

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Regular Session on January 5, 2016 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 Wellington Christian Academy students Sadie Camblin, Rahlee Colwell, and Mariah Thompson.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Kitty Shield of Saint Jude's Episcopal.

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

Members of the Staff present were City Attorney Mike Brown, City Manager Roy Eckert, and City Clerk Carol S. Mericle.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**SRMC Update.** HCA Member Terry Deschaine reported on the impact to the community if the hospital closes. He said the impact per a study by the Kansas Hospital Foundation would be loss of jobs (approximately 163 jobs), loss of approximately \$6.9 million dollars in income; and the study showed 14.9% of income from SRMC employees is spent in the community. Mr. Deschaine detailed the Revenue and Expenses for November. He said this was the second month of good reports. Mr. Deschaine said they are only collecting 75% of what they should be collecting. He said they are seeing positive effects from the new coding company. Mr. Deschaine said the revenue is there they just have not been able to collect it. He spoke about two new surgeons (Dr. Brown & Dr. Beck) who start on January 6, 2016. Mr. Deschaine said CHC (consultants) will identify physicians needed and the local doctors would be working with the hospital if more are needed. He spoke of employee forums that will be held quarterly. Mr. Deschaine covered more financial data.

Council member Valentine told Mr. Deschaine he is very good at his job.

Mayor Hansel asked Mr. Deschaine to thank CEO/CFO Harding for all the extra hours he is putting in.

**Kansas Power Pool (KPP) Update.** KPP CEO/GM Mark Chesney was present to provide an update on KPP operations. He said at the Annual Membership meeting the members approved an all inclusive rate of 4¢ per KW less than one year ago.

Council member Wetta asked for the overall dollar savings. Mr. Chesney said he would be able to provide that information tomorrow and would send that to City Manager Eckert. Mr. Chesney said the forecast for 2016 natural gas prices are less. He said the Southwest Power Pool said between now and 2022, more than \$6 billion worth of transmission assets need to be constructed. Many people will pay for the cost of installing that. Mr. Chesney said KPP has the prospect of investing in transmission assets to lower power costs to all the members of the KPP.

Council member Valentine asked Mr. Chesney if KPP has anything to do with wind generators. Mr. Chesney replied that in February 2015, KPP signed a contract for an additional 25MW of energy from a wind farm that will come on line in June 2016. He said 20% of KPP's overall portfolio will be renewable energy. He talked more about the risk of wind energy. Mr. Chesney said KPP signed a twenty year fixed rate contract. He added that the main reason he was present was to thank Wellington for participating.

Mayor Hansel thanked Mr. Chesney for coming.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Butts moved to amend the agenda to remove item C. 4) Housing Authority Board Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2015 from the agenda as the Housing Authority Board has not yet approved those minutes. Council member Wetta seconded. The motion carried. The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda.

➤ APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Regular Session of December 15, 2015

➤ APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS

- 1) Payroll Report for November 29 – December 12, 2015 in the amount of 220,115.71
- 2) Payroll Report for November 29 – December 12, 2015 Sick Incentive in the amount of \$58,174.98
- 3) Payroll Report for December 13 - 26, 2015 in the amount of \$222,602.67
- 4) Claims Register for December 13 – 31, 2015 in the amount of \$1,341,373.85
- 5) ACH Authorization Voucher #977 for BCBS for December 9 - 15, 2015
- 6) ACH Authorization Voucher #978 for BCBS for December 16 – 22, 2015
- 7) ACH Authorization Voucher #979 for BCBS for December 23 – 29, 2015
- 8) EFT for Airport Fuel for December 21, 2015

➤ COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Local Retailer Sales Tax & Compensating Use Tax for November 2015
- 2) SRMC Financial Report for November 2015
- 3) HCA Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2015
- ~~4) Housing Authority Board Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2015~~
- 5) Safety Newsletter for December 2015
- 6) Update on 2016 Board Appointments – Memo from City Clerk Mericle (to be distributed at the meeting)

**REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Council member Valentine thanked the Street Department for the work they did during the ice storm.

Mayor Hansel also thanked the Street Department. It was mentioned that the Electric Department went to Anthony to assist them with downed poles and power lines.

City Manager Eckert said Staff was contacted by Westar and received thanks for providing power during the storm. He told that he and Mayor Hansel took donuts out to the crews, including the Water Department who had to fix a main break during the storm. He thanked all the crews for their hard work.

An audience member asked where sand is spread when streets are icy. Mayor Hansel explained they have a grid to follow. City Manager Eckert said they do the main roads first and then intersections.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

*October 19, 2015 Work Session.* City Manager Eckert said City Attorney Brown would address this. City Attorney Brown said that during the October 19, 2015 work session, one of the topics was code compliance, and there were many good suggestions. City Attorney Brown said a motion was made for a committee to be formed to come up with recommendations for code compliance; he said that was a non-binding action because it was a work session. He added that it is his understanding that the Combined Trade Board has met and there would be some recommendations coming from them.

Mayor Hansel concurred that the action was non-binding and that Council member Green has met with some volunteers in a non-official capacity.

Council member Green said tradesmen, home owners and landlords would be working with the combined Trade Board on the recommendations.

City Manager Eckert said, regarding the old bulldozer, it went up for auction on Purple Wave and with 30 days less on bid time. Council member Valentine said he wants the money to go towards the Corner Bank note for the new dozer.

City Manager Eckert said the Governing Body has been asked to participate in a work session with Sumner County Economic Development, regarding options for grant funding through the Community Development Block Grant program. He said they would like to meet on January 20, 2016. The Governing Body agreed.

City Clerk Mericle said the Governing Body also needs to set a date for a work session to go over the 2016 Board/Commission applications. She said there are still some vacancies to be filled by Council soliciting the volunteers.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no public hearings included in the agenda.

**ORDINANCES**

There were no ordinances included in the agenda.

**RESOLUTIONS**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS (PEC) OF WICHITA, KANSAS, TO ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF PEC TO SERVE IN AN ADVISORY ROLE TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLINGTON IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO ENGINEERING CONCERNS was introduced and considered.

City Manager Eckert explained the reasoning behind hiring a firm for engineering rather than having a full time engineer on staff. He described the bid process (Request for Qualifications) and selection. City Manager Eckert said all of the RFQs were very good. He gave details of the PEC proposal.

Mayor Hansel asked who looked at the RFQs. City Manager Eckert replied several staff members, Director Newberry and himself. She asked what it came down to other than cost. City Manager Eckert replied cost is a big deal but there were other services with no cost, and the contract can be reviewed every six months. There was some discussion regarding length of contract. City Manager Eckert said the hourly rates on all the RFPs were set.

Council member Green moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Council member Korte seconded. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Butts, Etter, Green, Korte, Valentine and Wetta. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5722 was assigned to this resolution.

**STUDY ITEMS**

There were no study items included in the agenda.

There was a brief discussion regarding future work sessions. Mayor Hansel said due to a conflict with her son's basketball game, she would be holding her Town Hall meeting on Monday, January 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and carried.

Approved and filed this 19th day of January 2016.

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Mayor

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City Clerk