

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Regular Session on July 17, 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, Joe Soria and Jim Valentine were present at roll call.

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

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**Update - Cowley College/Sumner Campus –Jan Grace, Operations Officer.** She told that on August 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a ribbon cutting at Cowley College. At 11:30 there will be a luncheon for donors, legislatures, and will have tea/coffee, water, and cookies for others attending. Council needs to be there by 1:45 pm and the Mayor will speak at the podium, then photos will be taken. She told she will be having a family reunion for 50 people here in Wellington, and will not be at the school until Wednesday.

Mayor Hansel thanked Cowley College for being the premier sponsor for the Kansas Wheat Festival. Ms. Grace continued that the Ag instructor for Cowley College has moved here to Wellington. She announced that weekend and weeknight sessions will be offered for adults at the College.

**The July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday-US Flag Project.** Several of the volunteers that took part of the project were present. Daniel Yonash, volunteer who helped put out the flags also introduced Joe Stewart, who picked up some of the flags. He said the volunteers put about 1000 flags along the streets for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Sherry Kline, volunteer, said she and her granddaughters put out the flags by Pioneer Cemetery. A total of 50 volunteers helped put out the flags.

City Manager Shields introduced Ben Heasty as the interim Golf Superintendent. Derek Harrison has resigned but will continue operating the Pro Shop. Mayor Hansel welcomed him. Mr. Heasty told that next week the golf course will have 125 kids playing for the Kansas Junior Section Team and Match play. He explained how the tournament works. Council member Etter stated that was definitely a good amount of kids and parents visiting our town.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1) Regular Session of July 3, 2018
- 2) Work Session of July 9, 2018

➤ **APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS**

- 1) Payroll Report for June 24-July 7, 2018 in the amount of \$243,332.05
- 2) ACH Authorization Voucher #1109 for BCBS for June 27-July 3, 2018
- 3) ACH Authorization Voucher #1110 for BCBS for July 4-10, 2018
- 4) Claims Register for July 1-13, 2018 in the amount of \$1,313,298.46

➤ **RECEIPT OF COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Clerk's Report for June 2018
- 2) Electric, Waterworks, Sewage Utility Operating Fund for June 2018
- 3) Building/Demo Permit Report for June 2018
- 4) Police Activity Report for June 2018
- 5) Ambulance Monthly Financial Report for June 2018
- 6) Fire/EMS Activity/ Overtime Revenue Report for June 2018
- 7) WRC Board Meeting Minutes for April 24, & May 22, 2018
- 8) Correspondence from Bob Leftwich re: Support for Infrastructure Development, Hwy 160

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

Mayor Hansel shared her condolences to several people for the loss of loved ones.

Council member Valentine told about Tammy Herrington's passing, she was a friend he used to run with for 12 years. He and all that knew her, will miss her.

Council member Soria thanked John Bales for the information regarding the Electric Department. He also thanked citizens for mowing their yards, however reminded people not to blow clippings in the street. Council member Soria told of the passing of Beverle Knoepfel this last week.

Council member Dodds reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July show at Hargis Creek. He said it was a good program and not much trash was left at the site. He also recognized the Chamber for a successful Wheat Festival. He congratulated City staff for serving food at Picnic in the Park, and thanked City staff for cleaning up after each event during the Wheat Festival. City Manager Shields told that the Water Distribution dept. fixed a leak under a carnival ride at the Wheat Festival. He commended all the staff for their help.

Council member Heersche thanked the Wellington Young Professionals for all of the excellent programs they had during the Wheat Festival. She also told that her 106 year old Grandfather passed away. Council member Valentine told of Council member Heersche's Grandfathers WWII experiences.

Council member Hawley announced a neighborhood cleanup this Saturday by Sherry's Army. She is asking for volunteers at the Armory on Saturday morning at 8:00 am.

Council member Etter thanked the volunteers for all the hard work during the Wheat Festival. Staff members were seen early on Saturday morning picking up trash, and he wants to recognize those efforts to keep our town looking good.

Mayor Hansel thanked the Picnic in the Park staff for serving the meal. She thanked Stacey Fair for adding the pasta salad this year to the menu. Mayor Hansel said she saw Director Jones and staff picking up trash in the downtown area with Sanitation trucks.

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

**Board of Zoning Appeals Appointment-Memo from City Clerk Mericle.** She told a resignation from the Board of Zoning Appeals occurred in May. After advertising this, one applicant applied. His name is Jason Symons. During the July 9<sup>th</sup> work session Council discussed the applicant and is bringing it to the meeting this evening for approval. Council member Etter made a motion to approve

adding Jason Symons to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council member Heersche seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Kansas Power Pool- Pool Community Solar Project (KPP Pamphlet included).** City Manager Shields provided the Council information about this potential project. KPP is estimating that this will be a one Community Solar unit, with the cost to KPP of \$25,000 and the cost to the city who participates is \$22,000. He continued that with the work session next Tuesday with KPP, Council will be able to ask more questions regarding this option. The work session is on Tuesday, July 24, at the Public Safety building at 6:30 pm.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

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

#### **ORDINANCES**

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING LAND TO THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS (*Greg's Landing, includes Petition for Annexation & Plat Map*) was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields explained this is a petition for annexation in the Coyote Ridge addition area submitted to the Council by the Lacie L. Gregory Irrevocable Trust. It is approximately 4.48 acres that will be annexed into the city. Council member Valentine made a motion to approve this Ordinance as presented. Council member Etter 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 4224 was assigned to this Ordinance.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH GRAYBAR, OF SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI, FOR ELEVEN TRANSFORMERS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,066.93, FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION was introduced and considered. Assistant City Manager for Utilities Jason Newberry told that this is simply to replace the transformers that are used each year. Bids were sent to five vendors and all replied. He continued that Graybar has the lowest bid and staff is recommending that Council moves forward with the Resolution. Council member Etter 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 Hawley, Heersche, Dodds, Soria, Valentine and Etter. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5907 was assigned to this Resolution.

#### **OTHER**

City Manager Shields gave an update regarding the Special Assessment taxes on Crestview Heights, the Council does not have the authority to suspend the taxes. This was confirmed by the Attorney and the Bond Council Kevin Cowen.

City Manager Shields also updated the Council on the hearing to vacate Meridian road that was held this morning by the Sumner County Commissioners. After discussion, they declined to vacate the road.

City Manager Shields reminded Council of the work session on July 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm at the Public Safety building. This is the KPP orientation. It will be the sole topic and takes about 90 minutes to complete.

Mayor Hansel asked about the budget work session since she was not in attendance. City Manager Shields told of the consensus by Council. The budget will be brought to the Council at the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. It will be published and the public hearing will be on August 21<sup>st</sup> for the budget final approval

Council member Valentine thanked everyone for the Wheat Festival planning and execution. He gave a special thanks to John Munro and Daniel Lovell for We the People speech he gave.

Council member Soria asked for a work session in August regarding the blight issue. It was the consensus to choose a date for the work session at the first meeting in August. City Manager Shields said Director Jones is researching how other cities handle the issue. Staff will have some proposals to consider, refine and possibly make some amendments to our own code.

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

Approved and filed this day August 7, 2018.

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Mayor

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City Clerk