

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Regular Session on January 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Room, City Administration Center, with Mayor Shelley Hansel presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hansel.

The Invocation was given by Reverend William Wingfield of Calvary Lutheran Church

Council members Kip Etter, Kelly Hawley, Jan Korte, Bill Butts, and Jim Valentine and Vince Wetta were present at roll call.

Members of the Staff present were City Manager Shane Shields, Finance Director/City Clerk Carol Mericle, and City Attorney Shawn DeJarnett, Public Utilities Director Jason Newberry, Fire Chief Tim Hay, and Airport Manager Matt Wiebe.

OLD BUSINESS

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Korte moved to approve the consent agenda. Council member Butts seconded the motion. The motion carried. The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda.

➤ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1) Regular Session of January 2, 2018

➤ **APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS**

1) ACH Authorization Voucher #1084 for BCBS for December 27, 2017-January 2, 2018

➤ **COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE**

1) Building/Demo Permit Report for December 2017

2) Correspondence from County Clerk/Election Officer Debra A. Norris re: Automated Trash Petition

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Valentine told that the Street department has been working very hard in Heritage Park and keeping the ditches cleaned out. He also thanked the three outgoing Council members for their service and wished them well.

Council member Butts shared that the last three years have been delightful being on the Council. He told of the arguments that were heard from patrons regarding Council issues. Council member Butts thanked all of the City workers for their hard work and especially for working emergencies. The City staff and department heads provided good information to make decisions, as every time he asked a question he received a good answer. He said thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Council member Korte thanked the Council and staff for the learning opportunity. Some positive things that she shared are the hospital still operating in our town, the college coming to town, the summary judgement for the raw water issue, the road study, and saving money by refinancing bonds.

Council member Hawley shared a positive note regarding the automated sanitation and recycling system.

Council member Etter reminded everyone about the frigid temperatures and keeping our Water Department employees in their thoughts, as this weather has brought lots of water main breaks. He also wished the outgoing Council members the best of luck.

Council member Wetta shared that he and his wife have been married for 51 years as of yesterday. He has been in politics for the last eleven years, and wanted to thank all citizens for everything. Good luck to the outgoing and new Council members.

Mayor Hansel thanked the outgoing Council members for their years of service. In her words “not only have you changed this City you have changed me as well”.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

There were no reports from City Officials.

ORDINANCES

There were no Ordinances.

RESOLUTION

There were no Resolutions.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNCIL

City Clerk Mericle and City Manager Shields recognized Council member Bill Butts, Council member Jan Korte, and Council member Vince Wetta for their service on the Council and presented them with gifts from the City.

ELECTION CERTIFICATION

City Manager Shields read the Election Certification from the Council Agenda. The three new Council members are Joseph Soria, Kevin Dodds, and Jennifer Heersche.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Mericle administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Governing Body. The three newly elected Council members took their seats in the Council Chamber.

NEW BUSINESS

ROLL CALL

Council members Jim Valentine, Joseph Soria, Kevin Dodds, Jennifer Heersche, Kelly Hawley and Kip Etter, were present at roll call.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no Audience Participation.

REPORTS OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council member Soria shared his many thanks to his wife and family, and especially to his Dad, Manuel Soria, who passed last March. His Dad encouraged him to run for City Council.

Council member Dodds thanked the City and all who helped him during his campaign. He will be responsible to the citizens of Wellington.

Council member Heersche shared her thanks to the City and all who helped her get elected to this position. She will serve to the best of her ability, and this is for her kids as much as it is for anyone else. She thanked her Mom and Dad as well for all of the support.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Council member Soria moved to nominate Council member Valentine as President of the Council. There were no other nominations. Council member Dodds seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Council member Valentine told of the numbers of voters who voted for each of the new Council members.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

City Clerk Mericle shared that a Council member is needed to serve on the Airport Advisory Board and also the Special Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board.

Council member Joseph Soria nominated Kevin Dodds to the Airport Advisory Board There were no other nominations. Council member Etter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Council member Etter nominated Jennifer Heersche to the Drug and Advisory Board. There were no other nominations. Council member Dodds seconded the motion. The motion carried.

City Manager Shields mentioned that there is no official Council member on the Healthcare Authority Board and there is no requirement. If a member of the Council wishes to volunteer for this, they may do so. The Mayor and/or City Manager will try to attend those meetings on the third Thursday of the month.

Mayor Hansel shared a Quick Guide to Governing in the magazines that were handed out to the Council this evening. She mentioned in April there will also be a Governing Body Institute conference that helps new officials. She also wanted to express her sympathy to the Lynn Fritzler family. He passed away today. As a former Wellington citizen he was very active in the community.

Council member Hawley asked if a work session on Automated Sanitation and Recycling could be held with the new Council. City Manager Shields stated that a session is planned for January 23rd for the dog Ordinances, and they could combine both, and move the Sanitation Ordinance to the 1st meeting in February. The consensus was to have the work session at 6:00 pm on January 23, 2018 to discuss both issues.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion carried.

Approved and filed this day January 16, 2018.

Mayor

City Clerk