



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – HUTCHINSON, KANSAS
September 18, 2018
5:30 p.m.

1. The Governing Body of the City of Hutchinson, Kansas met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 in the City Council Chambers with Mayor Dechant presiding. Councilmembers Daveline, Soldner and Inskeep were present. Councilmember Piros de Carvalho was absent from the meeting.

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. A Proclamation for the Downtown Hutchinson Rod Run & Classic Car Show Weekend was accepted by Jim Gruver. Mr. Gruver thanked the council and downtown merchants; and said he has heard that people will be coming to the event from several states including Missouri, Colorado, Nebraska and Texas.

Mayor Dechant announced the addition of an Executive Session to the Agenda.

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.)

There were no oral communications from the audience.

Councilmember Piros de Carvalho joined the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

6. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of the September 4, 2018 City Council meeting.
b. Approval of appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$380,908.15.

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, 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 Ordinance amending City Code Section 21-106 regarding Building Trades Board. Paul Brown, City Attorney, spoke. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Inskeep, second by Councilmember Daveline, to approve Ordinance 2018 - 26 amending Section 21-106. Building Trades Board of Chapter 21. Building Regulations of the Code of the City of Hutchinson, Kansas; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consider rezoning Ordinance for R-6 properties. Amy Allison, Senior Planner, presented an overview of the R-6 rezoning process. Councilmember Daveline asked about the 17th Avenue boundary; and whether the rezoning included both sides of 17th Avenue. Ms. Allison said only the south side of 17th Avenue is included. Councilmember Piros de Carvalho thanked staff for their work on the rezoning, saying this is a move in the right direction for the community. Additional discussion ensued. Mayor Dechant asked if “tiny houses” fit in the rezoned area. Ms. Allison said “economy homes” are allowed, but true tiny homes are not as they are not on a permanent foundation, and do not meet building codes.

Motion by Councilmember Piros de Carvalho, second by Councilmember Inskeep, to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the request to rezone multiple properties from R-4 Residential Neighborhood Conservation District to R-6 Residential Infill District based upon due consideration of the factors shown, adopt Ordinance 2018 - 27; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

8. New Business

a. Consider bid results for CCLIP project on K-61 from Avenue G to Lorraine. Jeff Peterson, Interim Director of Engineering, spoke. Discussion ensued regarding the lack of bids, the source of funding from the CCLIP reserve, completion date, etc. Councilmember Inskeep asked if the City has received a report regarding the street inspection that was done earlier in the year. Mr. Peterson said the City has received some information; and will be back at a later date with a presentation.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve awarding the bid to APAC-Kansas, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$491,052.92; and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Report of City Officials

a. Council

- Councilmember Soldner had no comments.
- Councilmember Daveline had no comments.
- Councilmember Inskeep said he had someone inquire about their utility bill. He asked to whom this should be directed. John Deardoff, City Manager, said the individual that inquired had previously talked to Nancy Rice, Utility Billing Office Manager. Mr. Deardoff said any issues could be forwarded to him; and he will pass them on to Angela Richard, Finance Director.

- Councilmember Piros de Carvalho said a question had come up about the Community Resource Officer Program. She said it was her understanding that the program was not discontinued, but that those officers were reassigned to patrol duties due to staffing shortages. She asked if the program would be reinstated once the department is better staffed. Mr. Deardoff said that was correct. He said with a new Police Chief coming in the program may look different, but it will be reinstated.
- Mayor Dechant had no comments.

b. City Manager

Mr. Deardoff introduced Alan Stoecklein, Interim Police Chief.

The City Manager also talked about an article in The Hutchinson News about the RFP put out by the City for a hotel/convention center. He said the plan was to see if there was any interest in the development of a new convention/hotel space or renovation of the existing facility. He said he has had a few inquiries, but doesn't expect a lot of proposals. Councilmember Daveline said the RFP was very well done; that it shows a lot of forethought and professionalism; we have an outline of our goals; and shows we are serious about the matter.

Mr. Deardoff reminded council about the study session on September 25, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. He said they will discuss the Washington Boulevard Project, the next phase of Main Street, Avenue A bridge replacement, etc. He also said they may want to talk about Human Relations as we move forward.

Mayor Dechant said at the last meeting they discussed a meeting with the South Hutchinson Mayor or Council. The Mayor said he has a meeting later this week; and will see where that takes us.

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, 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 2019 contract negotiations with the City's bargaining units; the open meeting to resume in the City Council chamber at 6:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened in the City Council chambers at 6:30 p.m.

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10. Adjournment

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