

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Regular Session on March 1, 2016 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 Eisenhower Elementary students Jax Cornejo, Deighlynn Lea, Jessica Kenemore, Steven Williams, Sophia Trillo, Antonio Trillo, Fisher Elder, and Charlie Williams.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Brent Clayton of First United Methodist Church.

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

Members of the Staff present were City Attorney Mike Brown, City Manager Roy Eckert and City Clerk Carol S. Mericle.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

There was no Audience Participation in the agenda.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Jan Korte moved to amend the consent agenda to remove the ordinance and resolution concerning the 2016 Series Revenue Bond issue. Council member Green seconded. The motion carried.

Council member Jan Korte moved to amend the regular session minutes of February 16, 2016 to remove SRMC Board member Terry Deschaine's comments that SRMC CEO Barry Harding was doing better so that it is not confused whether comments were about his health or hospital performance. Council member Butts seconded. The motion carried.

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

##### ➤ APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Regular Session of February 16, 2016- as amended
- 2) Special Session of February 24, 2016

##### ➤ APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS

- 1) Payroll Report February 7 - 20, 2016 in the amount of \$220,290.16
- 2) ACH Authorization Voucher #986 for BCBS for February 10 - 16, 2016
- 3) ACH Authorization Voucher #987 for BCBS for February 17 - 23, 2016
- 4) Claims Register for February 13-29, 2016 in the amount of \$1,096,224.24.

##### ➤ COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Clerk's Report for January 2016
- 2) Electric, Water Works, Sewage Utility Operating Fund for January 2016
- 3) Local Retailer Sales Tax & Compensating Use Tax for January 2016
- 4) SRMC Financial Report for January 2016
- 5) HCA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes for January 21, 2016
- 6) WRC Board Meeting Minutes for November 24, 2015
- 7) WRC Board Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2015
- 8) Housing Authority Board Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2016

#### **REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Council member Jim Valentine requested the resolution number of the golf course sprinkler system. City Clerk Mericle responded that she did not have the resolution on hand but would get it to him. Council member Valentine asked Attorney Brown who authorized him to create a resolution on the spot and he responded that Mayor Hansel and Manager Eckert asked him to draft a resolution as the secretary was out ill that week and did not have an opportunity to draft it. Council member Valentine

thanked him and then addressed Mr. Derrick Mead of the Daily News regarding his concerns with a few recent quotes and comments in publications.

Mayor Hansel reminded everyone that Wellington is trying to form our own Public Square group. She shared information from a letter she received from Public Square Communities who is partnering with Mid Kansas Community Action Program and they are hosting a community conversation action dialogue about services related to poverty. She commented that everyone is invited. The first meeting in Wellington is this Thursday. They will be in in Anthony, KS tonight, Greensburg on Wednesday, and then in Wellington on Thursday night at the United Way office, at 314 N Washington from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This will allow the community to also attend the girl's game that night at 7:30 p.m. She added poverty does exist and the more we address it head-on and pull others into the conversation the better we can deal with it.

Mayor Hansel said Wellington High School is hosting the sub-state basketball tournament, and hopes both our girls and boys teams are victorious. She reminded everyone that we are hosting a lot of people in town this weekend, so let's be courteous.

Mayor Hansel reminded us of a Legislative Coffee that the Farm Bureau is sponsoring on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Daylight Donut shop. There will be at least three of our legislators there and everyone is up for re-election.

Mayor Hansel would like to send our condolences to the City of Hesston after their tragedy. She encourages our citizens to continue to pray for that business and community.

#### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

Mayor Hansel asked Finance Director Shields to discuss his memo regarding the need for an Appointment to the Special Alcohol & Drug Committee. City Clerk Mericle responded that Director Shields was not at tonight's meeting due to family illness and that she would report on his behalf. She informed the group that the Advisory Board consists of the Mayor, two Council Members, the City Manager and City Clerk. Since Jan Korte and former council member John Tracy represented the council, Director Shields is asking the Council to appoint a Council Member to replace Mr. Tracy and set a meeting date towards the end of March.

Mayor Hansel asked for volunteers. Council member Green volunteered. Council member Vince Wetta made a motion to appoint Council member Kelly Green. Council member Butts seconded. The motion carried.

Mayor Hansel asked about setting a date for the committee meeting. City Clerk Mericle informed the group that Director Shields preferred the meeting to be held at the later part of March to allow him time to communicate to community members who are interested in seeking the funds. The date was set for March 29, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Mayor Hansel asked City Clerk Mericle to discuss the Housing Authority Resident Board appointment. City Clerk Mericle informed the council that due to the resignation of Larry Schalk from the Housing Authority as a required resident committee member, the residents of Wheat Capital Manor conducted an election and elected Alois Hutchinson, a Manor resident for a four-year term, beginning March 1, 2016 to April 30, 2018. She informed the council that an approval to the appointment was required.

