

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007
7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the City Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room. Mayor Bruce Snead and Commissioners Tom Phillips, Mark Hatesohl, Jayme Morris-Hardeman, and Ed Klimek were present. Also present were the City Manager Ron R. Fehr, Deputy City Manager Diane Stoddard, Assistant City Manager Jason Hilgers, City Attorney Bill Frost, City Clerk Gary S. Fees, Youth in Government Representative Rick Nelson, 8 staff, and approximately 25 interested citizens.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Snead led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Snead proclaimed March 12-18, 2007, ***Brain Awareness Week***. Jodi Kaus, President, Little Apple Pilot Club, and a representative from Sunflower Pilot Club, were present to receive the proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Snead opened the public comments.

Dee R. Ross, 2304 Brockman Street, asked about the gas franchise tax and asked why his bill was higher than the amount indicated at a prior City Commission meeting.

Mayor Snead and Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager/Downtown Redevelopment Coordinator, provided clarification on the item regarding the average customer cost for the franchise tax.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Snead closed the public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mayor Snead welcomed Rick Nelson, Youth in Government representative.

Commissioner Morris-Hardeman spoke of her experience riding with a police officer and said that community members can participate if they would like and encouraged citizens to contact the Riley County Police Department and to get involved with community police activities.

Commissioner Phillips stated the Linear Trail is showing signs of deterioration with the winter months, especially at City Park, and asked that the Parks Division look at the trail system and make the necessary repairs.

Mayor Snead informed the community that with the winter we've experienced, we have seen greater deterioration of our roads and encouraged citizens to call in repairs that need to be completed on city streets.

CONSENT AGENDA

(* denotes those items discussed)

MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes of the City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, February 20, 2007.

CLAIMS REGISTER NOS. 2582 AND 2583

The Commission approved Claims Register Nos. 2582 and 2583 authorizing and approving the payment of claims from February 14, 2007, to February 27, 2007, in the amounts of \$153,331.66 and \$2,281,102.92, respectively.

LICENSE – TREE MAINTENANCE

The Commission approved a Tree Maintenance license for calendar year 2007 for Jerry Hosfelt Tree Service, 610 North 5th, Marysville, Kansas.

ORDINANCE NO. 6611 – NO PARKING – BAKERS WAY

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 6611 prohibiting parking along the south side of Bakers Way for a distance of 428 feet east of the east back of curb of North Manhattan Avenue.

CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

RESOLUTION NO. 030607-A – GRAND VISTA, UNIT 1 – STREET IMPROVEMENTS (ST0527)

The Commission found the petition sufficient, rescinded Resolution No. 060606-A, and approved Resolution No. 030607-A finding the project advisable and authorizing construction for Grand Vista, Unit 1, Street Improvements (ST0527).

RESOLUTION NO. 030607-B – GRAND VISTA, UNIT 1 – WATER IMPROVEMENTS (WA0520)

The Commission found the petition sufficient, rescinded Resolution No. 060606-B, and approved Resolution No. 030607-B finding the project advisable and authorizing construction for Grand Vista, Unit 1, Water Improvement (WA0520).

RESOLUTION NO. 030607-C – GRAND VISTA, UNIT 1 – SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (SS0519)

The Commission found the petition sufficient, rescinded Resolution No. 060606-C, and approved Resolution No. 030607-C, finding the project advisable and authorizing construction for Grand Vista, Unit 1, Sanitary Sewer Improvement (SS0519).

AGREEMENT – ENGINEERING SERVICES – GRAND VISTA, UNIT 1, IMPROVEMENTS (ST0527, WA0520, SS0519)

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with Schwab-Eaton, Inc., P.A., of Manhattan, Kansas, to perform engineering services for Grand Vista, Unit 1, improvements (ST0527, WA0520, SS0519).

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1-FINAL – 2006 CLAFLIN ROAD SIDEWALK (SW0601)

The Commission approved Change Order No. 1-Final for the 2006 Claflin Road Sidewalk (SW0601), resulting in a net increase in the amount of \$5,403.00 (+13.57%) to the contract with Pavers Inc., of Salina, Kansas.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1-FINAL – KIMBALL TOWNHOMES – WATER IMPROVEMENTS (WA0621)

The Commission approved Change Order No. 1-Final for the 2006 Water Improvements (WA0621) for Kimball Townhomes, resulting in a net increase in the amount of \$290.00 (+0.36%) to the contract with Walters Morgan Construction Co., Inc., of Manhattan, Kansas.

CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1-FINAL – HYLTON HEIGHT ROAD – STREET IMPROVEMENTS (ST0504)

The Commission approved Change Order No.-1 Final for the 2006 Street Improvements (ST0504) for Hylton Height Road, resulting in a net increase in the amount of \$2,703.04 (+1.59%) to the contract with Pavers, Inc., of Salina, Kansas.

AWARD CONTRACT – PRAIRIE LAKES ADDITION, UNIT 3 – STREET IMPROVEMENTS (ST0619)

The Commission accepted the Engineer's Estimate in the amount of \$901,538.22 and awarded a contract in the amount of \$816,878.51 to Pavers, Inc., of Salina, Kansas, for Prairie Lakes Addition, Unit 3, Street Improvements (ST0619).

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – DESIGN – MARLATT AVENUE DRAINAGE PROJECT (SM0701)

The Commission authorized City Administration to solicit proposals for the design of drainage channel improvements on the south side of Marlatt Avenue between Tuttle Creek Boulevard (US-24) and Casement Road (SM0701).

PURCHASE – FORESTRY DIVISION – 40 FOOT FORESTRY AERIAL TRUCK

The Commission authorized the purchase of a 2007 Versalift SST-40-EIH (40-foot forestry aerial truck) from Drake Scruggs Equipment, Inc., of Grandview, Missouri, in the amount of \$80,252.00 for the Forestry Division.

PURCHASE – CEMETERY DIVISION – BACKHOE LOADER

The Commission authorized the purchase of the 2006 model Case 580M turbo backhoe loader from Victor L. Phillips Company, of Topeka, Kansas, in the amount of \$52,000.00 for the Cemetery Division.

ABANDONED CELLULAR COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT – ZOO WATER TOWER

The Commission accepted the offer from Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, to purchase the abandoned cellular communication equipment at the Zoo Water Tower in the amount of \$10,508.34.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Commission approved appointments by Mayor Snead to various boards and committees of the City.

CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

BOARD APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Aggieville Business Improvement District Advisory Board

Appointment of Mark Skochdople, 310 S. 17th St., to a three-year term. Mr. Skochdople's term begins immediately, and will expire on December 31, 2009.

Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

Appointment of Eileen A. Meyer, 2429 Buena Vista Dr. to a four-year term. Ms. Meyer's term begins immediately, and will expire on March 3, 2011.

Commissioner Hatesohl moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

GENERAL AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING - INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS - FARRAR CORPORATION

Diane Stoddard, Deputy City Manager, presented the item.

Joe Farrar, President, Farrar Corporation, provided background information about the company and explained the expansion plans for the Manhattan facility. He then answered questions from the Commission regarding company benefits for employees, sales, and purchases of equipment and operating supplies.

Commissioner Hatesohl left the Commission meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Snead opened the public hearing.

John Exdell, Flint Hills Living Wage Coalition, informed the Commission that he was pleased to see that application meets standards of providing a living wage; however, he asked that a policy be in place that requires a firmer requirement on wages.

Lyle Butler, President, Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the application and was pleased that a local company is expanding and investing in our community.

Dee R. Ross, 2304 Brockman Street, spoke against any type of tax abatement. He questioned the amount of the tax abatement being abated.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Snead closed the public hearing.

GENERAL AGENDA (CONTINUED)

FIRST READING - INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS - FARRAR CORPORATION

Diane Stoddard, Deputy City Manager, responded to questions regarding the tax abatement. She then answered questions from the City Commission.

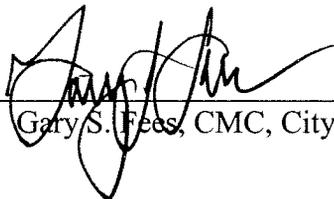
Ron Fehr, City Manager, provided additional information on current abatements and on exemptions for equipment.

Diane Stoddard, Deputy City Manager, informed the Commission that the City looks at the wage structure every year and uses the wage statistics provided from the Bureau of Labor.

After discussion, Commissioner Morris-Hardeman moved to approve first reading of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 million in Industrial Revenue Bonds for Farrar Corporation for the purpose of expanding and equipping an expansion to an existing manufacturing facility and authorizing a tax abatement on the expansion. Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 p.m. the Commission adjourned.



Gary S. Fees, CMC, City Clerk