

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Regular Session on March 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 Phyllis Provost-Saas of First United Methodist Church.

Council members Kelly Hawley, Jennifer Heersche, Kevin Dodds, Joe Soria, and Jim Valentine were present at roll call. Council member Kip Etter was in attendance via conference call.

Members of the Staff present were City Manager Shane Shields, Finance Director/City Clerk Carol Mericle, Assistant City Manager/Public Utility Director Jason Newberry, Chief of Police Tracy Heath, Public Works Director Jeremy Jones, and Zoning Official/ Code Compliance Officer Jamie Cornejo.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

WRC Superintendent Cody White & WRC Board Member Betty Zeka re: Hillside Ave.

They were in attendance to discuss the possible paving of Hillside Avenue. Cody White told about Worden Park and the events that are going on. At the current time there are several soccer teams utilizing the park. He also told of the softball teams that use the park during the spring and summer months. In addition to these sports, there are Go Kart races, adult flag football, baseball, and community use on the walking path and playground. WRC would like see the road paved that goes directly to Worden Park. Mayor Hansel asked Director Jones if the City owned the road. He stated it is all City owned to the water tower then it turns into a County road. He added that in 2013 this issue was discussed but it wasn't desired to pave at that time so other City projects were done, including paving H Street that runs into this road. An Engineer has looked at this project and had some suggestions for this road. The discussion continued regarding curb and guttering added if the road was paved. City Manager Shields told of a funding issue regarding paving. He stated that the 9th Street water line project is coming up and then next year the City will be paving 9th Street. Mayor Hansel asked Director Jones to bring more information to the Council on this project.

Chamber Exec. Director Kelly Ford, Travel & Tourism Grant Recommendations & Memo from City Clerk Mericle. Chamber Director Kelly Ford presented the recommendations for the tourism and funding requests. This year, the City allocated \$10,000 for Travel and Tourism requests. She told the Chamber sent out requests to organizations that participate with tourism and travel and received five back for funding for the 2018 year. The Chamber recommends giving the five recipients each \$2,000 toward their requests. Council member Dodds moved to approve the Travel and Tourism requests as presented. Council member Valentine seconded the motion. Motion carried. Director Ford also told of the upcoming Ladies Night Out on April 7th, and the Chamber's 14th Annual Golf Tournament that will be held on May 5th. These are two big fundraisers for the Chamber. The Wheat Festival will be coming up in July.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Valentine, moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Soria, seconded the motion. The motion carried. The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda.

➤ APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Work Session of March 5, 2018
- 2) Regular Session of March, 6, 2018

➤ APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS

- 1) Payroll Report for February 18-March 3, 2018 in the amount of \$225,138.66

- 2) ACH Authorization Voucher #1093 for BCBS for February 28-March 6, 2018
- 3) ACH Authorization Voucher #1094 for BCBS for March 7-13, 2018
- 4) Claims Register for March 1-16, 2018 in the amount of \$513,645.76

➤ RECEIPT OF COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Clerk's Report for February 2018
- 2) Electric, Waterworks, Sewage Utility Operating Report for February 2018
- 3) Police Activity Report for February 2018
- 4) Ambulance Monthly Financial Report for February 2018
- 5) Fire/EMS Activity/Overtime/Revenue Report for February 2018
- 6) SRMC Financial Report for February 2018
- 7) HCA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2018
- 8) HCA Board of Director's Special Meeting Minutes for March 6, 2018
- 9) Park Board Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2018
- 10) Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2017
- 11) Media Release-Special Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board Meeting, April 10, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Valentine shared news about the new toy and fabric store that is now open in the old J C Penney building. He thanked everyone who helped make this store and others a reality. He shared his sympathy to the family of Vivian McCaulley on her passing.

Council member Soria wanted to thank the WPD and the Fire Department for their efforts regarding the recent fires and the bomb threat at the High School.

Council member Dodds thanked the Fire Dept. for their response and diligence to the recent fires.

Mayor Hansel also thanked the local WPD and Fire Dept. for their hard work. She also expressed her sympathy for the family of Vivian McCaulley on her passing. Mayor Hansel asked about 10th and Jefferson intersection and the hole that is in the street. Director Jones stated that he will check into this. LKM training is coming up for Council members. Also, REAP has approved \$5,000 to participate in project Wichita. This is a regional effort and they want to involve Wellington.

Proclamation: Fair Housing Month April 2018. Mayor Hansel presented and read the official Fair Housing Month and expressed the hope that this year's observance will promote fair housing practices throughout the City of Wellington.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Street Closing Request, Strides 5k Run Walk, Half Walk, Tot Trot, June 2, 2018, map included. City Manager Shields reported the Noon Lions Club will be hosting this event that will start

and end at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 201 E. Harvey. Council member Valentine moved to approve this request. Council member Soria seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Board Commission Appointments-Memo from City Clerk Mericle. City Clerk Mericle said the list of individuals is in the Agenda packet that the Council considered in the previous Work Session for appointment to the various Boards and Commissions of the City. The new members will take office on May 1st, 2018. Council member Valentine moved to approve the Board appointments as presented. Council member Soria seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Hansel asked if the Healthcare Authority Board at SRMC would remain in place. City Manager Shields stated that it will remain in place as long as services are being provided.

