

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Regular Session on March 7, 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 Phyllis Provost-Saas of the First United Methodist Church.

Council members Kelly Hawley, Jan Korte, Bill Butts, Jim Valentine and Vince Wetta were present at roll call. Council member Etter was absent at roll call without an excused absence.

Members of the Staff present were Assistant City Manager/Utility Director Jason Newberry, Public Works Director Jeremy Jones, City Clerk/Finance Director Carol Mericle, and City Attorney Shawn DeJarnett. City Manager Shane Shields was absent due to a death in his family.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

There was no audience participation at the meeting.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Council member Korte, moved to approve the consent agenda with the following amendment. In the paragraph of audience participation in the minutes of Regular Session of February 21, 2017, the name Les Bean to be corrected as Les Dean. Council member Butts, seconded. The motion carried. The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda.

➤ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1) Regular Session of February 21, 2017 as amended.

➤ **APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS**

1) Payroll Report for February 5-18, 2017 in the amount of \$222,923.79

2) ACH Authorization Voucher #1039 for BCBS for February 15-21, 2017

3) ACH Authorization Voucher #1040 for BCBS for February 22-28, 2017

4) Claims Register for February 19-28, 2017 in the amount of \$653,825.68

➤ **RECEIPT OF COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE**

1) Local Retailer's Sales Tax & Comp Use Tax for January 2017

2) Building/Demo Permit Report for February 2017

3) Code Enforcement Report for February 2017

4) SRMC Financial Report for January 2017

5) Health Care Authority Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2017

6) Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2017

7) Housing Authority Board of Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2017

8) Memorial Auditorium Board Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2017

9) Correspondence (Thank You) from Sumner County Historical & Genealogical Society

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

Mayor Hansel wished the Lady Crusaders good luck going to the state basketball tournament on Thursday. She also wanted to send thoughts and prayers to all the surrounding communities that are fighting the wildfires. Mayor Hansel also mentioned her thoughts and prayers to the family of Rick Jones, who is City Manager Shields father-in-law, and he is with his family this evening.

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

Council member Wetta asked City Attorney DeJarnett if he could shed some light on the Lincoln Place progress. Attorney DeJarnett stated that the insurance company has stayed in contact with the City. At this time they are doing an investigation regarding asbestos on the property. He is waiting on the report for the asbestos plan. He said there is money being held back that will help with the demolition process.

## **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 ROTEK SERVICES FOR THE REPAIR/REBUILD OF THE PEERLESS BRAND CIRCULATING WATER PUMP FOR THE COOLING TOWER TO THE STEAM TURBINE CONDENSER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,583.04 was introduced and considered. (Recommend rejecting and re-bidding) Assistant Manager/Director Newberry shared that there was some confusion regarding this bid and we originally asked for a bid to repair the water pump, however Rotek sent in a bid for the repairs as well as a new pump. Due to this the other company did not have a chance to submit a bid for a new pump. His recommendation is to reject the bids and start the process so the city can look at other avenues. Assistant Manager/Director Newberry shared we have \$45,000 in the budget to purchase the new or rebuilt pump. Council member Hawley made a motion to reject all bids. Council member Korte seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A FEDERAL-AID FUND EXCHANGE REQUEST TO EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) was introduced and considered. Assistant Manager/Director Newberry shared that this resolution was brought to the council a year ago. This is the action that was taken at that time. Director Jones stated the council did a master agreement last year and exchanged funds in which we received \$475,000. He received a letter last week that this program is opened up again until April 14, 2017. Currently we have \$94,086.00 of federal funds sitting at the state level in which we can exchange at 90 cents on the dollar and receive \$84,677.80. Those funds can be used for other local street projects. He is simply asking for the City manager to sign the request to exchange these funds. Council member Korte made a motion to adopt the resolution. Council member Hawley seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Butts, Valentine, Wetta, Hawley, and Korte. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5805 was assigned to this resolution.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH SCHMIDT & SONS OF WINFIELD, KANSAS FOR A 2017 KUBOTA F2690 4WD FRONT MOUNT COMMERCIAL MOWER FOR THE PARK DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,074 was introduced and considered Assistant Manager/Director Newberry shared this is for the Park department to replace one of the current 2008 John Deere mowers. Director Jones said this replaces one of the front mount mowers that has over 3200 hours on it. These mowers are used to maintain four neighborhood parks, Worden Park, Hargis Creek, Sellers Park, Rock Island ball fields and also are used to help remove snow downtown. He continued staff did reject one of the bids for not supplying a 4WD mower and also for not completing the form correctly. Director Jones said Prairieland Partners submitted two bids, with one under the HP requirements, and Professional Turf also submitted a Toro which did not meet the HP specs. The Kubota machine was the only one to meet minimum specs and meeting price budget requirements. He stated there were two companies, Price Brothers Equipment and Schmidt & Sons that submitted Kubota specs. Schmidt & Sons provided the best overall bid for this project. Director Jones stated that we have budgeted \$20,000, and this comes in \$74 over. At this time he will not be purchasing the spare tire and rim. Council member Wetta asked what will be done with the old mower. Director Jones said they may move it to another department or auction it off. Council member Butts made a motion to adopt this resolution. Council member Wetta seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those

