

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Regular Session on February 20, 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 Shelley Hansel.

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

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

Members of the Staff present were City Manager Shane Shields, Finance Director/City Clerk Carol Mericle, City Attorney Shawn DeJarnett, and Public Works Director Jeremy Jones.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jan Grace, Campus Operations Officer, with Cowley College-Sumner Campus was in attendance at the meeting and shared an update on the construction progress. She reported that the College is offering tours. She also told there were cameras on the premises with alarms that are being sent directly to the Wellington Police Dept. The Trade building is going up and workers are pouring concrete for the second half of the Short building. Jan Grace reported the Trade building will open in August 2018 and a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place. The College is looking at May 2019 for the remainder of the opening of the buildings. She said the college will be interviewing for an admissions representative very soon.

Council member Dodds thanked Ms. Grace for coming to the meeting with the update. Mayor Hansel asked how many employees would be hired in the future. Ms. Grace replied with the current schedule.

Rick Sparman, 803 S. Blaine, inquired on Council procedures. He is an instructor for the State of Kansas in Carpentry. Mr. Sparman expressed his concerns for the events that have occurred recently at the Council meetings. He said he does not do social media and feels the residents have no way to speak their opinions. He said it is a mockery when it comes to the Council procedures at meetings. Mr. Sparman said he is not happy about having to get permission for time to speak at Council meetings prior to the day of the meeting. He wants Roberts Rules of Order used in Council meetings which are organized and proven to work.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Hawley, moved to amend the agenda with the addition of a second executive session. Council member Dodds, seconded the motion. The motion carried. Council member Valentine, moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Council member Heersche seconded the motion. The motion carried. The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda.

➤ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1) Regular Session of February 6, 2018

➤ **APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS**

1) Payroll Report for January 21- February 3, 2018 in the amount of \$221,091.99

2) ACH Authorization Voucher #1089 for BCBS for January 31-February 6, 2018

3) ACH Authorization Voucher #1090 for BCBS for February 7-13, 2018

4) EFT for Airport Fuel for February 22, 2018

5) Claims Register for February 01-16, 2018 in the amount of \$1,283,959.71

➤ **RECEIPT OF COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Clerk's Report for January 2018
- 2) Police Activity Report for January 2018
- 3) Ambulance Monthly Financial Report for January 2018
- 4) Ambulance Yearly Financial Report for 2017
- 5) Fire/EMS Activity/Overtime/Revenue Report for January 2018
- 6) SRMC Financial Report for January 2018
- 7) HCA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2018
- 8) Park Board Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2017
- 9) Media Release of February 16, 2018-Wellington Lake Camp Opening

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Valentine thanked the City crews for working to sand everything last night. He also asked that we please pray for Jim Newell and Jeff Davis.

Council member Soria gave special praise and thanks to the EMS and Police Dept. for giving back to our community.

Council member Dodds reported he looked up the City rules of order and said it may be an older copy. He read and shared the need for a consensus from the Council to let Mr. Sparman speak and address the Council again. Council member Dodds read the rules further. Mayor Hansel said the current rules say the Presiding Officer can grant permission for residents to speak. Council member Dodds shared that this was patterned after Roberts Rule of Order. Mayor Hansel said she tries to let people speak at meetings, however when emotions run high, sometimes it is hard to do. Council member Hawley stated that the Council members email and phone numbers are listed on the website so anyone is free to get hold of them at any time. City Manager Shields stated that Rules of Procedure were adopted by the council and they were recently updated in 2017. The Roberts Rules of Order are not recommended by the LKM, as they feel they are too stiff for Council to use. Council member Etter explained further reasons for these rules. He said he has received 4 to 8 contacts per week from residents on many topics. He continued the Council and Staff need time to research topics before a formal meeting. Those who want to speak need to call before 5 PM on the Thursday before a Tuesday meeting. Council member Valentine suggested putting the rules on Sumner Newscow and in the Newspaper so people can see the procedure. Mayor Hansel agreed with Council member Hawley and shared that she is here to connect with and serve all the citizens of Wellington.

Council member Heersche thanked the Street dept. for cleaning the streets. She shared a special thanks to the Fire and Police Dept. for keeping our citizens safe. Council member Heersche thanked Mayor Hansel for allowing her and City Manager Shields to attend the South Central Delegation meeting in Topeka.

Mayor Hansel wished the High School wrestler's good luck this week at State Tournament. She also invited everyone to attend the Chamber Coffee on Thursday at 10:00 AM at the Daylight Donut Shop.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

There were no reports from City Officials at tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings held during tonight's meeting.

