

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Regular Session on February 21, 2017 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, Jim Valentine and Vince Wetta were present at roll call.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

SRMC Update- Mr. Fred Hinman, Healthcare Authority Chairman announced that Les Bean has been appointed to the CEO position at SRMC. This change will take effect on April 1, 2017. Mayor Hansel and Council member Korte were both in attendance at this meeting and shared this is a very positive step for the hospital. The interim CEO will be working closely with Les Dean during this transition. Council member Korte asked if CHC will still be working with the hospital. Mr. Hinman stated they would still be used from time to time.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 1) Regular Session of February 7, 2017
- APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS
 - 1) Payroll Report for January 22- February 4, 2017 in the amount of \$222,826.88
 - 2) ACH Authorization Voucher #1037 for BCBS for February 1-7, 2017
 - 3) ACH Authorization Voucher #1038 for BCBS for February 8-14, 2017
 - 4) Claims Register for February 1-17, 2017 in the amount of \$2,001,541.8
- RECEIPT OF COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE
 - 1) Clerk's Report for January 2017
 - 2) Police Activity Report for January 2017
 - 3) Ambulance Monthly Financial Report for January 2017
 - 4) Fire/EMS Activities/Overtime/Revenue Report for January 2017

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Valentine told of the new addition of the plaque about the cannons at Heritage Park and thanked the Genealogical Society, Chisolm Trail Museum, and the Chamber of Commerce for their involvement. .

Council member Korte had a citizen contact her and suggest that the compost site be open early. City Manager Shields stated that he and Council member Korte had a conversation regarding the early opening of the compost site, however it needs to be added to a future work session for discussion. Public Works Director Jones shared that the community has had a lot of request for early opening but the budget doesn't allow for the opening of the site year round. He stated that he feels a work session would be appropriate to discuss this. Council member Wetta shared that we definitely need to discuss this for future years.

Mayor Hansel shared that the Crusaders last home game is this coming Friday night. It is Senior Night and she invited everyone to be in attendance. She added the League of Kansas Municipalities

invited us to participate in the Kansas Hometown Showdown, with 80 towns participating this year. If you want to help the surrounding communities, please go on to the league website and vote. She added that the official first round starts February 28th, and Wellington will compete against Topeka.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

2017 Cereal Malt Beverage license for Pig Shack BBQ. City Clerk Mericle said the new application was reviewed and approved by both the Fire and Police Departments. She continued that Mr. Shane Carroll, the owner, representing the PIG SHACK BBQ was in attendance. Council member Etter moved to approve the application. Council member Korte seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kansas Rural Water Association designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate. City Manager Shields explained we have been a member long standing for many years, but we have never appointed a voting delegate to this association. He stated that Water Production Supervisor Mike Clift is willing to serve as the primary delegate and Wastewater Supervisor Gilbert Berryman is willing to serve as the alternate delegate. Council member Korte moved that we approve these two appointees Council member Butts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 MAYOR, CITY STAFF, AND CITY CLERK TO SIGN DOT FORM 1309 “AUTHORITY TO AWARD CONTRACT/COMMITMENT OF CITY FUNDS” FOR THE GEOMETRIC IMPROVEMENT RESURFACING PROJECT NO. 96-KA-4050-01, US-81 SOUTH OF HARVEY STREET was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields stated that this project has been planned for several years now. He also said that if Council approves the authority to award the contract the KDOT form requires the signature of the Mayor and two Council Members. Director Jones shared that design on the project began in 2015 and this is an 85% cost shared contract with KDOT. The City will pay 15% of the Contract plus design fees. The work covers the area from 400 feet south of Harvey to Botkin Street. Director Jones stated the engineers estimate was a little over \$1,400,000. The opening bids were taken Wednesday and it came in at around \$1,140,000 with the top three bids very competitive, within around \$65,000. He stated the city cost is \$194,000, including design costs, and it will come in under budget. A start date of late July or August is planned so not to interfere with the wheat harvest. He added this would be a 50 day project. City Manager Shields shared that this is a project that was originally three projects combined. He stated that the past two years we have budgeted funds in the capital reserve fund. Those funds have been set aside and are there to start this project. Council member Butts asked about the railroad spur that goes across 81 and into the concrete plant that was built in 1960. To his knowledge it has never been used he asked if that means we have to work around them. Director Jones stated that we will not be doing anything with the railroad spur. BNSF will maintain it as they have in the past. Council member Wetta shared, that the spur comes off after it goes across the road, and it was a connection between the BNSF and the UP railroads and the switch was removed in the last 10 years. He stated that down the road it might be beneficial for the BNSF and the City of Wellington for the UP and the BNSF to have a way of connecting. Council member Wetta made a motion that we approve this resolution authorizing the Mayor, City Staff, and City Clerk to sign the DOT form for the resurfacing project on Highway 81 south of Harvey. Council member Etter seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting “AYE” were Council members Etter, Hawley, Korte, Butts, Valentine, and Wetta. There were no “NAY” votes. Number 5800 was assigned to this resolution.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH WATCHGUARD VIDEO FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT (8) 4RE IN CAR CAMERA SUSTEMS, FIFTEEN (15) BODY WORN CAMERA SYSTEMS, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,660 was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields shared that these were both budgeted items totaling \$76,000. Police Chief Heath stated that the previous car camera was way too large, the technology today is much more advanced and the fact that the recordings that come off of these cameras and the evidence and the data that is provided is very useful to officers. He also shared that officers are requesting these items for both their cars and their bodies. He added that a drastic change in law enforcement in the last few years has had officers looking for the most valuable tools to help them perform their jobs effectively. Council member Korte stated that we had previously budgeted money for the body cameras and Chief Heath had applied for a grant at that time that we didn't receive. Council member Korte shared that she believes we should pursue purchasing these devices. Council member Korte made a motion to approve the purchasing of the devices for the Police Department. These include 8 camera car systems and 15 body worn camera systems. Council member Etter seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Etter, Hawley, Korte, Butts, Valentine, and Wetta. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5801 was assigned to this resolution.

