



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - HUTCHINSON, KANSAS
May 7, 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, May 7, 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 Gary Getting of Elliott Mortuary.

4. Proclamations

a. A Proclamation for Bike Month and Bike to Work Day was accepted by Justin Combs, Director of Parks and Facilities; and Terry Bisbee, a member of the Vitality Team. Mr. Bisbee thanked the City for the Proclamation; and for supporting ongoing projects regarding bicycling. Mr. Bisbee talked about several biking events in the community; and said on June 8 there will be a bike safety program at the Hutchinson Sports Arena sponsored by the Reno County Health Department, the Hutchinson Fire Department and Hutchinson Police Department where bicycle helmets will be given to participants at no cost. Justin Combs, Director of Parks and Facilities, said people need to be aware of cyclists every day, not just on Bike to Work Day.

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.)

Zoey Schumm, 3216 Northwestern, a member of the Cinco de Mayo team with Grace Bible Church, said the Cinco de Mayo festival this past weekend was a great success; and it is a joy to work with the City on the festival.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of April 16, 2019 City Council meeting.

b. Approval of contract with Reno Choral Society for 2019 subsidy.

c. Approval of appointments to the Public Library Board of the following:

Mary Evans, 803 West 25th, for appointment to a first four-year term from 4/30/2019 to 4/30/2023;

Joe Keck, 1410 Landon, for reappointment to a second four-year term from 4/30/2019 to 4/30/2023; and
Mary Hester, 43 Meadowlark Lane, for reappointment to a second four-year term from 4/30/2019 to 4/30/2023.

- d. Approval of March 2019 financial reports.
- e. Approval of appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$1,711,396.71.

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

7. Ordinances and Resolutions

- a. Consider Resolution regarding publication requirements. Paul Brown, City Attorney, spoke. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Dechant, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve Resolution 2019 R 9 enacting substitute or additional provisions of K.S.A. 13-1017, relating to public improvements, estimate of cost of improvements, contracts and bids and bond issues; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

8. New Business

- a. Consider request to rename Avenue A Park "Smallville Park". John Deardoff, City Manager, spoke about the request from Christopher Wietrick.

Mr. Wietrick, 10 West Avenue A, spoke about his request to rename the park. He said he made a comment on social media about renaming the park; and the owner of Smallville Comics started a petition. Mr. Wietrick said the block between Avenue A and Avenue B on Main is the most beautiful block in the City; and when he was growing up, he watched the park being built. He said he's often wondered why the park doesn't have a name that symbolizes something; and talked about why the park should be renamed Smallville Park.

Mayor Inskeep said he has had people reach out to him about the naming of the park. He said some people like the Avenue A name; and others have suggested other names for the park.

Councilmember Daveline thanked Mr. Wietrick for his passion. He asked when the park was developed, how it was named, etc. The City Manager said research was done; and nothing was found in the Minutes, etc. regarding the naming process. He said it was just geographically on Avenue A; and the name stuck, which was not the same process that was used for Rivers Bank Orchard Park. Additional discussion ensued.

Jesse Juma, 2708 Westminster Drive, said he is a big supporter of Smallville; and is in support of a park being named after Smallville, but said that is his "Batman" side talking. Mr. Juma said Hutch in Harmony and the NAACP have been talking about honoring

Chester Lewis, who was born and raised in Hutchinson. He said Mr. Lewis was the president of the Wichita Chapter of the NAACP; and helped to desegregate restaurants, swimming pools, etc. Mr. Juma said Mr. Lewis has a park and school in Wichita named after him; and Hutchinson needs a place that recognizes Mr. Lewis. He spoke of several options including Avenue A Park, the proposed pocket park across the street from the Fox Theatre, etc.

Mayor Inskeep said he would like to have more community input as both causes seem worthy. He suggested using the same process that was used for Rivers Bank Orchard Park.

Darrell Pope, 610 East 2nd, said he learned a lot today about Smallville. He said he knew the Lewis family; and Chester Lewis needs to be recognized. Mr. Pope said we need to consider a real person over a fictitious one; and said Mr. Lewis gave people an opportunity to be treated as first class citizens.