ORDINANCES

There were no Ordinances presented at tonight's meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH APAC-KANSAS, INC. SHEARS DIVISION, OF WICHITA, KANSAS, FOR THE COWLEY COLLEGE SUMNER CAMPUS PUBLIC PAVING PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$256,328.50 was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields said this is the Cowley College paving portion of the project. Public Works Director Jeremy Jones stated that MKEC received five bids. One bid from APAC Shears Division came back under the Engineer's estimate and was the lowest bid. Council member Dodds asked if this the total bid amount to include the Westborough project, and Boundary Road project. City Manager Shields stated that it was one of the projects in the Bond Issue, however this dollar amount is just for the paving portion of Cowley College. Council member Hawley made a motion to approve this Resolution as presented. Council member Dodds seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Heersche, Dodds, Soria, Etter and Hawley. Voting "NAY" was Council member Valentine. Number 5882 was assigned to the Resolution.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH WELLINGTON RECREATION COMMISSION (WRC) AND WELLINGTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/CVB FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields stated this was the contract for the year 2018. The Memorial Auditorium Board has discussed this contract at their meetings as well. Director Jones added there were a few more details added to this agreement to further clarify. It is basically an agreement with the Chamber to manage the facility, and organize events that are held. The WRC does the cleaning and minor maintenance of the facility which frees up City workers. Council member Valentine made a motion to approve this Resolution as presented. Council member Soria seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Etter, Hawley, Heersche, Dodds, Soria, and Valentine. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5883 was assigned to this Resolution.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH WALDORF RILEY HEATING & COOLING, OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF TWO FURNACES AT THE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,400 was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields reported this is for two furnaces at the Memorial Auditorium. Three local HVAC contractors were asked to submit bids for these repairs. The \$16,400 bid is an option that is compatible with AC if it can be added in the future. This is the lowest bid that was received. Director Jones remarked there will be benefit going with a compatible unit for the future AC. When the AC issue is looked at, the present style furnace would not be compatible. By going with this proposal that won't be an issue in the future. Council member Hawley made a motion to approve this Resolution as presented. Council member Valentine seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Heersche, Dodds, Soria, Valentine, Etter, and Hawley. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5884 was assigned to this Resolution.

EXCEUTIVE SESSION

Council member Hawley moved that Council recess to an executive session to discuss the contractual purchase of SRMC, and to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade

secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships. The session is to include the following persons, City Council, Mayor Hansel, City Manager Shields, City Attorney DeJarnett, Healthcare Attorney Doug Pfalzgraf, CEO of SRMC Les Dean, Hospital Board members Fred Hinman and Terry Deschaine, and Kevin Cowen, Bond Council for a period of 30 minutes. Council member Etter seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:25 pm. The meeting reconvened at 7:55 pm with no binding action taken.

Council member Hawley moved to recess into a second executive session to be held to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships at 7:55 pm for a period of 20 minutes with the same persons present. Council Etter seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting reconvened at 8:15 pm with no binding action taken.

Council member Hawley moved to recess into an executive session for pending litigation to be held for consultation with an attorney for the body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship to include the following, the City Council, Mayor Hansel, City Manager Shields, and City Attorney DeJarnett for a period of 10 minutes. The motion carried at 8:16 pm. The meeting reconvened at 8:26 pm with no binding action taken.

Council member Dodds moved to have the Staff proceed with the SRMC PBC bond issue refinancing. Council member Heersche seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OTHER

City Manager Shields said a work session is needed for the Boards and Commission appointments before March 15th, and for the Sumner Cowley Electric Cooperative- Electric Supplier Issue. He added the City Prosecutor recommendation will be ready for Council by the end of this week. He asked if Council wanted John Haas to present Bond information, it could also be done at a work session. He announced the vicious dog ordinance changes will be brought to a regular meeting. It was determined that March 5th will be the date for the work session at 6:00 pm. This will be to review board applications, the electric supplier issue, and the recommendation to the Council for the City Prosecutor. Director Jones asked for the next step for the MSW building, truck, and backhoe proposal. City Manager Shields consulted Kevin Cowan, Bond Counsel on the issue. Mr. Cowan answered the project has already been authorized and a Bond proposal for a lesser amount needs to be brought to the Council.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried.

Approved and filed this day March 6, 2018

Mayor

City Clerk