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CHARGE-OFF OF UNCOLLECTED UTILITY ACCOUNTS was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields stated this is the annual action we take to do the charge offs and this is a function of the City Clerk's office. City Clerk Mericle stated that procedure is done every year and it is not that we won't collect these debts, they are just not current accounts receivable. The total amount is \$77,275.60 of the total 2015 billing, which was \$9,084,531.65. Council member Hawley made a motion to approve the charge offs of uncollected utility accounts. Council member Korte seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Etter, Hawley, Korte, Butts, Valentine, and Wetta. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5802 was assigned to this resolution.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR THE 2017 SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields stated this is simply approving the agreement for the CDBG grant. The total grant amount is \$394,250 which was originally agreed upon. The cities other sources of funds are \$84,250 from the weatherization program, landlord contributions to the project, permit fees waived and the \$2,000 paid for administration costs. He stated that the housing rehab plan is the next item that occurs. A subcommittee will meet to make some decisions and will have them bring the recommendations to the Council. There was a conflict of information about how long the City has to use the Grant funds. City Manager Shields will check into the official date. He shared that we have 40 pre-applications. Council member Korte made a motion to approve this resolution that would authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with the State of Kansas Department of Commerce for the 2017 small cities Community Development Block Grant. Council member Butts seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Etter, Hawley, Korte, Butts, Valentine, and Wetta. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5803 was assigned to this resolution.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CODE OF CONDUCT RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields stated this needs to be adopted for the grant. Council member Butts made a motion to adopt this code of conduct relating to the CDBG grant. Council member

Korte seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting “AYE” were Council members Valentine, Wetta, Etter, Hawley, Korte, and Butts. There were no “NAY” votes. Number 5804 was assigned to this resolution.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council member Korte made a motion to recess into executive session for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship. The subject matter to be discussed is pending litigation matters. The session should include the Mayor, City Manager, Council, City Clerk, City Attorney, and the Public Works Director, for a period of 12 minutes. Council member Butts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7:12 pm. The meeting reconvened at 7:24 pm with no binding action taken.

OTHER

City manager Shields shared that a special meeting/possible work session for March 9th sponsored by the Sumner County Economic Development Commission at the Raymond Frye Building. This will be a joint meeting between the Sumner County Commissioners, Cowley County Community College, and the Kansas Department of Transportation Division of Aviation, on March 9th at 6:30 pm. The discussion will be unmanned aircraft systems and the opportunities for economic growth in Sumner County. The meeting was organized by Mr. Rick Hamlin.

A work session will be held on March 6th at 6:00 pm. Included in that meeting will be the Board appointments, discussion on Compost Site, and future projects.

OTHER

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried.

Approved and filed this 7th day of March, 2017.

Mayor

City Clerk