

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Regular Session on June 19, 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 James Byers of First Christian Church.

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

Council member Etter entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Members of the Staff present were City Manager Shane Shields, City Clerk/Finance Director Carol Mericle, City Attorney Shawn DeJarnett, Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Jason Newberry, and Public Works Director Jeremy Jones.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Cowley College-Summer Campus Update. Jan Grace, Campus Operations Officer gave a brief update on the happenings at Cowley College-Summer Campus. She explained to the Council that the floors are done and hopefully the building will have a certificate of occupancy by next week. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be on August 9th at 2:00 pm. Staff and Council will be receiving a schedule for that day with an outline of events. Ms. Grace continued with the progress that has been made to the campus. Enrollment at the Summer Site will be on July 23-27 and July 30-Aug 3. Times are not available at the moment. She expressed that Cowley is working on lots of advertising. She stated that they are planning a golf tournament on July 28th at the Wellington Golf Course. If interested anyone can sponsor a hole. Cowley College will be sponsoring the Heat game on June 27th. The Legion riders will ride in first, the color guard will do the national anthem, address the falling soldier family, and will escort in Dr. Riddle. Amazing Grace will be played by bagpipes and all the Veterans in attendance will be recognized. Council member Valentine will be throwing out the first pitch. The classes at the college are set now, and the streets are being worked on and the sidewalks were poured, so there are no tours at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Valentine 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 June 5, 2018

➤ **APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS**

- 1) Payroll Report for May 27-June 9, 2018 in the amount of \$241,402.99
- 2) ACH Authorization Voucher #1105 for BCBS for May 30-June 5, 2018
- 3) ACH Authorization Voucher #1106 for BCBS for June 6-12, 2018
- 4) Claims Register for June 1-15, 2018 in the amount of \$706,345.75

➤ **RECEIPT OF COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Clerk's Report for May 2018
- 2) Electric, Waterworks, Sewage Utility Operation Report for May 2018
- 3) Police Activity Report for May 2018

- 4) Ambulance Monthly Financial Report for May 2018
- 5) Fire/EMS Activity/Overtime/Revenue Report for May 2018
- 6) Memorial Auditorium Board Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2018
- 7) Media Release of June 12, 2018-Vacancy, Board of Zoning Appeals
- 8) Correspondence from KDOT/Bureau of Local Projects re: FFY 2019 Federal Fund Exchange Program

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Valentine thanked the Water Department for working on the dirty water issues at 15th and Jefferson. He asked City Manager Shields about the Chisholm Trail Motel selling. City Manager Shields did confirm the sale of the property.

Council member Soria thanked the Street Department for paving and filling water cuts. Director Jones answered in addition to this, some patching is being done on the streets. Council member Soria asked if someone had received a false city bill. City Clerk Mericle told that several errors occurred in the billing but corrective methods have been put into place to prevent further errors.

Council member Heersche is working on a public safety work fair. This will be coming in the near future.

Mayor Hansel explained that J.P. Buellesfeld had purchased 5000, 10 inch flags to put out and make the 4th of July a spectacular event in Wellington. He is looking for volunteers to distribute flags on June 30 and July 1st. Mr. Buellesfeld would like for the flags to be left out for the Kansas Wheat Festival. Mayor Hansel also thanked the Street Department for patching on Jefferson Street. She also inquired about the lake level. Assistant Director of Public Utilities Newberry gave an update that the lake is 19 inches low. The City continues to pump from the river.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Street Closing Requests- July 4th Block party, 6pm-Midnight, 1300 block N Olive between 19th & 20th Streets. City Manager Shields told of the application. Council member Valentine made a motion to approve the street closing. Council member Soria seconded the motion. Motion carried.

July 4th Block party, 2pm-Midnight, 214 S. Cherry, from alley to 4th & Cherry- City Manager Shields told of the application. Council member Soria made a motion to approve the street closing. Council member Valentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wellington Landfill Transfer Station Building Report & memo from Public Works Director Jeremy Jones. City Manager Shields introduced the project. Director Jones gave a history of past action and told how the operation has grown and become an issue. The original building was built in 1997 when the county owned it and it was designed to meet the needs at that time. He continued that in the last few years the need has grown tremendously and the building is not adequate. Several years ago staff hired PEC to assess the options. First option is to build a new building and bigger floor. Option two was a new larger transfer building and could use the current floor for curb side transfer if we decided to in the future. The estimate for design for a new building is \$86,000. Director Jones described the growth of business in

