

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Regular Session on October 4, 2016 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 John Bliss of First Baptist Church.

Council members Bill Butts, Kip Etter, Kelly Hawley, Jan Korte, Jim Valentine and Vince Wetta were present at roll call.

Members of the Staff present were City Manager Shane Shields, City Clerk Carol Mericle, Public Works Director Jeremy Jones and Fire Chief Tim Hay.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no audience participation included in the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Korte moved to approve the consent agenda. Council member Butts seconded. The motion carried. The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda.

➤ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1) Regular Session of September 20, 2016
- 2) Work Session of September 26, 2016

➤ **APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS**

- 1) Payroll Report for September 4 - 17, 2016 in the amount of \$216,859.07
- 2) ACH Authorization Voucher #1016 for BCBS for September 7 - 13, 2016
- 3) ACH Authorization Voucher #1017 for BCBS for September 14 - 20, 2016
- 4) ACH Authorization Voucher #1018 for BCBS for September 21 - 27, 2016
- 5) Claims Register for September 16 - 30, 2016 in the amount \$1,365,982.66.

➤ **RECEIPT OF COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Sales Tax & Compensating Use Tax for August 2016
- 2) Housing Authority Board Meeting Minutes for August 23, 2016
- 3) Street Closing – Fall Fest, BBQ Stands, October 7 & 8, 2016
- 4) Street Closing – Fall Fest, Library Activities, October 8, 2016

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Valentine complimented Tom McAlister on the improvements made to the former Apple Market building.

Mayor Hansel reminded everyone that there are Fall Festival and Homecoming activities coming up this weekend: The parade starts Thursday at 6:00 p.m., the Homecoming game is on Friday and the Fall Festival activities start at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. She also commented there are eight class reunions in town this weekend.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Memorial Auditorium Board Vacancy – Memo from City Clerk Mericle. City Clerk Mericle reminded the Council of the vacancy in the Memorial Auditorium Board which occurred in the middle of September. The City sent out a public service announcement that we were accepting applications for this vacancy until September 30th. We did not receive any new applications so only the five applications that were submitted for the first round were considered. She requested a motion for the Council's choice to fill the vacancy.

Council member Valentine moved to appoint Mr. Pete Zavala to the Memorial Auditorium Board vacancy. Council member Butts seconded. The motion carried.

City Manager Shields added for the viewing public that may not have been aware, the Council met for a Work Session this evening at 6:00 p.m. before this meeting and the purpose was to discuss the Memorial Auditorium Vacancy and review those five applications. Several of those applicants were present for the session.

Chamber of Commerce Projects. Manager Shields shared this was a follow-up from a Work Session last week and one of the Chamber projects, a kiosk, was discussed. He confirmed ADA requirements are met with the design. He invited Chamber Director White to discuss the details and told the Council they would need to approve the plans to let the Chamber proceed.

Director White shared that this is the first of several projects and a great opportunity to involve our high school to build the visitor information kiosk and work with the Public Works department to refine some of the future projects.

Manager Shields added that the Council would be considering putting the informational kiosk on the Antler's Lot. It will probably be placed temporarily, allowing the development of a more detailed plan for that entire lot in the future.

Council member Wetta motioned to authorize the Chamber to utilize the lot at 7th & Washington to place an informational visitor's kiosk there. Council member Butts seconded. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings included in the agenda.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances items included in the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT/AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS AND THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (H-GAC) FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING (includes contract/agreement) was introduced and considered.

Manager Shields introduced the resolution and added that it was brought to us by Fire Chief Tim Hay. He informed the Council that Attorney Brown had already reviewed the contract.

Chief Hay explained that this is another resource that the entire city could use to save money on large item purchases. Manager Shields added that this program came to their attention as Chief Hay is beginning to prepare the specs for the ambulance purchase that was approved for 2017.

Council member Etter asked if anyone knew of the potential savings. Chief Hay responded that Winfield and Parsons had already used the program to purchase fire trucks but did not have the specific savings they incurred. Council member Etter asked if there were any fees for this and Chief Hay explained there is only a fee when a purchase is made.

Council member Valentine asked where the fee would be paid out of and Manager Shields replied the fee would be paid out of the same Fund that the item was budgeted to be paid from.

Council member Korte moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Council member Butts seconded. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Butts, Etter, Hawley, Korte, Wetta and Valentine. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5773 was assigned to this resolution.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN OPERATION AGREEMENT WITH SUMNER COUNTY RURAL WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 OF SUMNER COUNTY, KANSAS, AND THE CITY OF WELLINGTON FOR MAINTENANCE FLUSHING ON THE HYDRANT LOCATED ONE-HALF MILE NORTH OF HIGHWAY 160 ON WOODLAWN, IN OXFORD, KANSAS (includes operation agreement) was introduced and considered.

Manager Shields explained that it simply provides an agreement with RWD #1. This provides the method that will be used should either the City or RWD #1 need to flush their systems. If we are flushing because of our need, it will not be billed to them. Attorney Brown has reviewed the agreement and approved it.

Council member Korte moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Council member Wetta seconded. Upon roll call vote, those voting “AYE” were Council members Butts, Etter, Hawley, Korte, Wetta and Valentine. There were no “NAY” votes. Number 5774 was assigned to this resolution.

STUDY ITEMS

There were no study items included in the agenda.

OTHER

Manager Shields informed the Council that Attorney Mike Brown was not here this evening due to a diagnosis of pneumonia. He has doctor orders to stay home for a week and that is why he is not present this evening.

Manager Shields also reported a Work Session would need to be scheduled to discuss the financing options for the upcoming Airport project, Raw Water Consent Order, and Westborough Street projects, as deadlines are approaching. There was further discussion on these issues and a Work Session was scheduled for Monday, October 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Hansel thanked Patrick and Rick Hamlin for a successful Airport Fly-In event. She read a thank you from a pilot who attended.

Manager Shields said there is a meeting with the Kansas Department of Commerce regarding the CDBG program on housing rehabilitation on October 12th from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. at City Hall. He also told there is no update on the Lincoln Place building. He also reminded Council of the League of Kansas Municipalities conference this weekend.

Chamber Director White announced the rail grain terminal near Milan is holding guided tours for visitors through Wednesday, Oct. 5th, and you must sign up online for a visit. She also explained some of the projects at the construction site.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and carried.

Approved and filed this 18th day of October, 2016.

Mayor

City Clerk