



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - HUTCHINSON, KANSAS
June 2, 2020
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, June 2, 2020 in the City Council Chambers with Mayor Piros de Carvalho presiding. Councilmembers Daveline, Soldner, Garza and Bagwell 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. 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.

5. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2020 City Council meeting.

b. Approval of Minutes of May 26, 2020 City Council special meeting.

c. Approval of the appointment of Christopher Wietrick, 10 West Avenue A, Apt. 5, Hutchinson, KS to the Hutchinson Tree Board for a first full three-year term beginning 4/19/2020 to 4/19/2023.

d. Approval of appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$2,608,473.58.

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

6. New Business

a. Consider contract with the South Central Kansas Economic Development District to write a Federal Home Loan Bank AHP Grant. Ryan Hvitlök, Director of Planning and Development, spoke about the grant. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Garza, second by Councilmember Bagwell, to approve the Contract for Grant Writing Services with South Central Kansas Economic Development District; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consider Tower 1 bid award. Brian Clennan, Director of Public Works, said this a one million gallon tank; and would involve recoating of the interior and exterior of the tank, mountings on the tank for antennas, etc. Discussion ensued regarding the differences in the bid amounts, warranties, etc.

Motion by Councilmember Daveline, second by Councilmember Soldner, to approve awarding the project to G&L Tank Sandblasting & Coatings LLC, for a total of \$347,300.00 (base bid and alternative bid). The motion passed unanimously.

c. Consider Tower 1 lighting design. Brian Clennan, Director of Public Works, said the current lighting equipment has failed. He said the City has the option of going with white lights, color changing lights, or no lights. Councilmember Bagwell asked if the City's name is not being lit, then what is the point of having lights. She also said considering the times we are in, maybe we should look at lighting at a later time. Councilmember Soldner agreed. Additional discussion ensued, with all councilmembers agreeing to forego lighting of the water tower at this time.

d. Consider Tower 1 Agreement with MKEC for Construction Inspection Services. Brian Clennan, Director of Public Works, said this is an on-call agreement; and City staff will manage the construction. He said MKEC will make sure everyone is on the same page, will assist the City with any questions we may have, etc. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, second by Councilmember Daveline, to approve the agreement for MKEC for construction inspection services in an amount not to exceed \$39,850.00; and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Report of City Officials

a. Council

- Councilmember Bagwell asked about having some form of roundtable discussion since there are two new City councilmember and a new City Manager. She said they haven't gotten together to talk about short and long term goals, etc. Discussion ensued. Jeff Cantrell, City Manager, said he will be asking for a date to discuss some budget items; and they might be able to tie these two together.
- Councilmember Garza talked about the George Floyd killing saying we all need to come together and talk. Mayor Piros de Carvalho said she is glad he brought this up; and reminded everyone about a meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall which will involve the NAACP, members of the faith community, etc. She also thanked all of those that coordinated the peaceful protest on Sunday, May 31.

Datjaeda Moore, Human Relations Officer, said one of the first things that needs to be done is to gather the community together. She said

she anticipates a session with legislators and lawmakers, as well as a session with young people. She encouraged everyone to come to the gathering at Memorial Hall.

- Councilmember Daveline said he knows the Planning Department has been working under a disadvantage with Covid-19, but asked Mr. Hvitløk about review of the comprehensive plan. Mr. Hvitløk said the Planning Commission hasn't met for three months, but there is a meeting planned for next week. He spoke about some amendments they may be considering for the plan.
- Councilmember Soldner said when they get together, they may need to look at the direction they are headed; and may need to make modifications. She also said she is glad that tonight's event will be streamed on Facebook as this will be a larger group than she is comfortable attending.
- Mayor Piros de Carvalho asked about budget sessions; and when we might expect requests from outside agencies. She also asked about an update on sales tax revenues.

b. City Manager

Jeff Cantrell, City Manager, said February sales tax was down by 4%, with March being down 6.5%. He said, however, that these numbers are not really reflective of the event; and said April's numbers will be more telling. He said some segments of business had an uptick, while other small businesses may never recover. Discussion ensued regarding a meeting date; and all agreed on June 9, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Cantrell also talked about funding requests from outside agencies saying that most have some reserves; and funding levels may be decreased due to the City's anticipated decreased revenues.

The City Manager also talked about the July 4 fireworks display. He said this is generally a \$15,000.00 outlay, but this may be a bad year to terminate fireworks. Mr. Cantrell said separation could be easily maintained by those attending. He also said we need to make a commitment with the fireworks company. Mayor Piros de Carvalho asked about securing sponsorship for the fireworks display. Mr. Cantrell said no sponsorship has been secured at this point; and he is not sure what the response will be.

Mr. Cantrell said he attended the rally and saw city leaders, city staff, community leaders, law enforcement, etc. He said you could see that trust exists between the organizers of the event and law enforcement; and that those relationships were here before the rally. Mr. Cantrell said he is glad

to see meaningful discussions with people in the community; and thanked them for keeping it peaceful.

Mr. Cantrell also asked Ryan Hvitløk about the CDBG-CV grant. Mr. Hvitløk said we don't have absolute approval yet; and said we are waiting to hear from the State. He indicated we may "have to hit the ground running" if we are awarded the grant.

Councilmember Bagwell said there were some things said in the prayer that bothered her, and asked for Datjaeda Moore to come to the podium. Councilmember Bagwell said we haven't fixed the moral side to the issue; and that the civil rights movement changed the laws, but not the morals. Ms. Moore said when you are talking about the morality of people, it's a deeply rooted process and experience. She said the conversation has to happen; and more people are willing to talk now than before. Ms. Moore said you have to recognize there are passions on all sides, but you have to acknowledge the pain that some black families are experiencing. She said you can't put individual needs ahead of the needs of the whole. Additional discussion ensued.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Soldner, second by Councilmember Garza, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings

June 9, 2020	4:00 p.m.	Budget meeting
June 16, 2020	9:00 a.m.	City Council meeting
July 7, 2020	9:00 a.m.	City Council meeting
July 21, 2020	9:00 a.m.	City Council meeting