Council member Green motioned to approve. Council member Korte seconded. The 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 APPROVING AND ACCEPTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PROENERGY OF SEDALIA, MISSOURI FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MECHANICAL OIL PUMP FOR THE GAS TURBINE BRUSH GENERATOR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,140 was introduced and considered.

Manager Eckert explained that bids were requested from three companies to supply the pump for the gas turbine generator and only two responded. He also told that the existing pump is leaking, is obsolete and the manufacturer no longer supplies parts for it. This is the original pump on the generator from 1986 and if pump fails, the damage to the gas turbine would be catastrophic and would require a replacement of the entire engine. Manager Eckert stated that replacing the oil pump was not included in the 2016 budget. Per Director Shields, the funds to cover the expense of the new generator would be covered out of the normal approved operating budget. Due to the severity of the leak, the staff recommends moving forward as soon as possible. He recommend the council accept the bid from Proenergy, the lowest bidder who also met all the requirements. He invited the council to ask questions and introduced Travis Horsch, the Supervisor from Electric Production to assist with technical questions.

Council member Green asked if the pump that lasted 30 years was normal and if they expected the new one to last just as long. Mr. Horsch responded that we anticipated the new one to last just as long. He explained that the issue was that the pump was leaking and we could no longer get parts to fix the issue, so a new pump was needed.

Manager Eckert further explained that we have had a lot of deferred maintenance and put things off on old equipment and now is starting to have issues.

Council member Korte suggested we conduct a review of all of our equipment. Manager Eckert responded that we are looking at doing that like the sprinkler system, things are starting to break and it is going to be expensive in the next few years. She continued that she would like to see us complete a survey on equipment similar to the one done for the roads.

Mayor Hansel asked Manager Eckert to explain to our citizens that we do have funding for issues like this. Manager Eckert responded that we do and we also try to catch things as they occur but we would like to be more proactive instead of reactive.

Council member Valentine discussed a sewer line inspection that was conducted several years ago for the Wastewater Department, where a vapor or smoke was used to test it.

Council member Green moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Council member Korte seconded. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Butts, Green, Korte, Wetta and Valentine. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5733 was assigned to this resolution.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH DAVIS TREE SERVICE OF ARKANSAS CITY, KANSAS FOR \$90,000 AT THE HOURLY RATE OF \$93.83 PER HOUR was introduced and considered.

City Manager Roy Eckert informed the council that bids were requested but we only received one response from Davis Tree Service.

City Clerk Mericle added that we had a two or three year contract with this company previously that just finished and she was not aware of any issues. We previously had Wolf Tree Service out of Tennessee but they submitted no bid this year as they were unavailable.

Council member Green asked if we had any local companies that do this type of tree trimming and Clerk Mericle responded that no one responded. Council member Green also asked what department oversees the tree trimming and City Clerk Mericle responded that the Electric Department does the majority of it and the Street Department also uses them.

Council member Wetta asked if this company was insured. City Manager Eckert responded the company has to be bonded and insured as a requirement to bid. Council member Wetta asked if we had any other options. Manager Eckert responded they were the only company that submitted a bid and that the service is time sensitive.

Council member Butts moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Council member Green seconded. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Butts, Green, Korte, Wetta and Valentine. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5734 was assigned to this resolution.

#### **STUDY ITEMS**

There were no study items included in the agenda.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council member Butts moved that Council, Attorney Mike Brown, City Manager Roy Eckert, City Clerk Carol Mericle and Stacy Davis, Director of Sumner County Economic Development move into Executive Session to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties for a period not to exceed 30 minutes at 7:05 pm. Council member Green seconded. The motion carried.

Mayor Hansel brought the Council back in session at 7:33 pm and told that no binding action was taken in the discussion of Trade Secrets of Second parties.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Hansel reminded the group that there was a Work Session scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2016 to discuss both the issues of the Humane Society and Code Enforcement.

Manager Eckert talked about his trip to Lyons, Kansas to meet with the City Administrator regarding their ideas and experiences with the CDBG program. Also in attendance was Stacy Davis, Sumner County Economic Development, Jennifer Heersche, Sumner County Workforce Center, Council member Bill Butts and Richard Jack, Building Official. The group was impressed with what they saw and heard. He added that their City Administrator is more than willing to come to Wellington and work with us on our H.A.T. project for a Community Development Block Grant.

Mayor Hansel informed us that Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. is the Mayor Town Hall. Public Works Director Jeremy Jones will be joining her to discuss the streets, recycling and other issues.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and carried.

Approved and filed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

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Mayor

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City Clerk