

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Regular Session on July 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 Reverend Andy Hargrove of First United Methodist Church.

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

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, Public Works Director Jeremy Jones, Police Chief Tracy Heath and Airport Manager Matt Wiebe.

Council member Dodds made a motion to amend the agenda to include a street closing of 1400 N. Poplar. Council member Valentine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Bill Rhiley, 403 S. West Road, spoke about the Crestview Heights lots. Mr. Rhiley has purchased the remaining lots in Crestview Heights. He proposed to Council that they suspend special assessment taxes on the lots purchased. Mr. Rhiley would like to have 60 days after the sale of lots and building permits submitted before the special taxes are due again. He stated that the Council would not be losing any money. City Manager Shields stated that the Council does not have the authority to suspend the specials. They are due until 2022 and are in effect. For phase 2 lots, the annual specials are about \$620.00. The phase 1 lots annual specials are \$1,700.00. They could be abated and during the last couple of years they have been abated and the City has just lost that money. He also told that the phase 2 lots do not have streets completed. Of the 50 lots only 25 have been assessed for the street, water, and sanitary sewer improvements. All 50 lots were assessed for a 12 inch water main, sanitary sewer main, and sanitary drainage. Council member Dodds asked if the specials are assigned to repay a bond. City Manager Shields answered that is correct. Mr. Rhiley would like to suspend the Specials not abate them. City Attorney DeJarnett will look into the suspending of the Specials.

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) Work Session of June 13, 2018
- 2) Regular Session of June 19, 2018

➤ APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS

- 1) Payroll Report for June 10-23, 2018 in the amount of \$235,395.00
- 2) ACH Authorization Voucher #1107 for BCBS for June 13-19, 2018
- 3) ACH Authorization Voucher #1108 for BCBS for June 20-26, 2018
- 4) EFT for Airport Fuel for July 1, 2018
- 5) Claims Register for June 16-30, 2018 in the amount of \$1,569,155.25

➤ RECEIPT OF COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Local Retailer Sales Tax & Compensating Use Tax for May 2018
- 2) SRMC Financial Report for May 2018
- 3) HCA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2018
- 4) Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes for March 15, 2018
- 5) Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for May 22, 2018
- 6) Airport Authority Board Meeting Minutes for May 21, 2018
- 7) Housing Authority Board of Director's Meeting Minutes for May 22, 2018
- 8) Media Release of June 27, 2018: 2018 Fireworks Display at Hargis Creek Watershed
- 9) Media Release of June 28, 2018: Sanitation Schedule for July 4-6, 2018

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Heersche welcomed Pastor Andy Hargrove to town. She also mentioned during this holiday to please be courteous to your neighbors when you shoot off fireworks.

Council member Soria had some interaction with a couple wanting to move to Wellington. After the couple visited the streets and looked at houses they were concerned with the blighted houses. He asked the Council what needs to be done to get rid of these blighted houses. He asked if the City gives tickets for this problem.

Council member Etter called into the meeting by phone at 6:50 pm

Council member Valentine talked about the actions to remove blighted houses. He praised Sherry's Army for their work that has been done. One of the concerns is to remove trash and appliances outside the homes that are blighted. The city needs to be firm but fair and action needs to be taken. City Manager Shields explained what blight is. Council member Hawley told of the need for serious action to be taken to get rid of this situation. She has lost renters because of trashy houses next door.

Council member Valentine asked Public Works Director Jones about past actions. Director Jones stated that they try to stay to the structural problems that homes have, not appearances. He told it was hard to get that done. City Attorney DeJarnett described problem of costs and writing tickets doesn't take care of the problem. Whatever action the City takes comes down to a dollar amount. Getting people to comply is the problem at hand. These issues are in Caldwell and Belle Plaine cities as well. Mayor Hansel stated that our community isn't alone, there needs to be laws passed to demand higher standards of our neighbors and their homes. It is definitely a community challenge. She also asked the public to be courteous with fireworks. And thanked J.P. Buellesfeld & volunteers for the flags that are all over town.

Council member Valentine told the public to be safe with fireworks. He also told of the passing of Ron Walton. He stated our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Council member Etter mentioned blight and awards for businesses and residential citizens. He thinks something can be done to encourage citizens to keep their residences clean and neat.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Street Closing on 1400 N. Poplar for the July 4th Holiday. City Manager said is a closing for 4th of July celebration and the contact person is Sharon Brice. Council member Valentine made a motion to approve the street closing. Council member Heersche seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Special Event Retailer's Permit-Chamber of Commerce/2018 Wheat Festival Beer Garden-Memo from City Clerk Mericle. City Clerk Mericle stated this is the CMB for the beer garden and doesn't need approval from the Council, but is mainly for your awareness. Council member Soria asked if fire arms were going to be allowed to be carried. Police Chief Heath stated no, you cannot possess any firearms there. Kelly Ford, Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the Wheat Festival and Picnic in the Park. The City staff will be sponsoring the meal that evening. The event on Thursday the 12th is going to be started with an invocation and a salute to our soldiers, and will end with Gospel Singing on Sunday.

