

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Regular Session on April 3, 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 Council member Kevin Dodds.

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

Cowley College-Summer Campus Update, Jan Grace, Campus Operations Officer. She reported on the progress on the construction, that the furniture has been ordered for the buildings, and painting is being done. The Short Education building basement has been finished and there will be a two story building over that basement. Tours are available on April 26th, after the Chamber Coffee, at 10:45 am. Ms. Grace told that 3 teachers have been hired. She told of the activities planned for August 9th, with a legislative look-in to take place at the Tech building, from 2:00-2:15 is the Chamber ribbon cutting and at 2:15 the Farm Bureau Collegiate signing will take place. Ms. Grace told this is the first college in the state to be working in two counties together. She also told that construction is ahead of schedule and that the finish of the tech building will hopefully be the end of July. Enrollment will be at the Ark City campus on August 19th and at Wellington on the 20th.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1) Regular Session of March, 20, 2018

➤ **APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS**

- 1) Payroll Report for March 4-17, 2018 in the amount of \$234,341.96.
- 2) ACH Authorization Voucher #1095 for BCBS for March 14-10, 2018
- 3) ACH Authorization Voucher #1096 for BCBS for March 21-27, 2018
- 4) Claims Register for March 17-30, 2018 in the amount of \$1,633,930.25.

➤ **RECEIPT OF COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Local Retailer Sales Tax & Compensating use Tax for February 2018
- 2) Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2018

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Hawley shared that Sherry's Army will be kicking off their 2018 cleanup program on Saturday April 14th. Flyers will be delivered to neighborhood doors.

Council member Heersche thanked the City crews for taking down the pennant on Washington Street that was hanging down and swinging in the wind yesterday. She also told about the 'Reality You' program that will be held at the High School tomorrow.

Council member Valentine thanked Public Works Director Jeremy Jones for the street light at 17th and Washington. Prayers are going out to Rick Weiss as he is having some serious surgery this week. He also shared condolences for Mayor Hansel on the loss of her brother. He congratulated Shawn DeJarnett on his new position as City Prosecutor for Municipal Court.

Mayor Hansel asked in regards to Sherry's Army if a clean sweep could be done downtown before the BBQ Cook Off. Public Works Director Jones shared that the street cleaners can be used right before the event. The High School service day is coming up soon and they are always good at cleaning up as well. He added the City crews will help as much as they can.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Special Event Retailer's Permit for Chamber BBQ Cook-off Beer Garden-Memo from City Clerk Carol Mericle. City Manager Shields shared the details of the event that is being sponsored by the Young Professionals of Wellington. Council member Valentine made a motion to approve the Special Event Retailer's Permit. Council member Heersche seconded the motion and it carried.

KMEA Director No. 2 Board Appointment-Memo from City Clerk Mericle. She reported as a member of KMEA, the City is allowed two members to serve on the Board of Directors. As per the KMEA by-laws, the only requirement is that each Director so selected shall reside within the territory served by the electric utility of the Member. The City is also allowed an alternate and City Manager Shields holds the alternate position with a permanent term. John Bales was appointed in April 2017 to serve as Director #1 with the term expiring April 30, 2019. Roger Estes currently holds the Director #2 position with a term expiring April 30, 2018. The reappointment of Roger Estes to the Director #2 position is recommended for a term beginning May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2020. Mr. Estes is willing to continue to serve in this capacity. Council member Valentine moved to approve the reappointment of Roger Estes to the Director #2 position. Council member Dodds seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fourth of July City Fireworks Display-Memo from City Manager Shields. He told, per Council direction, notice was sent to the residents in the immediate area of Hargis Creek Watershed Park area inquiring if there are any concerns regarding the City fireworks display being held at the Watershed area. The letter was sent to nineteen residents in the 1500 to 1700 blocks of N. Keyes Street and those in the 1300 to 1400 blocks of N. Day Street. He continued only five responses were received, two replies were in opposition, one reply expressed concern, and two replies expressed no objections/issues with the location. Manager Shields said the intent for public display would be set up to shoot the fireworks from the south end of the watershed or very near the damn area with fireworks exploding over the water. One recommendation from both Police and Fire was to prohibit the private shooting of fireworks on the watershed property as the City does for the Lake Recreation Area. It was recommended that be implemented regardless of whether the display is moved to the Watershed area. The staff is fully on board with moving the location of the Fireworks display to the Watershed area. Council member Dodds asked when the contractor will be notified for set-up. City Manager Shields stated that as soon as this is approved the company will be contacted. Mayor Hansel asked if contact was made with Rick Twyman and the Heat baseball program. He answered that Mr. Twyman said he understood if the City wanted to move the display to a better location. City Manager Shields asked for a consensus from the Council for this change. Council member Dodds said he has been out to Hargis Creek and there is a lot of space on the west side for parking and maybe the extra restrooms. Mayor Hansel stated the consensus is to proceed with the moving of the display to Hargis Creek area. She also thanked everyone who put on the Easter Egg Hunt this year. Mayor Hansel shared that Wendell Freeman is retiring from the donut shop this Saturday. A reception will be held starting at 9:00 am.

