



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – HUTCHINSON, KANSAS
May 1, 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, May 1, 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 Darryl Peterson of Grace Christian Church.

4. Proclamations

a. The Proclamation for Bike Month and Bike to Work Day was accepted by Steve Drach, President of the Vitality Team. Mr. Drach shared their goals for the year which include promoting the team to the community, advocating for hike & bike trails, Healthy Eating Acting Living (HEAL), etc.

b. The Proclamation for Preservation Month was accepted by Wes Bartlett of the Landmarks Commission. Mr. Bartlett said there are a lot of great buildings in our community that are part of our history; and the commission's goal is to get information out to the community about preserving these buildings and their history.

The 2018 Bisonte Preservation Awards were given to Wes and Gwen Bartlett, owners of the European Apartments at 121 North Main; and to Brian Richard of RD LLC, owner of the Pegues Building at 208 N. Main. The Bartlett's were present to accept their award.

5. Petitions, Remonstrances and Communications

a. MUNIS software presentation given by Angela Richard, Finance Director. She said this has been a long process that started in the Fall of 2016. Ms. Richard said the old software was not keeping up with the times, lacked support, experienced website crashes, etc. She said with the new system they will be able to customize reports, eliminate copying of materials, have real time reporting capabilities, etc. Ms. Richard said the new system will go live on May 29, 2018; and talked about changes which will include new billing cycles, statement design, shut-off's, etc. Discussion ensued.

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

Andrea Springer, 204 East 14th, representing the Reno Arts & Humanities Council, said the council is in transition with the retirement of Mark Rasette. She said a job search is underway; and they hope to get someone in place within the next 30 days. She thanked the council for their funding over the years; and looks forward to continuing serving Hutchinson and Reno County. Jim French, a member of the Council, talked about the production of "Fiddler on the Roof", saying the cast was from all over the county. He said it brings revenue, activity and enrichment to the city and county. Discussion ensued.

Don Beydler, 521 East 25th, said he is in a group that plays pickleball. He said he has talked to the Hutchinson Recreation Commission about having more facilities but was told it's up to the City. He said the Sports Arena would be a good location for indoor matches; and suggested the tennis courts at Rice Park for outdoor matches. Discussion ensued.

Tony Finlay with the Hutchinson Recreation Commission said they do provide pickleball facilities at Elmdale, that it is popular and seems to be working well at that location. He said use of the Sports Arena is not easy as it requires displacement of other activities, working with HCC's schedule, etc. Discussion ensued. John Deardoff, City Manager, asked Mr. Finlay if there is a demand for outdoor courts. Mr. Finlay said placing several courts on the north end of town would be well received.

Zoe Schumm, 3216 Northwestern, spoke regarding Cinco de Mayo. She said the festival will be held on May 5 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Pyle Park and along Walnut Street.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of the April 17, 2018 City Council meeting.
- b. Approval of 2018 subsidy contract with the Hutchinson/Reno Arts and Humanities Council.
- c. Approval of appointment to the Hutchinson Public Library Board of Jocelyn Woodson, 1 Woodson Plaza, for reappointment to a first four-year term from 4/30/2018 to 4/30/2022.
- d. Approval of appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$847,078.59.

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

7. New Business

- a. Consider 2018-2020 Historic Preservation Action Plan. Jana McCarron, Director of Planning and Development, spoke. She said the last plan was done in 2016; and most items have been completed. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Inskeep, to approve the recommendation of the Landmarks Commission to approve the 2018-2020 Historic Preservation Action Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consider 2018-2020 Housing Action Plan. Jana McCarron, Director of Planning and Development, spoke about past housing studies, strategies, removal of complaint only practices, etc. Councilmember Piros de Carvalho said she has been approached by several professionals about the abundance of land contracts. Ms. McCarron said land contracts are allowed by state statute, but said the commission does want to educate people about the benefits and pitfalls of land contracts, etc. Councilmember Piros de Carvalho said they can be useful but seem to be predatory in our community. She said she will contact our state representatives about introducing a bill next year regarding this matter. Additional discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Councilmember Inskeep, to approve the recommendation of the Housing Commission to approve the 2018-2020 Housing Action Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Report of City Officials

a. Council

- Councilmember Soldner had no comments.
- Councilmember Daveline had no comments.
- Councilmember Inskeep said he has learned about a tool called "People Speak" which helps the community communicate with the council, commissions, etc. He said the City of Lakewood, Colorado uses this; and individuals are able to comment on the agenda in advance of the meeting. He said this may be an opportunity for those who feel they don't have a voice.
- Councilmember Piros de Carvalho said the committee that examined barriers for development has finished their work on the meeting side. Discussion ensued regarding having a study session to discuss the committee's work, or simply placing the matter on the agenda.

Councilmember Piros de Carvalho said she had been contacted by a resident who is concerned with the disposal wells; and how those may be impacting earthquake activity. Mr. Deardoff said there was a meeting last week with the state delegation. He said the purpose of the meeting was to give them a background on the City's two deep disposal wells that have been in operation since 2006. He said no one knows what's causing the recent activity. Mr. Deardoff there is a meeting tentatively scheduled for May 15 with KDHE and KGS to discuss the seismic activity in Reno County. He said this will be an opportunity for the community to learn more about what the experts think is causing

the increase in earthquakes. Mayor Dechant said he learned that the City's deep disposal wells are not pressure injected, but that many of the oil saltwater disposal wells are pressure injected. Mr. Deardoff said there are 10 to 11 Class 1 wells in the area, most of which are owned by private industry.

- Mayor Dechant said in addition to the Cinco de Mayo festival, the airport has it's fly-in event this Saturday. He also asked the City Manager to talk about the retreat.

b. City Manager

The City Manager said there will be a City Council Retreat at the Water Treatment Facility on May 8, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He said a packet of information will go out this week.

He also said we had great weather for the community cleanup. Mr. Deardoff said the e-cycle center had over 2,200 pounds of waste collected which was double from last year.

9. Adjournment

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