Letter from Sumner County Commissioners Public Hearing re: Vacating portion of Meridian Road. City Manager Shields stated this is a notice of a hearing the City has received. A request has been submitted from BNSF to vacate this portion of Meridian road. The hearing is July 17th at 9:30 am. The staff concern is for those residents who live east of Lincoln Street, as this is there only entrance to this area. This is mainly to inform council of what is happening. Council member Dodds asked if the residents have been notified of this situation. City Manager Shields is not sure, but legal notices have been in the paper for a public notice. He believes it was in the Belle Plaine news. Council member Heersche has a concern with public safety and no connection to emergency vehicles if needed. Chief Heath stated this would close the south direction and it would make Lincoln Street the main entrance and exit. Mayor Hansel asked if there was any way to annex the area so it could stay open. Council member Dodds stated that residents would have to object to the County Commissioners and explain why it should remain open and it would be there decision. The direction from the Council is to voice some concern with the closure to the County Commissioners.

Update: BNSF Meeting of June 26, 2018. City Manager Shields reported that he and Public Works Director Jones met with three BNSF representatives and their intent was to make sure the city was interested and cooperative with the new plan. They are wanting to make a sealed corridor and this would mean an overpass or underpass for vehicles at crossings. BNSF are hiring a consultant to begin looking into the feasibility that can accomplish this for the future. He said nothing is being asked of the City at this time. City Manager Shields discussed the history of the quiet zones and the Washington and Jefferson crossings. Director Jones explained that BNSF was sensitive to the efforts of the Quiet Zone project, and blocked tracks.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Public Hearings held during tonight's meeting.

ORDINANCES

There were no Ordinances for tonight's meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING BIDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH KOEHN MOTORS OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE FORD 2019 POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,948.18 was introduced and considered. Police Chief Heath told this is the rebid for a police vehicle. The City solicited bids from Koehn Motors, Countryside Motors, and Winfield Motors. The bid from Koehn Motors was selected in the amount of \$28,914.00. The vehicle is a Ford Explorer vehicle and will be replacing a 2012 Chevy Impala. Council member Heersche asked if the vehicle is bulletproof. Chief Heath stated that option was not selected and explained they will still need to outfit this vehicle. Council member Soria asked what will happen to the Impala. City Manager Shields stated that it may replace one of the courtesy vehicles for the Airport. Chief Heath told it could possibly

be sold through Purple Wave as well. Council member Valentine made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Council member Hawley seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting “AYE” were Council members Etter, Hawley, Heersche, Dodds, Soria, and Valentine. There were no “NAY” votes. Number 5903 was assigned to this Resolution.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT OFFER AGREEMENT FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF AVIATION, FOR THE 2019 KANSAS AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (KAIP) PROJECT NO. AV-2019-21, FOR WELLINGTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields explained this is the grant that you were informed of at the work session. It is for the design cost of \$75,000 and the City will be paying 10% of that cost. He said the actual construction grant will be applied for at a later date. The amount the City would be responsible for with the construction would be \$120,000. Council member Dodds made a motion to approve this Resolution as presented. Council member Valentine 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 5904 was assigned to this Resolution.

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A NON-FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, PROJECT NO. AJW-ON-AAC-18-AC-00235, FOR THE WELLINGTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields stated this is a flight inspection and was included as a cost known in the project for runway extension. The City portion will be covered by Bond funds. Airport Manager Wiebe told of this project and that it is a flight check to check the precision approach lighting system and the new installation during this project which must be certified. Council member Heersche moved to approve this Resolution as presented. Council member Dodds seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote those voting “AYE” were Council members Dodds, Soria, Valentine, Etter, Hawley, and Heersche. There were no “NAY” votes. Number 5905 was assigned to this Resolution.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH CORNEJO & SONS, L.L.C., OF WICHITA, KANSAS, FOR THE BOUNDARY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$281,235.50 was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields told this is for paving, water, and sewer and is a project that has already been approved. Council member Valentine asked if the funds were available through a bond issue. City Manager Shields stated it is already authorized through the bond issue. Council member Dodds made a motion to approve this Resolution as presented. Council member Heersche seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote those voting “AYE” were Council member Soria, Valentine, Etter, Hawley, Heersche, and Dodds. There were no “NAY” votes. Number 5906 was assigned to this Resolution.

OTHER

Mayor Hansel asked Public Works Director Jones to speak about the Public Fireworks display at Hargis Creek Watershed. Director Jones told about the display. Most of the parking will be on the west side of Hargis Creek. The fireworks igniter will be on the south/east end of the Watershed. All citizens are asked to stay in the permitted areas only during the display.

Council member Soria told that the Veteran’s Room will be open at the Memorial Auditorium on July 12-13 from 1:00-5:00 pm.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

City Manager Shields told that council needs to schedule a work session. Council agreed to schedule it on July 9, 2018, at 6:30 pm to discuss the 2019 budget .

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

Approved and filed this day, July 17, 2018.

Mayor

City Clerk