



**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS - HUTCHINSON, KANSAS**  
**June 18, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m.**

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1. The Governing Body of the City of Hutchinson, Kansas met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 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. Proclamation

a. The Proclamation for Smallville, Kansas - The Home of Clark Kent, was accepted by Amy Conkling on behalf of the Hutchinson Recreation Commission, Jon Robinson on behalf of Smallville Con, and others. Ms. Conkling thanked the Council for their support of the Smallville Festival; and said they are expecting several thousand people for the event. Jon Robinson also thanked the Council; and said he is looking forward to a great show. Also speaking were Ethan Kaplan dressed as Superman, and Jesse Juma.

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.)

Ryan Hvitlok, Director of Planning & Development, said they are soliciting applications in the SW Bricktown and Creekside neighborhoods to gauge interest in improvements to homes in those neighborhoods. He said the City is applying for a CDBG grant; and they have been out in the community the past several weeks to see if there is any interest. Mr. Hvitlok said they intend to target 75 homes; and do 20 to 25 projects which would extend the life of those housing units. Discussion ensued.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of June 4, 2019 City Council meeting.

b. Approval of May financial reports.

c. Approval of cancellation of T-Hangar Lease with Tony Beauchamp; and approve new T-Hangar Lease with Dale Lehman.

d. Approval of appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$1,097,538.87.

Councilmember Dechant asked for a correction on the June 4, 2019 Minutes. He said his comments during the Report of City Officials should say the Strong Towns event will take place at the Hutchinson Art Center, not the Stringer Fine Arts Center.

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 establishing the Hutchinson/Reno County Arts and Humanities Council. Rebekah Starkey Keasling, Director of Public Information and Community Engagement, spoke. Discussion ensued regarding the number of members, budget issues, operations, etc.

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve Resolution 2019 R 10 establishing the Hutchinson/Reno County Arts and Humanities Council; and authorize the Mayor to sign. Lovella Kelly asked if the director of the program would be a paid position. John Deardoff, City Manager, said it would be up to the Recreation Commission, but it is his understanding they plan to utilize a part-time individual for that position. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consider Ordinance amending Ordinance 2017-18 to pay the costs of substitute improvements. Justin Combs, Director of Parks and Facilities, said this is a redistribution and reallocation of funds for the Orchard Park Pavilion. He said the proposal is to retain \$390,000.00 for an open air pavilion in Orchard Park; and to transfer \$381,175.00 to the Fun Valley improvement fund. Mr. Combs said \$200,000.00 would be used for the restroom remodel project; and the remaining \$181,000.00 would go toward bleacher replacement. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Dechant, to approve Ordinance 2019 - 3 amending Ordinance No. 2017-18 of the City of Hutchinson, Kansas relating to certain public improvements and the issuance of General Obligation Bonds pursuant to Charter Ordinance No. 50 of the City and authorizing the cost of such improvements to be financed by the City's General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2017-A; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

8. New Business

a. Consider South Main Street striping plan. Jeff Peterson, Director of Engineering, said there has been some interest in discussing changes to the striping on South Main. He said this idea was not considered when the plan was put together; and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan shows Washington Street as being part of the bicycle network. Councilmember Dechant said he had initiated this idea during a conversation, as he has noticed that Main Street is a raceway because there are four lanes of traffic and no traffic signals on that portion of Main Street. Discussion ensued regarding reducing this portion of Main Street to only two lanes of traffic, a bicycle lane, parallel parking, talking with businesses in the area, etc. Mr. Peterson indicated he would need to know by July 4 as the contractor would be ordering materials. He also said it's not just a

decision to change it, but it would involve redrawing the plan, etc. Councilmember Piros de Carvalho said we have one more meeting before the decision has to be made. Councilmember Dechant said he would like to hold off on making a decision today. Additional discussion ensued.

Lovella Kelly said if you go back and look at the original Streetscape Project, that plan was very similar in that it reduced traffic to two lanes. She said if you ask Smiths Market and other businesses in the area about the benefits of having only two lanes, they would tell you it increased business. She said you can't cross four lanes of traffic safely; and that she would be interested in seeing this occur.

Jackson Swearer, 103 W. 22<sup>nd</sup>, said whatever is decided, the Complete Streets Policy and Strong Towns conversations need to be taken into consideration any time a street is redone.

Paul Brown, City Attorney, said there is no need to make a motion to hear this matter at the next meeting. He said the matter can be placed on the next agenda as directed by the City Council.

9. Report of City Officials

a. Council

- Councilmember Piros de Carvalho said she has been approached by several businesses in the Compound Drive area who have significant flooding in their lower levels because of the raised water table. Discussion ensued about the procedure for filing a claim for damages. Mr. Deardoff said they would probably need to contact Adam Weishaar, Director of Emergency Management. Additional discussion ensued.
- Councilmember Dechant reminded everyone about the Strong Towns conversation tonight at 6:00 p.m. at the Hutchinson Art Center.
- Councilmember Daveline had no comments.
- Councilmember Soldner had no comments.
- Mayor Inskeep said he hopes the Strong Towns conversation is well attended.

b. City Manager

Mr. Deardoff said he sent council members potential dates for budget study sessions. He said he plans to deliver the budget to them at the July 2 meeting; and then follow up with study sessions. Mr. Deardoff said the goal is to approve the budget at the August 6 council meeting.

Mr. Deardoff also spoke about code violations complaints; and said only 10% of those end up in court. He said many get the initial letter; and the matter is resolved. Discussion ensued.

10. Executive Session

a. Motion by Councilmember Dechant , second by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, 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 11:15 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened in the Council Chambers at 11:15 a.m.

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11. Adjournment

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

**Upcoming Meetings**

July 2, 2019	9:00 a.m.	City Council Meeting
July 16, 2019	9:00 a.m.	City Council Meeting