Discussion ensued regarding tabling the matter, the process to be used for community input, etc. The City Manager said he would initiate the process.

b. Consider Special Alcohol Fund Awards for 2020. Paul Brown, City Attorney, spoke. Discussion ensued regarding SRO funding, agency applications, etc.

Sondra Borth, with Reno County Communities that Care, said SACK has applied in the past, but has chosen not to participate because of the amounts awarded. She said some agencies are able to obtain larger grants for treatment, but said Communities That Care focuses on prevention. Councilmember Piros de Carvalho said it's up to the agencies to apply; and if they don't, we will support those that do apply.

Motion by Councilmember Dechant, second by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, to approve staff's recommendation on agency awards from the Special Alcohol Program Fund for FY 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Consider Professional Services Agreement with Burns & McDonnell. Brian Clennan, Director of Public Works, spoke about the Obee Road Superfund Site, saying pollution was initially discovered in 1985. He said in 2018 the City sent samples from 13 monitoring wells and six domestic wells for testing. Four of the 13 monitoring wells show arsenic that exceeded the recommended levels; and one of the six domestic wells exceeded the limits. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Clennan next talked about the 4th and Carey site, saying pollution was discovered in the early 1980's at the City's 4th and Carey well site. He talked about contamination in the area, as well as on-going cleanup efforts. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve the Professional Engineering Services Agreement for 2019 Obee Road Landfill Subsite and 4th and

Carey Site in the amount of \$93,937.00; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Consider Job Creation Incentive Policy. John Deardoff, City Manager, spoke about the proposed revisions. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho to approve the Job Creation Incentive Policy as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Report of City Officials

a. Council

- Councilmember Soldner had no comments.
- Councilmember Daveline had no comments.
- Councilmember Dechant asked about the new art being displayed in the Council Chambers. Mr. Deardoff said the artist is Jim Heck. Councilmember Dechant said it is good to see we are continuing the program; and just wanted to draw attention to it.
- Councilmember Piros de Carvalho had no comments.
- Mayor Inskeep said with it being Bike Month and Bike to Work Day on the 17th, he wanted to encourage motorists to watch for cyclists; and to encourage cyclists to follow biking rules. Councilmember Dechant asked about cyclists riding on the right side of the road with traffic rather than riding against traffic. Police Chief Hooper said bicyclists are to follow the same traffic laws as motor vehicles; and said they are also allowed to take up a traffic lane like a vehicle. He said generally the law reads they are supposed to ride as far to the right of the lane as possible; with vehicles giving the bicyclist three feet of clearance.

b. City Manager

Mr. Deardoff reminded council members about the Study Session on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Deardoff said there has been a recent development regarding the Woodie Seat Project. He indicated he and Jeff Peterson had a conference call with WSP, the group that prepared the study, and it was suggested the City apply for a BUILD Grant (formerly the TIGER grant). Mr. Deardoff said 50% of the available funds are used for urban projects, with the other 50% being used for rural projects. He said the cost share is 80%; and projects may include highways, bridges, etc. He said the application deadline is July

15, 2019; and requires outside assistance to prepare the application. Mr. Deardoff said there were six grant applications from Kansas last year; and two of those were funded. One was in Hays; and the other in Wyandotte County. Mr. Deardoff said the Hays project was awarded \$7.2 million; and Wyandotte County received \$13.8 million. Mr. Deardoff asked the council if they were interested in applying for funds, saying the consultant indicated this project meets a lot of the criteria for being awarded funding. He said Hays spent approximately \$42,000.00 for the application; and our costs would be approximately the same. Discussion ensued. Councilmembers indicated they were in favor of proceeding; and Mr. Deardoff said he would bring back the proposal at the May 21 meeting.

10. Adjournment

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

Upcoming Meetings

May 9, 2019	8:00 a.m.	City Council Study Session
May 21, 2019	9:00 a.m.	City Council Meeting