

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Special Session on January 29, 2016 at 12:00 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 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, Finance Director Shane Shields, City Clerk Carol S. Mericle, Director of Golf Derek Harrison, and Director of Utilities Jason Newberry.

Council member Korte moved to amend the Agenda to move the Planning Commission appointment to the first of the session. Council member Butts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Planning Commission Appointment to Fill Vacancy. City Clerk Mericle explained there was a vacancy on the Planning Commission due to the death of Diana Page. She told that Jennifer Heersche had applied for a position on the Commission that would have been open as of May 1, 2016, and the Planning Commission has asked for her to be appointed for this vacancy instead. City Clerk Mericle said the Council discussed this appointment and has recommended this appointment. Council Member Korte moved to appoint Jennifer Heersche to the Planning Commission for the current vacancy. Council member Butts seconded. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council member Korte moved to enter into executive session for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property, for a period of time not to exceed thirty minutes. She asked that the Mayor and Council remain along with City Attorney Mike Brown, Finance Director Shane Shields, City Clerk Carol S. Mericle, Director of Utilities Jason Newberry, along with banking officials J.C. Long, David Carr, John Ott, Lenny Scheufler, Lou Potucek, and Sumner County Economic Development Director Stacy Davis.

The Council recessed to executive session at 12:11 p.m.

The Council reconvened in open session at 12:41 p.m. with no action taken.

Council Member Korte moved to enter into another executive session for preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property, for a period of time not to exceed thirty minutes with the same personnel present.

The Council recessed into executive session at 12:42 p.m.

The Council reconvened in open session at 1:09 p.m. with no action taken.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF WELLINGTON GOLF COURSE was introduced and considered.

Director of Golf Harrison told the history of the current irrigation system and the issues of not being able to operate it any longer. He told it was installed in 1993 with an 18 year life expectancy. He explained the urgent need for a new system to keep the Golf Course in operation. He explained the company that sold it to the City has told us they can no longer service the system and it was not safe to operate as the system could cause an explosion in the pump house if it was used. The reason to expedite the purchase is due to a twelve-week wait to install the system after it is ordered.

Council member Valentine asked where the money would come from to purchase the system. Finance Director Shields said the Golf Fund would not support the purchase and if the Capital Improvement Fund was used, then the 2017 budget would be impacted. He did not know the balance of any of the reserves without more research. He said there was \$150,000 budgeted for the Clubhouse

renovation and only engineering services have been paid for, leaving about \$121,000 for the Clubhouse, which could be used for this purchase.

Council member Wetta said he does not want to spend the money for this, but feels lots of people have contributed in the past to make the Course what it is today. He does not want to see it fail now.

Council member Etter told he has been in contact with a friend that is in Course management who agrees this is necessary and this is the best time to purchase the equipment to get it installed in time.

Director Harrison told the benefits of the new system with water management, and it is weather-based. The system can be programed to know if watering is needed after a rain and will automatically shut itself off if not needed.

After more discussion, Council member Etter moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Council member Green seconded. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Wetta, Green Korte, Butts, and Etter. Council member Valentine voted "Nay". Number 5724 was assigned to this resolution.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and carried.

Approved and filed this 16th day of February, 2016.

Mayor

City Clerk