



CALL TO ORDER - The Governing Body met for a regular meeting and the following commission members were present in the commission chambers: Mayor Nancy Bauder, Mayor Pro-Tem Camalla Leonhard, Commissioners Myron J. (Mike) Griswold, Mark Preisinger and Jermaine Wilson.

Others present in the commission chambers: City Manager Paul Kramer, Assistant City Manager Taylour Tedder, Public Works Director Mike McDonald, Parks and Recreation Director Steve Grant and City Clerk Carla K. Williamson.

Members participating via teleconference: Finance Director Ruby Maline and City Attorney David E. Waters.

Mayor Bauder asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance followed by silent meditation.

Presentations:

Mayor's Award – Workforce Partnership – Mayor Bauder presented the Mayor's Award to Workforce Partnership for their assistance to residents throughout the pandemic. Shanda Cooper, Keeley Schneider and Carla Shupp Phillips were present to accept the award.

Parks & Recreation Department Park Adoptions – Parks & Recreation Department Director Steve Grant gave an overview of the Adopt-A-Park program which promotes the adoption of city parks by residents, community organizations and local businesses. Groups assist in the park with general trash and litter pickup, weeding flower beds, planting flowers, applying mulch and general maintenance to shelters and structures as deemed necessary and appropriate. Signs are erected at each park to designate the adoptions. Mr. Grant and Mayor Bauder recognized and thanked the following new groups for their new adoptions:

- Southside Park – “Families of Billy Goat Hill”
- Cody Park – GLJ Accounting, LLC
- Union Park – Women's Division, Leavenworth-Lansing Chamber of Commerce
- Stubby Park – Boy Scout Troop 176

OLD BUSINESS:

Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Leonhard moved to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2021 regular meeting. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Comment: *(emails received by the public for public comment on non-agenda items will be read at this time.) No emails were received.*

Kelly Meyer Executive Director of First Judicial District CASA 102 S 5th Street

- Would like the commission to consider a review of the temporary sign code section specifically section 4,6 and 7
- Would like an extension of the temporary sign that CASA currently has up
- Thinks codes are only keeping honest people honest
- Review sign regulations so they meet the needs of the community
- Suggest that there not be a limit on the number of days of a temporary sign
- Would like to be able to change out a temporary sign from time to time
- Suggested a waived or reduced fee for non-profit organizations and small businesses
- Consideration for the number of signs at one time
- Example is at Cushing hospital has 3 temporary signs – why?
- Drove around town found 26 signs randomly –15 signs that are beyond the temporary sign time

The City Manager Kramer suggested that the item come back to the Commission to give Staff the opportunity to provide information.

Ms. Meyer asked if the Commission would grant an extension of her temporary sign. She was informed that the Commission cannot provide an extension on the temporary signage it would have to go through the regular process.

Michael Lay - 907 Columbia Street Leavenworth

- Discussed the agreement with the City and School that was discussed last week regarding stormwater on 10th Street with rip rock
- Why keep building stuff without a survey
- Why not spill well to slow down water
- Property on Pottawatomie has two dogs, has to put dog in house when it rains because it gets flooded out
- Lives off Spruce has had orange fence up for 15 years between Columbia and Broadway
- Sees some stormwater projects but why not others
- Why putting tin rather than concrete

Mayor Bauder stated that the city is doing stormwater projects all over town.

City Manager Kramer stated that the agreement with the school is for a survey only. There are no plans at this time until the study is done but the intent is not to use rip rap but to do detention to slow the water down just as stated. The idea is to make water go slower not speed it up. Mr. Kramer also stated the City no longer uses corrugated metal for stormwater that concrete is now and has been being used. Mr. Kramer asked that Mr. Lay come in and talk with him to talk about stormwater.

Commissioner Preisinger stated that the project in the 700 block of Pottawatomie was just approved by the Commission and it is the next big project. Unfortunately there is much more work done then is

collected each year through the Stormwater fees collected. Projects are rank ordered and a very good process that engineers look at the projects and needs. There are hundreds of projects that are needed.

General Items:

Mayor's Appointment-1st Judicial District Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board:

Mayor Bauder moved to appoint to the 1st Judicial District Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board Jermaine Wilson to a term ending February 14, 2024. Commission Preisinger seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

Resolutions:

Resolution B-2277 Annual Report for Stormwater 2020 – Public Works Director Mike McDonald presented for adoption the annual Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) report for 2020 Stormwater activities.

Commissioner Leonhard moved to adopt Resolution B-2277 approving the annual KDHE report for 2020 Stormwater activities. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

Bids, Contracts and Agreements:

Consider Proposal for Kansas State Rehabilitation Tax Credits – City Manager Paul Kramer stated that there have been some discussions with Fallbrook Tax Credits regarding the contract agreement. Until questions have been resulted, Staff recommends that the item be removed from the agenda.

Commissioner Preisinger moved to remove the item from the agenda. Commissioner Leonhard seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

Consider Small Cell Facility Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mobility – City Manager Paul Kramer presented for consideration an agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mobility. The agreement would take effect March 1, 2021 for a term of 10 years ending February 28, 2031 with provisions for renewals. The agreement outlines the agreement between the City and the wireless service provider to install small-cell antennae and devices on City-owned light poles and access to City right-of-way for these purposes. Paul Snider representing AT&T was present at the meeting to answer any questions by the Commission. Mr. Snider addressed the commission but did not have any prepared statements but was prepared to answer any questions. City Attorney Waters did a brief review of the agreement on what it covers regarding right-of-way access, grant of license, use of City Facilities and other elements of the agreement.

Commissioner Preisinger moved to approve the Small Cell Facility Deployment and Master Right-of-Way License Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mobility effective March 1, 2021. Commissioner Leonhard seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

Consider Bids for 2020 City Hall Parapet/Building Repair Project – Public Works Director Mike McDonald reviewed the bids for the project. The City hired Strata Architects in September of 2018 to develop plans and specifications to address exterior terra-cotta conditions and the base of the Statue of Liberty (Little Lady Liberty). Two bids were received from the qualified bidders however the bid from Mid-Continental Restoration was the only bid considered as the one received from MTS Contracting was determined to be incomplete. Staff recommends approval of the bid from Mid-Continental Restoration Co in the amount of \$249,521.00. Spencer Troutman from Mid-Continental Restoration was present virtually to answer any questions.

Commissioner Preisinger moved to approve award of the contract to Mid-Continental Restoration, of Fort Scott Kansas for the 2020 City Hall Parapet/Building Repair Project in the amount of \$249,521.00 Commissioner Leonhard seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve claims for February 6, 2021, through February 19, 2021, in the amount of \$924,607.50; Net amount for Payroll #3 effective February 12, 2021 in the amount of \$314,943.96 (No Police & Fire Pension). Commissioner Preisinger seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

Other:

Mayor Bauder:

- Discussed comments made by County Commissioner Jeff Culbertson at the Lansing City Council meeting about the Eastern Gateway Project
- Commissioner Culbertson made negative comments towards Leavenworth
- Said Leavenworth is not in support of the project because they would lose Centennial bridge and Lansing would outgrow Leavenworth
- The City supports all of Leavenworth County and was part of a transportation study of the entire County
- Mr. Culbertson's comments sow animosity
- His statements are false about the City

Adjournment:

Commissioner Preisinger moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Griswold seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Time Meeting Adjourned 8:08 p.m.

Minutes taken by City Clerk Carla K. Williamson, CMC