



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – HUTCHINSON, KANSAS
August 7, 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, August 7, 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.

A Proclamation for American Wind Week was added to the meeting. The Proclamation was accepted by Myca Welch and several other employees of Siemens Gamesa. Ms. Welch said they are proud to be in Hutchinson; and thanked the council for the proclamation.

4. Petitions, Remonstrances and Communications

a. Entrepreneurship Task Force Presentation by Abby Stockebrand and Dave Dukart. Mr. Dukart said when the group was started they saw a lot of good things happening in Hutchinson, but that was clouded by other news including the finding that people had a negative impression of Reno County. He said in December, 2017 they took a group to Tulsa to see what that community was doing correctly. Mr. Dukart said they visited several facilities; and got advice from them. He said they wanted to quantify why more businesses weren't coming to the community; and this is how the task force was started.

Abby Stockebrand, Economic Development Manager with the Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce, said a small group got together in December 2017; and since then it has snowballed. She said after the trip to Tulsa, they developed the Reno County Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Gap Analysis. Ms. Stockebrand said they wanted to know how to better serve Reno County. She spoke about the entrepreneurship survey that was done in May, 2018, as well as the results of that survey.

Mr. Dukart talked about the next steps, saying there are six subcommittees that have been formed. He said the Task Force wants to combine the efforts of various groups; and communication is important. Discussion ensued.

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

Jessie Juma with the SW Bricktown Neighborhood reminded everyone about National Night Out being held tonight. He thanked the City for

participating in the redevelopment of the park, saying the playground has been built; and the shelter is currently being roofed. Mr. Juma said they had a community build for the playground last Saturday; and thanked Justin Combs and Steve Allen with the Park Department for their commitment to the project.

Andy Anderson, 424 Carey Street, asked how the public is notified about road closings. The City Manager said a press release goes out to the local media; and closures are also posted on social media. Mr. Anderson said it seems like a lot of people are surprised when it happens; and wondered if there was another way to notify people. Discussion ensued.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes of the July 17, 2018 City Council meeting.
- b. Approval of reappointments to the Hutchinson Human Relations Commission of the following:
 - Kalene Nisly, 401 Crescent Blvd., to a first full three-year term beginning 9/11/2018 to 9/11/2021.
 - Natasha Russell, 4300 Pin Oak Road, to a second three-year term beginning 9/11/2018 to 9/11/2021.
- c. Approval of June, 2018 financial reports.
- d. Approval of appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$1,930,084.63.

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

6. Ordinances & Resolutions

- a. Consider Resolution approving Hutchinson Rod Run as a Special Event in designated Entertainment District. Paul Brown, City Attorney, spoke.

Motion by Councilmember Inskeep, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve Resolution 2018 R 11 authorizing the Hutchinson Rod Run, October 5, 2018 through October 7, 2018, as a Special Event pursuant to City Code Sec. 18-801 et seq.; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Consider Resolution approving Brewfest as a Special Event in designated Entertainment District. Paul Brown, City Attorney, spoke. Councilmember Daveline asked about the boundaries for this event.

Jeanny Sharp of The Hutchinson News spoke about the boundaries for the event. She said they are adding new elements this year, including a 32 team corn hole tournament with proceeds going toward the Reno County Veterans Memorial. Ms. Sharp said the art association will be painting all of the boards; and after the tournament they will be auctioned. She said they are hoping for great weather, but that Memorial Hall has been reserved as a backup in the event of rain. Ms. Sharp said there will also be a band playing classic rock and roll, food trucks, craft beers, etc. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Councilmember Inskeep, to approve Resolution 2018 R 12 authorizing Brewfest, October 13, 2018, as a Special Event pursuant to City Code Sec. 18-801 et seq.; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Consider Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map for 17 West 13th Avenue. Aaron Barlow, Associate Planner, said the house has been vacant since 2017; and is owned by Elliott Mortuary. Discussion ensued about surrounding properties, whether the house would be torn down or moved, etc.

Tom Elliott, 1219 North Main, spoke. He said Elliott Mortuary purchased the home, utilities have been disconnected; and the home will be torn down. He said the property at 12th and Washington was also purchased and torn down; and is now a vacant lot maintained by them. Mr. Elliott said after the home is demolished they will determine what they are going to do with the property. He said there is a possibility it will be used for another crematory, but that has not been determined at this time. Discussion ensued with the Mayor encouraging Mr. Elliott to salvage the structure if possible.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve Ordinance 2018 - 19 providing for adoption of 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 (17 West 13th Avenue); and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Consider request to rezone property at 17 West 13th Avenue. Aaron Barlow, Associate Planner, spoke.

Motion by Councilmember Inskeep, second by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, to approve Ordinance 2018 - 20 amending the zoning map referenced in Section 27-402 of Chapter 27 of the Code of the City of Hutchinson, as adopted by Ordinance No. 7518; and repealing certain parts of the original zoning map as designated in Section 27-402. (17 West 13th Avenue); and authorize the Mayor to sign. Mayor Dechant asked if a crematorium is allowed in C-2 zoning. Mr. Barlow said it is allowed as an accessory use. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Consider Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds for construction of T-hangars. Angela Richards, Finance Director, said this is a taxable bond sale; and it could not be included in the bond sale previously held. She said bond counsel has recommended bidding this out to local banks; and banks have expressed an interest if the City bonds it over a ten year time period. Discussion ensued regarding the payback period, taxable versus non-taxable bonds, repayment capabilities, etc.

