

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met for a Work Session on January 28, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., in the City Council room, City Administration Center, with Mayor Shelley Hansel presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hansel.

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

Members of the Staff present were City Clerk Carol Mericle, Finance Director Shane Shields and City Manager Roy Eckert.

Agenda Items

Board/Commission Applications. The Mayor began the review of the applications received in the City Clerk's office.

City Clerk Mericle instructed Council how to read the applicant spreadsheet of data, including how to determine which applicants met the original application date and those that either had to be solicited and/or came in late after application date.

Mayor Hansel reminded everyone that the Work Session was for discussion only and there would not be any binding action until a March 2016 Council meeting. She also informed the Council that one of the appointments would be filling the vacancy of Diana Page, who was on the Planning and Zoning Commission. She stressed that this appointment needed to happen as fast as possible due to the big projects on that Commission that need to be considered, which is why it is an agenda item for the Special Meeting on Friday, January 29, 2016.

Council member Korte reminded her that the Health Care Authority Board also had a vacancy. Mayor Hansel agreed and said that due to the resignation of Tami Klinedinst, the vacancy on the Health Care Authority Board would also reviewed at the January 29, 2016 Special Meeting. Mayor Hansel asked when the other appointments would be effective and City Clerk Mericle informed the Council that all the other appointments would not be effective until May 1, 2016.

Airport Advisory Board. There were two vacancies for the Airport Advisory Board with one able to be outside the City limits. There were three applicants for the Airport Advisor Board: Mark Green, Ty Sober and Tony Stringer. Two applicants live within City limits: Ty Sober and Tony Stringer. Mark Green lives outside City limits, however, Mark Green announced he had a concern with his application for this Board due to a scheduling conflict with meeting times. He also said he applied for both the Airport Advisory Board and the Memorial Auditorium Board and felt he could be more effective with the Memorial Auditorium Board.

Council member Green commented that Mark Green had attended several Memorial Auditorium Board meetings due to his expertise and felt he would be utilized more there.

Council member Korte commented that Gerald Gilkey had also called her and expressed interest in several boards, including preference for the Airport Advisory Board. He lives in the City.

Anthony Stringer commented that he would be interested in this Board as he has over thirty years in the aviation industry.

It was the consensus of the Council to consider all applications submitted for the Airport Advisory Board at the next Council meeting.

Board of Zoning Appeals. There were two vacancies for the Board of Zoning Appeals. One of the appointees must be in the City limits. There were two applicants for the Board of Zoning Appeals: Alison Redford and Delmer Zerr. They are both incumbents. It was the consensus of the Council to consider both applications submitted for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Combined Trade Board. There were three openings for the Combined Trade Board: appointing of an Architect or Engineer and two Residents At-Large. The Residents must be within City limits. Five

applications were received: Timothy Fairbanks, David Herlocker, Kenneth Moore, Floyd Moore and Marvin Rains. Two were incumbents and three new applicants. Mr. Herlocker is an incumbent and an architect.

City Clerk Mericle informed the Council that the two other openings do not need to be filled by plumbers but they do need to be experienced.

Floyd Moore was present and informed the Council that he should be on the spreadsheet as an incumbent. Marvin Rains is also an incumbent.

Mayor Hansel read the list of existing Combined Trade Board members.

Council member Green commented that as a property manager, she felt the City would benefit from a member of this board not being a license contractor who could give a different view point.

Council member Korte informed the council that she was on this Board once as both someone involved in building projects and a female.

It was the consensus of the Council to consider all applications submitted for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Health Care Authority Board. There are two openings for the Health Care Authority Board and one may be outside of the City. However, there is one immediate vacancy due to a resignation. Three applications were received: Fred Hinman, Tammy McCue, and Teri Stinson. Both Dr. McCue and Mr. Hinman are incumbents. Teri Stinson is a RN and a new applicant. She is not employed by the hospital; she is a contractor. She is being considered for the immediate vacancy to be discussed in tomorrow's meeting.

It was the consensus of the Council to consider all applications submitted for the Health Care Authority Board.

Housing Authority Commission. There is one opening for the Housing Authority Commission who must be in the City. Three applications were received: Sherre Sawyer, Jennifer Heersche, and Paula Mortimer. Paula Mortimer is an incumbent and the chairperson. Jennifer Heersche is a new applicant. Sherre Sawyer had withdrawn prior to this meeting but was not removed from the list.

It was the consensus of the Council to consider all applications submitted for the Housing Authority Commission.

Library Board. There are two openings for the Library Board. Both must be within the City. Four applications were received: Jennifer Heersche, Sheila King, John Saunders and Jane Stayton. Neither of the incumbents reapplied. Jennifer's application was received after the December 31, 2015 deadline.

Council member Green reminded the Council that the applications received prior to deadline will be considered first and any received after or solicited to apply will be considered for any additional openings thereafter.