the past few years. He wants direction from the Council as how to proceed. City Manager Shields told that Bond Counsel has confirmed the original authorizing Resolution for the project and a bond issue is possible. Council member Valentine asked about the money from the haulers and if there could be adequate money coming in to pay for the building. Director Jones explained that it would be years before that could happen. City Manager Shields stated as a reminder these revenue bonds would be paid by the revenue from the transfer station. Council member Dodds expressed concern over gas prices and would haulers continue to travel here. Director Jones answered there is still room for gas prices to go up before it effects the haulers decision to travel to Wellington. Council member Etter said he understands the haulers subsidize the Sanitation pick up. He thinks this won't resolve anything in the long run. The factors are the old trucks, workers comp expense, and the cost of not utilizing curb side pickup. Council member Dodds stated this is a step in the right direction. He supports this option. Director Jones told that in comparison we charge \$38.00 per ton and the haulers are paying \$60.50 a ton in Wichita. Since we were looking at the automated service, China has reduced all imports of recyclables from America and the markets have bottomed out. No one is paying for mixed recycling. Mayor Hansel asked Director Jones if this would be a step in the right direction to move forward with this building. Director Jones stated the new building would be a positive move. City Manager Shields stated that if Council so desired they could make a motion to proceed. Council member Dodds made a motion to move forward with the transfer station building. Council member Valentine seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council member Etter asked about the purchase of trash trucks. City Manager Shields told of the replacement of a truck this year, and then to replace the second truck in 2020. The backhoe is continuously being repaired and it is in dire need of being replaced. The replacement is needed in 2019.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Public Hearings.

ORDINANCES

There were no Ordinances.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) HOUSING REHAB PROGRAM BIDS, ROUND 2 (TWO), AS SUBMITTED AND RECOMMENDED (*letter of recommendation and bid sheet included*) was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields told that this was the fifth house that is being bid on to have work completed. Council member Valentine made a motion to approve this Resolution as presented. Council member Soria seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote those voting "AYE" were Council members Etter, Heersche, Dodds, Soria, and Valentine. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5900 was assigned to this Resolution. City Manager Shields gave an update on the CDBG Housing project. At this time there are three of the four houses in the first round complete. The fourth house has had a change order to make that is taking some time to address. Currently we have nine pending applications, some may be too costly and are still in the reviewing process. He added the program applications are still being accepted. The completion date of the grant has to be no later than February 28th, 2019.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH USA BLUEBOOK OF GURNEE, ILLINOIS, FOR TWO POLYBLEND MIXERS FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,810 was introduced and considered. Assistant City Manager of Public Utilities Jason Newberry told of the need for the polyblend mixers that are needed at the Water Treatment plant. These mix the chemicals into the raw water and is more efficient

by using less. Council member Valentine made a motion to approve this Resolution as presented. Council member Heersche seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting “AYE” were Council members Etter, Heersche, Dodds, Soria, and Valentine. There were no “NAY” votes. Number 5901 was assigned to this Resolution.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT ON LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS (*includes Restrictive Covenant Agreement*) was introduced and considered. Public Works Director Jones explained the restrictive covenant, and paperwork needs filled out and updated to keep the covenant in place. Since the City has acquired some of the land, one is mandated for the County and one for the City. He stated nothing is being added that wasn’t already there. Council member Dodds made a motion to approve this Resolution as presented. Council member Soria seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting “AYE” were Council members Soria, Valentine, Etter, Heersche, and Dodds. There were no “NAY” votes. Number 5902 was assigned to this Resolution.

OTHER

City Manager Shields told of the plans for the 4th of July fireworks show that will be at Hargis Creek Watershed. Director Jones suggested that the majority of the parking would be best on the west side as there are more open areas. The City staff will work with the fireworks shooter to prohibit use in unsafe areas. Council member Valentine asked where the fireworks shooter will be located. Director Jones stated he will be in the southeast area of the emergency spillway and the dam. City Manager Shields stated firework sales will be from July 1-4 10:00 am-10:00 pm and until Midnight on the 4th. City Manager Shields stated that cleanup is a major problem the City faces each year. Director Jones explained that the City street sweeper will not pick up large firework debris. It would be their responsibility of the home owners to pick up after themselves.

City Manager Shields reminded everyone the Board of Zoning Appeals applications are still being accepted until June 27th. This is not a position that has a regular meeting night, they meet as needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council member Heersche moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, 75-419 (b) (1). The session shall include the City Manager, Mayor, Council, and the City Attorney until 7:40 pm. The Council reconvened in open session at 7:40 pm with no binding action taken.

Council recessed into a second Executive Session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, 75-419 (b) (1). The session shall include the City Manager, Mayor, Council, and the City Attorney until 7:55 pm. Council reconvened in open session at 7:55 pm with no binding action taken.

STUDY ITEMS

City Manager Shields told the City valuation has been received from Sumner County. The valuation is \$44,054,755, which is a decline from the last valuation of \$1,019,258. A budget work session is needed as the critical time is July 1st if an election is needed. The total computed tax levy limit is \$2,601,754. He continued the Council can levy that amount without requiring an election, if you go above that, we have to have an election. If Council wishes to levy that amount, it would result in a levy of 37.184, or an increase from the current levy of 2.602. Expenditures as presented would still need to be reduced by \$28,900, or obviously create more revenue. City Manager Shields gave other options if Council wishes to keep levy the way it is. It would be a reduction of General Fund expenditures of \$131,700. Council could increase utility revenue by 1% and that would result in an increase of \$187,611

to the General Fund. The FAA grant consensus was to apply for the grant. The 9th Street project and the Quiet Zone projects are another option to reduce. The consensus of Council is to not have an election. The next work session will be decided at the Council meeting on July 3, 2018.

A motion to adjourn was made. Motion carried

Approved and filed this day July 3, 2018.

Mayor

City Clerk