

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
511 N. COMMERCIAL**

**March 7, 2016
7:30 P.M.**

PRESIDING: Mayor Rodney Eggleston

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Jacob, Richard Ludowese, Kirby Stucky, Lynne Vigil, Thom Noone

ATTENDING: Jaci Reimer, City Administrator; Janise Enterkin, City Clerk; Brad Jantz, City Attorney; Pilar Martin, Harvey County Independent; Tom Richardson, EMS Director; Mark Wagner; Gib Compton, Compton Construction; Shaun Karlin, MKEC; Jason Rotramel; Beth & Jimmy Sharbutt; Christy Jacob; Karen Dater; Cathy Medlin; Terri Jensen; Jeannine Pfannenstiel; Ed & Beth Ann Kingsley, The Real Estate Company; Stef Brown; Brandi Rowan; Amy Ward; Angie & Bill Croxton; Fred & Susie Bright; Beth Shelton & Mickey Fornaro-Dean, Harvey County EDC

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA

MOVED BY VIGIL AND SECONDED BY STUCKY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED BY JACOB AND SECONDED BY VIGIL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA INCLUDING:

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2016 WITH AMENDMENT: THOM NOONE ABSENT AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2016.

PAYROLL CHECKS \$16,862.79

GENERAL DISBURSEMENT CHECKS \$60,447.15.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY NOONE AND SECONDED BY VIGIL TO APPROVE THE HALES SALES AND SERVICE CHECK #62587, AMOUNT OF \$9,950.00. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACOB ABSTAINED DUE TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

PUBLIC FORUM

Stef Brown, came before Council to request a donation toward, Silent Auction Fundraiser for Hesston Community being held on March 19th at Christian Church. Funds raised will go to the Hesston Community Foundation.

MOVED BY VIGIL AND SECONDED BY JACOB TO APPROVE THE DONATION OF A SEDGWICK COMMUNITY POOL FAMILY SWIM PASS FOR 2016. MOTION CARRIED

Jaci Reimer, President of Harvey County EDC introduced **Beth Shelton, Business Development Specialist for Harvey County EDC**, who gave an update on projects that they have been working on. Ms. Shelton handed out a brochure that was created highlighting Sedgwick Industrial Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Shaun Karlin, MKEC and **Gib Compton, Compton Construction**, presented Council with reports on their findings regarding the library building and The Real Estate Company building on the north side of the library. Various scenarios were given along with cost associated with each. One of the concerns is the condition of the foundation as it could not be viewed during this initial inspection. Gib Compton said that if one building was repaired, the other one should be also. Shaun Karlin, MKEC said that live load is much higher and is required for the use of a library and as is would not pass code. The building is in excellent condition for a hundred year old library. They do not recommend stacks of books on the second level. The building is still moving and the more time that elapses, the worse it will become.

City Administrator, Jaci Reimer, discussed a few of the options for possible preservation grants and historical tax credit programs to offset the cost of library building repair. They can be lengthy in process. Staff will bring back funding options to the next meeting.

Mayor and Council tabled any decisions on the library as the information was just presented to Council and it is in a very early stage.

Council discussed the issuance of a GO Bond to cover the cost of street repair at 4th and Commercial, alley paving between 4th and 6th, Commercial and Franklin streets and chip and seal.

MOVED BY JACOB AND SECONDED BY NOONE TO AUTHORIZE GO BONDS FOR STREET AND ALLEY REPAIRS. MOTION CARRIED 4-1. COUNCIL MEMBER STUCKY VOTED NAY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOVED BY VIGIL AND SECONDED BY STUCKY TO APPROVE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2016 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

MOVED BY VIGIL AND SECONDED BY JACOB TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH MAYOR, COUNCIL, CITY ADMINISTRATOR, CITY ATTORNEY, CITY CLERK, JASON ROTREMEL AND MICKEY FORNARO-DEAN FOR 15 MINUTES BEGINNING AT 8:35PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting reconvened at 8:50 pm for motion to continue executive session.