Councilmember Daveline asked about the location of the T-hangars. Pieter Miller, Airport Manager, said they will be built at the south end of the airfield around the location of the bulk fuel station. Mr. Miller said he currently has a waiting list for the T-hangars; and has no doubt they will be filled. Additional discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, to approve Resolution 2018 R 13 authorizing the City of Hutchinson, Kansas, to make certain public building improvements and authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the City to

pay the costs thereof, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1736 et seq.; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

f. Consider Resolution authorizing the sale of General Obligation Bonds. Angela Richards, Finance Director, spoke. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Councilmember Inskeep, to approve Resolution 2018 R 14 authorizing the sale of approximately \$380,000.00 principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018-B (taxable under Federal law), of the City of Hutchinson, Kansas; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

7. New Business

a. Consider 2017 financial audit report. Angela Richard, Finance Director, introduced Randy Hofmeier, a CPA with Lindburg, Vogel. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, second by Councilmember Inskeep, to approve the 2017 Annual Financial Report of Lindburg, Vogel, Pierce and Faris Chartered. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consider Brush Up Hutch Policy Amendment. Amy Allison, Senior Planner, spoke about the proposed changes. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, second by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, to approve the recommendation of the Housing Commission to increase the maximum amount for paint reimbursement from \$300.00 to \$500.00 for the Brush Up Hutch paint program. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Consider request for acceptance of the 2018 Emergency Solutions Grant. Amy Allison, Senior Planner, said they were notified July 13, 2018 that they had been awarded the grant. Donna Davis, Director of Bright House, formerly the Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Center, spoke. She said last year they had 91 individuals stay at the shelter, with half of those being children. Ms. Davis said the grant pays for living expenses, as well as maintenance for the house. She said the crisis line is answered 24 hours a day, with over 1,700 calls received last year. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve the 2018 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) in the amount of \$41,174.00; and authorize the Mayor to sign grant acceptance documents. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Consider SEIU contract for 2019. Meryl Dye, Assistant City Manager, spoke. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Inskeep, second by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, to approve the 2019 Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Hutchinson, Kansas and Service Employees' International Union Local 513, AFL-CIO; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Consider setting public hearing for 2019 budget. John Deardoff, City Manager, spoke about the mill levy, cuts that were made to the budget, etc. Mayor Dechant complimented Mr. Deardoff on the summary of the budget that was prepared; saying the booklet is very helpful. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Daveline said he has taken time in the past 60 days to identify other Kansas communities; and whether these budget challenges are unique to Hutchinson. He said it is not; other communities that are faced with the same challenges. Councilmember Daveline said we are on solid financial footing, but we must continue to be progressive in our thinking. Additional discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, second by Councilmember Inskeep, to approve the Notice of Hearing setting August 21, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers as the date, time and place for the formal 2019 budget public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Report of City Officials

a. Council

- Councilmember Soldner had no comments.
- Councilmember Daveline commented about the rental inspection program saying he believes there needs to be discussion about the future of the program. Jim Seitnater, Interim Director of Planning and Development, said there was quite a bit of discussion during the last Housing Commission meeting; and a sub-committee of members of the Housing Commission and staff has been formed to review some talking points. He said they don't want to "throw in the towel", but want it to be a positive, productive program. Additional discussion ensued.
- Councilmember Inskeep said he drove by the SW Bricktown Park today. He said they are putting the roof on the shelter building; and the playground looks very nice. He said it used to be just green space, but now will have a lot of activity. Councilmember Inskeep said he had also heard from a citizen about left turn lanes at various intersections. He said some have a protected turn lane with a signal showing a green arrow which allows a protected left turn that then changes to solid green allowing you to turn when there is no traffic, while others change from a green arrow to a red light. He wondered if they could look at reprogramming these signals, so they could all be the same. Discussion ensued.
- Councilmember Piros de Carvalho encouraged everyone to get out to vote. She also asked about the ordinance establishing a building commission. City Attorney Paul Brown said he would visit with her about that after the meeting.

- Mayor Dechant also reminded everyone to get out to vote, as well as reminding people in the SW Bricktown, Farmington and College Grove neighborhoods about National Night Out.

b. City Manager

- Parade Parking. Mr. Deardoff said he spent time with staff and people from the downtown district discussing this matter. He said the recommendation is to leave things as they are, as there are a lot of logistic issues with regarding to blocking parking, etc.

Councilmember Piros de Carvalho said she received several complaints about this issue, but when she posted a poll on Facebook, it was 134 to 78 in favor of parking remaining as it is. She said there were a lot of good suggestions that were offered including using only one side of Main Street for parking, etc. Mayor Dechant said throwing treats from the vehicles/trailers seems to be what draws people out into the street; and said he didn't know that this was not allowed. He said parade participants are supposed to walk the parade route and distribute candy, flyers, etc. to parade observers. Mayor Dechant urged parade organizers to enforce the "no throwing" rules.

Mr. Deardoff said he has been in communication with the Kansas State Fair; and they have approached him about putting in a sidewalk from the fire station on 20th Avenue to Gate 1 located at 20th and Poplar. He said the cost for this is approximately \$36,000.00. He said they also talked about a sidewalk from the fire station to Gate 2 located directly behind the fire station, which will cost approximately \$7,400.00 Mr. Deardoff said he told Mr. Moeder with the Kansas State Fair, the City would consider paying for one-half of the cost. Mr. Deardoff asked the council if they are interested in sharing the cost of construction of a sidewalk to Gate 2. Councilmembers indicated they would be willing to split the cost of construction of the sidewalk.

Mr. Deardoff also talked about the FEMA grant received by the Fire Department in the amount of \$80,000.00.

9. Executive Session

a. Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Councilmember Inskip, 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 2019 contract negotiations with the City's bargaining units; the open meeting to resume in the City Council chamber at 11:30 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened in the City Council chambers at 11:30 a.m.

Motion by Councilmember Inskeep, second by Councilmember Soldner, 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 2019 contract negotiations with the City's bargaining units; the open meeting to resume in the City Council chamber at 12:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened in the City Council chambers at 12:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

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