ORDINANCES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 20-161 OF THE 2009 CODE OF THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS, AS IT PERTAINS TO THE STORAGE, SALE, POSSESSION, DISCHARGE, AND DELIVERY OF FIREWORKS IN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS was introduced and considered. This Ordinance will prohibit all private displays of fireworks on the Hargis Creek area and the Wellington Lake area. Council member Dodds made a motion to adopt the amending of the Ordinance as stated. Council member Valentine seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Valentine, Etter, Hawley, Heersche, and Dodds. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 4223 was assigned to this Ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION FINDING THE STRUCTURE LOCATED ON LOTS 22-24, OF BLOCK 76, ORIGINAL TOWN, IN THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS, ALSO KNOWN AS 216 SOUTH F, IS AN IMMEDIATE HAZARD TO THE PUBLIC was introduced and considered. Director Jones told of the fire damage at this property. The owner did expedite boarding up the windows on the first level however the need to expedite the demo is crucial to protect citizens. Letters have been mailed to the Insurance Company. Council member Hawley asked if the city would be able collect the fees for the demolition. City Attorney DeJarnett stated that the City will try to collect, but is not sure of the outcome. Public Works Director Jones estimated that it will cost approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000 to demo this property. This is an estimation and Staff can add this to other demolition bids that are being bid out this week. Council member Valentine made a motion to approve this Resolution that will allow the demolition of the property know as 216 South F. Council member Dodds seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Etter, Hawley, Heersche, Dodds and Valentine. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5888 was assigned to this Resolution.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH COUNTRYSIDE MOTORS OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS FOR A 2018 CHEVROLET PICKUP FOR THE LAKE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,395 was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields told the proposed 2018 budget consisted of the replacement of three pickup trucks, one truck each for the Lake, Park and Street departments. Due to budget constraints only one pickup for the Lake will be replaced. Director Jones told the determination was that this truck needed replaced first. It is a 1999 Dodge pickup. Only one bid was received locally for the vehicle replacement. The bid was for \$32,395 from Countryside Motors. That amount is slightly over the original budgeted amount of \$30,000 but the Equipment Reserve fund has contingency funds available to help cover this extra cost. Public Works Director Jones shared that normally we would not be replacing 1999 pickups, however the transmissions in these vehicles are either going out or have gone out and already been replaced. The truck that is being replaced will be kept for parts on the other two vehicles. Council member Hawley asked if the City uses local vendors on other things. Director Jones explained the process. Council member Etter asked if anyone contacted Koehn Motors as to why they didn't submit a bid. City Manager Shields stated they were contacted and the answer was they didn't get a bid done in time. He also added the City has asked for and received bids from other than local vendors in the past, but the Council has awarded the bids to local vendors when they were not the lowest bid. 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, Valentine, Etter, and Hawley. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5889 was assigned to this Resolution.

OTHER

City Manager Shields gave an update on the Westborough project that will start on April 4th. There will be 4 phases to the project.

An update was given on the Vicious Dog Ordinances for Wellington. The Staff has looked at some ordinances from other cities, including Wichita. Our ordinance needs to be updated and cleaned up. This will be brought to Council when it's ready.

Director Jeremy Jones told of a property on the west side of town with a drainage issue that goes through the property. The proposed owner of this property has expressed his wishes to move the drainage to a different location. The engineers have examined it and have some concern, and will be assessing this issue.

City Manager Shields gave an update on the Lincoln Place demolition. The progress is being made slowly. They have some detail work to be done to separate the two buildings and is the issue that is taking so long. He said once this is completed, progress will move more quickly.

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

Approved and filed this day, April 17th, 2018.

Mayor

City Clerk