensive Plan for Hutchinson, Kansas, based on a finding of conformance to the factors required for approval, adoption of Ordinance 2018-6 for publication; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consider request to rezone property at 329 N. VanBuren. Jana McCarron, Director of Planning and Development, spoke. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, second by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the request to rezone 329 N. VanBuren from I-2 Industrial District to EN Established Neighborhood District based upon due consideration of the factors listed, adopt Ordinance 2018-7 for publication; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Consider repeal of Ordinance No. 7591 regarding Jake Brakes. Paul Brown, City Attorney, spoke. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Inskip, second by Councilmember Daveline, to approve Ordinance 2018 - 8 repealing Ordinance No. 7591 relating to an Ordinance prohibiting the use of Jake Brakes in the City of Hutchinson, Kansas except in emergency situations; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

8. New Business

a. Consider Special Alcohol Fund Awards for 2019. Meryl Dye, Assistant City Manager, spoke. Councilmember Piros de Carvalho said she appreciates the time and work put into this by the committee, but is disappointed that the Behavioral Health Unit isn't receiving any funds. She asked Ms. Dye what in the statute prohibits them from receiving funds. Ms. Dye said the Behavioral Unit does not do the actual assessments but directs individuals to another facility. She also quoted sections of the statute regarding the use of these funds. Discussion ensued regarding the balance of funds in the account, funding of SRO's, etc.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve staff's recommendation on agency awards from the Special Alcohol Program Fund for fiscal year 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consider bid award for 2018 Main Street Reconstruction Project. Bruce Colle, Director of Engineering, spoke. Mr. Colle said there will be a public hearing in the coming weeks. He said there was a small turnout for the first public meeting, but anticipates a better turnout since people know the project is commencing. Mr. Colle said the concrete and utility work should be done by November 16, with resurfacing to be completed by April 30, 2019. He also said no work would be done during the Kansas State Fair. Discussion ensued concerning the 17th Street intersection, traffic routes, communications with residents and businesses, etc.

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Councilmember Inskip, to approve awarding the bid to Vogts-Parga Construction, LLC in the amount of \$1,599,981.73, subject to compliance with all legal requirements; and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Consider agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation for resurfacing project on K-61 from Avenue G to Lorraine. Bruce Colle, Director of Engineering, spoke. Discussion ensued regarding when construction would begin, feasibility of breaking projects into several parts, etc.

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, second by Councilmember Daveline, to approve the agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation for the CCLIP Resurfacing Project on K-61 from Avenue G north to Lorraine; and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Report of City Officials

a. Council

- Councilmember Soldner said she noticed the sidewalk is being poured on 17th for the Graber Safe Routes to School project.
- Councilmember Daveline had no comments.
- Councilmember Inskeep had no comments.
- Councilmember Piros de Carvalho said Third Thursday is this week; and the theme is Week of the Young Child. She said there will be a lot of activities for children, including Touch-a-Truck.
- Mayor Dechant said “Pollyanna” will be opening Thursday evening at the Community Theatre; and will have several more performances over the weekend.

b. City Manager

John Deardoff, City Manager, talked about the Petco grant which was awarded to the Animal Shelter. He said \$25,000 of the grant will need to be used by March, 2019, with the remainder being received in 2019 or 2020.

Mr. Deardoff said he sent out information about street work being done around the perimeter of the city, saying the County is doing overlays on multi-jurisdictional streets.

He also said the Planning Commission will meet tonight to look at paving and landscape requirements. Mr. Deardoff said there would then be community input; and at some point, it would be coming to the City Council for approval.

Councilmember Piros de Carvalho asked the City Manager about a study session in May. Mr. Deardoff thanked her for reminding him; and said Councilmember Soldner and the Mayor talked about some type of retreat

where they could have an open conversation before heading into the budget year. Mr. Deardoff said this will be a difficult task knowing the City doesn't have a cushion this year. Discussion ensued about the date of the meeting. It was decided the study session will be held on May 8, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers Conference Room.

10. Adjournment

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