voting "AYE" were Council members Hawley, Korte, Butts, Valentine and Wetta. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5806 was assigned to this resolution.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH PRARIELAND PARTNERS OF WINFIELD, KANSAS FOR A 2017 JOHN DEERE 5065E 4WD GENERAL PURPOSE UTILITY TRACTOR WITH A JOHN DEERE 360 FLAIL MOWER FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,821.14 was introduced and considered. Director Jones said \$40,000 was budgeted for the street department to purchase a tractor that maintains mostly right-of-ways, city lots, the shooting range and other city properties. The current one is a 1991 mower and repair expense is growing. Currently the transmission is leaking and we are looking at \$4,000-5,000 for repairs to fix it for the coming season. He told the bid was sent to four vendors for a 4WD all- purpose utility tractor with a sing flail mower. There was discussion regarding the bids for the tractor mower. Director Jones recommends that the John Deere 5065E from Prarieland Partners with the 360 flail mower bid be accepted. He stated that the city will be auctioning off the old mower. Council member Hawley made a motion to approve the purchase and adopt this resolution. Council member Butts seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Korte, Butts, Valentine, Wetta, and Hawley. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5807 was assigned to this resolution.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE CITY OF WELLINGTON 2017 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT HOUSING REHABILITATION PLAN was introduced and considered. Assistant Manager/Director Newberry shared this is a resolution to accept the CDBG grant. The subcommittee has met and made some adjustments to the plan and are recommending approval. Council member Korte asked if they have pre-qualified any of the people who have applied for the grant and if there will be a cost to the owners. Council member Hawley said there is no cost to an owner/resident, but landlords will pay up to a certain percentage. Council member Hawley made a motion to approve the CBBG grant plan and adopt this resolution. Council member Butts seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Korte, Butts, Valentine, Wetta, and Hawley. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5808 was assigned to this resolution.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CIVIL RIGHTS/FAIR HOUSING POLICY RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS was introduced and considered. Assistant Manager/Director Newberry shared this is a requirement of the CDBG grant. Council member Butts made a motion to accept the Civil Rights/Fair housing policy for the CDBG grant as presented and adopt this resolution. Council member Korte seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Valentine, Wetta, Hawley, Korte and Butts. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5809 was assigned to this resolution.

#### **OTHER**

Mayor Hansel wants the council to look in depth at the KPP contract. Assistant Manager/Director Newberry stated that the current contract is in effect until 2032. He advised the council to read the contract and evaluate. The administrative fees were about \$450,000 last year and those fees are used for the power purchase contracts. It keeps our employees from having to go into negotiations on their own. Council member Wetta stated that it's a hedge against hard times, fuel shortage, war and things that could prevent us from getting power and puts us in a good place now if that were to happen. Director Newberry shared that some cities hire outside companies to come in find and buy contracts for power. Council member Butts shared his concerns regarding the 20 year contract.

A work session will be on March 27, 2017 at 6:00 pm to discuss the KPP contract prior to April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Assistant Manager/Director Newberry will forward the contract to the council prior to the meeting. He also explained the current contract timeline.

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

Approved and filed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2017.

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Mayor

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City Clerk