It was the consensus of the Council to consider all applications submitted for the Library Board.

Memorial Auditorium Board. There are two openings for the Memorial Auditorium Board. One may be in USD353 area. Seven applications were received: John Saunders, Teri Stinson, Anthony Stringer, Pete Zavala, Jerry Fike, Mark Green and Jarrod Kline. Pete Zavala and Jarrod Kline are incumbents.

Anthony Stringer informed the Council that he was also part of the Community Theater Board and he wasn't sure if it was a conflict of interest since they are now performing plays there. The Council was not sure if it would be an issue.

There was discussion about the current ordinance stating that this Board consists of five members and Mayor Hansel posed the question if that could be increased. Council member Green responded that

there are already additional people attending meetings that represent other parts of the community, such as the Chamber and the City of Wellington.

City Clerk Mericle informed them they would have to change the ordinance.

Council member Korte thought it would be a good idea to have more than five but that there would need to be an uneven number of board members.

Finance Director Shields informed the Council that the committee decided to reduce all Boards to five members, other than those directed by statute.

Council member Green will present this issue of increasing the number of Memorial Board members to the Memorial Auditorium Board in the near future.

It was the consensus of the Council to consider all applications submitted for the Memorial Auditorium Board.

Planning Commission. There are two openings for the Planning Commission. One must be outside the City but within the 3 mile zoning jurisdiction. There is also an immediate opening that will be considered in the Special meeting on Friday, January 29, 2016. Two applications were received: Jennifer Heersche and Marvin White. Jennifer Heersche is a new applicant. Marvin White is a USD353 resident. Gerald Gilkey expressed verbal interest but has not yet submitted an application.

It was the consensus of the Council to consider all applications submitted for the Planning Commission.

CDBG: Community Development Block Grant. Mayor Hansel explained that the CDBG stands for Community Development Block Grant. The purpose of it being on the agenda is the need to appoint a Housing Assessment Tool (HAT), which will assess Wellington's housing. Council member Korte asked about a South Haven resident serving on this committee. The applicant is retired but grew up here and ran a business here. Council member Green expressed concern about appointing someone outside of Wellington as it may give the impression that there is not enough support or representation by City residents. The group should be diversified but would like to see 100% representation of citizens of Wellington. There were no appointments but discussions about segments of the community should represent Council, City staff, realtors, USD353, licensed contractors, developers, church.

Sumner County Economic Development Director Stacy Davis said she would check on the resident question to see if any of the other communities had the same issue. She explained that 10-15 people are needed to serve on the committee. They will need to be able to go to Topeka in May or June to go before the committee to present. Other communities have had as many as 25 members presenting. We need to show them how much the citizens of Wellington care before the committee will assist.

Council member Kelly Green explained that the first year typically targets blighted areas or areas that are seen as people come into town. And that there are different types of grants including, infrastructure, remodeling for homeowners, property investors or landlords. There have not been any decisions on how money will be divided. The housing assessment tells them where the greatest need is and it has to be doable.

Mayor Hansel reminded Council that everyone needs to be thinking of residents as suggestions for committee members. Names will be discussed at a later date. Mayor Hansel reminded everyone that we need to be moving forward fairly quickly. A resolution saying the Council will move forward with the CDBG committee is needed for the Tuesday, February 2, 2016 meeting. The intent is to name committee members within a few weeks after that. She added discussion about pride in our community, such as welcome signs at entrances to our community.

Council member Korte suggested decorating the round-a-bout with roses in the center.

Sumner County Economic Development Director Stacy Davis shared that Wellington Chamber of Commerce Director Annarose White was approached by local groups suggesting spotlighted flags representing the United States, Kansas, and Wellington in the center of the roundabout. She reminded everyone of the need to check into restrictions and requirements on size and height as well.

Mayor Hansel said that at her meeting yesterday in Topeka with the League of Kansas Municipalities, she noticed they all have lapel pins and she would like to see that for Wellington. She gave updates on The Property Tax Lid proposal. She said both the League and The Kansas Association of Counties are opposed to this concept. There was some discussion about what that means but there is still a lot to be decided and defined. The other topic was school consolidation. She expressed concern to several legislators what negative impact that would have on our surrounding smaller towns in our county. Mayor Hansel reminded the Council of the Special Meeting scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2016 at 12:00 noon at City Hall to discuss acquisition of real estate, the golf course and the appointment of a couple of immediate Board/Commission openings. She explained that the special session was to discuss important issues and she did not want to wait until the Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2016. The public is welcome to attend.

City Clerk Mericle informed the group that the Agenda was sent out to media but since the email was not sent out by the usual City employee, there was some confusion with media who did not open the email or publish the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned.

Approved and filed this 2nd day of February, 2016.

Mayor

City Clerk