Electric Service for Annexed Land Memos. City Manager Shields told this issue was discussed at the March 5th Work Session stating two new factors have been added through legislation recently passed. The first new factor to consider is the proposals for any retail electric supplier holding a certificate in the annexed area. The second is whether the selection is in the public interest as it relates to all the factors considered by the city. These are in effect now. City staff provided a report during the work session and Coni Adams from SCE (Sumner Cowley Electric) was in attendance and spoke on behalf of the entity. Included in this Agenda is a memo from Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Jason Newberry. The staff recommends not extending a franchise to SCE. Cletas Rains, representing SCE, thanked City Manager Shields for his cooperation and work on this project. He continued that SCE is proposing to give the city money so that they would not have to spend money on this project. SCE would pay property taxes on the annexed land and they already contribute into the community through employees pay and taxes through SCE. He added he would appreciate any consideration from the Council regarding this project. City Manager Shields stated that the 11 factors were given to evaluate per the new law. He went over the 11 factors and touched on the proposal from SCE. A motion is needed if no franchise is wanted. Council member Hawley made a motion to accept staff's recommendations and deny the request for a franchise. Council member Dodds seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Dodds, Etter and Hawley. Those voting "NAY" were Council members Heersche, Soria, and Valentine. Upon a tie breaking vote, the Mayor voted "AYE". Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

ORDINANCES

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ZONING DISTRICT AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 3826 (*Gill, 000 East 20th Ave N*) was introduced and considered. Zoning Official/Code Compliance Officer Jamie Cornejo presented to the Council a zoning request from Chad Gill to lot split and rezone a 154 acre parcel. Chad Gill is acting as the administrator for the owners and wants to split off an acre and one half and refurbish a barn on the property. The zoning will change because it is under the current regulations of 10 acres. The land will be changed from AL agriculture to RS Residential Suburban. Chad Gill has no plans for development he just wants to refurbish the barn. He added that the Zoning and Planning Commission has unanimously passed to approve the rezoning of the property. Council member Dodds moved to adopt this Ordinance as presented. Council member Heersche seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Soria, Valentine, Etter, Hawley, Heersche, Dodds, and Mayor Hansel. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 4222 was assigned to this Ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO IMPROVE THE SUMNER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, AN EXISTING PUBLIC BUILDING IN THE CITY was introduced and considered. Mr. John Haas, Financial Advisor, addressed Council on the PBC bonds of the hospital. Currently there are bonds outstanding of \$615,000. Due to the IRS code and the terms and conditions of the hospital actions, these bonds need to be refinanced as a taxable bond issue. He told of the schedule and what is going to happen to restructure the debt and went over the tables presented in the handout. This Resolution authorizes the sale of taxable general obligation bonds on May 15, 2018. This is a requirement to proceed with the changes of the hospital. Council member Dodds made a motion to approve this Resolution as presented. Council member Hawley seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Soria, Valentine, Etter, Hawley, Heersche, and Dodds. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5886 was assigned to this Resolution.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ATTORNEY SHAWN DEJARNETT, OF DEJARNETT LAW OFFICE, LLC, WELLINGTON, KANSAS, FOR PROSECUTORIAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF WELLINGTON was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields stated this is the negotiated contract that was presented at the work session. The consensus at the work session was to go with the staff recommendation and offer the job to Attorney Shawn DeJarnett. The contract increases the salary to \$2,500 a month for the remaining months of 2018. This is an additional yearly cost of \$2,071 for 2018. In 2019 the increase will be to \$2,700 a month. After 2019 the salary will be set with the budget that is made each year. The issues outlined in the contract were discussed at length. City Manager Shields told of the process and the committee that was chosen and why. The Council approved the committee and the consensus was to proceed as recommended. Council member Hawley made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Council member Dodds seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Heersche, Dodds, Etter and Hawley. Those voting "NAY" were Council members Soria and Valentine. Number 5887 was assigned to this Resolution.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

City Manager Shields told of the CDBG housing grant project. We recently received word from Casey Tillman of SCKEDD. In the second round of applications five were submitted. Only three of the properties are eligible for rehab. Two of those are too big and costly than what the project can accomplish with the limited funds. Currently there will be one out of the last round that is continuing in the process. There are four houses from the first round as well. At this time the City needs to recommend that landlord or homeowners fill out applications. The applications are available at the City Manager's office. .

City manager Shields told of a letter that was mailed to residents that live around the Hargis Creek Water Shed in regards to moving the fireworks display to that location. A request to submit any questions or concerns is due March 23rd. At the first meeting in April all responses will be brought to the Council. Council member Hawley asked if the decision was to be based off of the residents' thoughts or parking issues. City Manager Shields answered Council asked for the residents' opinion, and it is up to the Council to make a decision. Council member Soria has had a lot of positive remarks from residents in regards to this venue change. Police Chief Tracy Heath was also asked about a recommendation and he thinks it is a great idea. The same principles will apply as at the Lake regarding no public use of fireworks in this location.

Council member Soria spoke of an elderly lady that walks in his neighborhood. Last Saturday she was lost and couldn't find her way home. He wanted to thank the WPD for their efforts and help finding her son to help get her home safely.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Approved and filed this day April 3, 2018

Mayor

City Clerk