MOVED BY VIGIL AND SECONDED BY NOONE TO CONTINUE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH MAYOR, COUNCIL, CITY ADMINISTRATOR, CITY ATTORNEY, CITY CLERK, JASON ROTREMEL AND MICKEY FORNARO-DEAN FOR AN ADDITIONAL 5 MINUTES BEGINNING AT 8:51PM. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting reconvened at 8:56 with no binding action taken in Executive Session.

STAFF REPORTS

Tom Richardson, Director of Emergency Services, presented Council with a drawing and estimate of cost for modification of tanker. The tanker will not have firefighting capabilities but will be used to haul water to other trucks or to pump water into holding tank.

MOVED BY JACOB AND SECONDED BY NOONE TO APPROVE MODIFICATIONS TO TANKER NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000. MOTION CARRIED.

Richardson discussed the problems being had with staffing for EMS. He hopes to have more information at the next Council meeting on providing better coverage for the city. There are no problems staffing fire.

Jaci Reimer, City Administrator, reviewed the following items with Council:

- a. Received the Harvey County quit claim deed for Recreation Center building.
- b. Alley deeds all filed.
- c. Information was given to Council for the class on Harvey County Incident Command given in Newton. Proposed for 1st week of May, 4 hours. Council would prefer class on Wednesday or Thursday.
- d. Possible buildings for housing Library temporarily - Newton Medical Center has presented cost for rent and would have to re-paint the building after use. Has contacted Jerry Alderson but not heard back from him. Will bring back more information on rental options for Library to next meeting.
- e. The library board will have to make the decision regarding library personnel. Jaci will get with Bill Croxton, Library President.
- f. Three sections of sewer in town that needs to be re-piped. Working on costs and estimates.
- g. Council member Stucky said the locker plant at 4th and Garfield is falling down and would like Police Chief Huff to check alleys for nuisance. Council also complained curb and gutter sweeping and city ordinance on blowing leaves into street. There has been complaints about the Wichita Eagle papers littering streets.
- h. Police Chief pay discussion.
- i. Willson kennel has not been renewed, she is selling the dogs. Since the kennel license has lapsed, there can no longer be a kennel there. Only one grandfathered kennel left in town.

Brad Jantz, City Attorney

- a. Presented Council with a revised Charter Ordinance 28. City elections have moved to November. Brad will double check with the County Clerk regarding holding the city elections on an odd year and if there will be cost.
- b. Update on distressed properties, received limited titles on both properties (Garfield and Commercial). Consensus of Council to direct Jantz to add locker plant and get limited title.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

MOVED BY NOONE AND SECONDED BY VIGIL TO APPOINT CHRISTY JACOB AND JAN MCDANIEL TO THE LIBRARY BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY VIGIL AND SECONDED BY JACOB TO APPROVE THE FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2016. MOTION CARRIED.

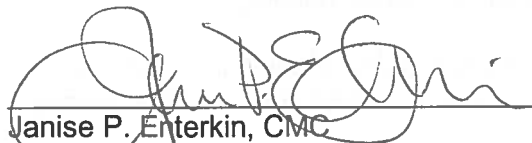
MOVED BY JACOB AND SECONDED BY NOONE TO APPROVE THE FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK, MARCH 21 – 25, 2016. MOTION CARRIED.

MEETING/DATE REMINDERS

- a. Mar. 5, Legislative Coffee, Rep. Don Schroeder & Sen. Carolyn McGinn – 10am, Sedgwick Senior Center
- b. Mar. 14, Severe Weather Safety Program – Senior Center – 6:30pm
- c. Mar. 26, Booster Club Easter Egg Hunt – City Park – 1pm
- d. Mar. 29-31, KS Rural Water Assoc. – Century II, Wichita

MOVED BY JACOB AND SECONDED BY NOONE TO ADJOURN. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 PM


Janise P. Enterkin, CMC
City Clerk