

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Regular Session on November 21, 2017 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 Associate Pastor Jason Bruns of First Freewill Baptist Church.

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

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

Upon recommendation from City Manager Shields, Council member Butts moved to amend the Agenda to put the Employee Service Awards first in Audience Participation. Jan Korte seconded the motion and it carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Employee Service Awards. Mayor Hansel and City Manager Shields presented certificates to employees that were present who have celebrated milestones in their service to the City. The entire list of employees include those honored for 10 years of service were Sherri Estes, Court Clerk, and Randy Cary, Electric Production Department. Those honored for 15 years were Seth Henton, Park Department, Justin Dry, Electric Production, Jason Rains, Electric Distribution, Javan Wright, Fire Department, and Keith Westmoreland, Police Department. Those honored for 20 years of service were Carol Mericle, City Clerk, Daniel Thompson, Police Department, Robert Wilson, Police Department, Jeff Mraz, Fire Department, Leroy Lake, Street Department, John McDaniel, Street Department, Michael Neal, Electric Production, and Randy Redford, Electric Distribution. Those honored for 25 years were Roger Estes, Electric Production, and Jason Blasi, Water Distribution. Those honored for 30 years of service were Dan Thomas, Electric Distribution, and Shirley Fox, Crossing Guard. Those honored for 35 years of service were Darren Vargas, Street Department, and Roy Kabureck, Park Department.

Council Members Elect Jennifer Heersche, and Joe Soria were present to address the Mayor and Council. Joe Soria read a memo to the Council regarding the Sanitation proposal and asked that the vote regarding the GO bonds be delayed until January 16, 2018, after the new Council is seated.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Korte moved to amend the minutes to remove the name of Kip Etter in the last line of page 2, as he was not present at that meeting. Council member Butts, seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council member Korte, moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Council member Butts, seconded the motion. The motion carried. The following items were approved under the Consent Agenda.

➤ APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Regular Session of November 7, 2017

➤ APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS

- 1) Payroll Report for October 29- November 11, 2017 \$223,486.52
- 2) Payroll Report for October 29-November 11, 2017 Holiday Savings \$31,152.00
- 3) ACH Authorization Voucher #1076 for BCBS for November 1-7, 2017
- 4) ACH Authorization Voucher #1077 for BCBS for November 8-14, 2017

5) Claims Register for November 1-17, 2017 \$1,532,013.72

➤ RECEIPT OF COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Clerk's Report for October 2017
- 2) Electric Waterworks Sewage Utility Operating Report for October 2017
- 3) Police Activity Report for October 2017
- 4) Ambulance Monthly Financial Report for October 2017
- 5) Fire/EMS Activity/Overtime/Revenue Report for October 2017
- 6) Fire/EMS Newsletter for October & November 2017
- 7) SRMC Financial Report for October 2017
- 8) HCA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2017
- 9) Media Release of November 17, 2017-Planning Commissions Vacancy

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Wetta spoke about the employee service awards and thanked the employees for their service. He told about suicides among Veterans and a movement in town to recognize Veterans. Jan Grace, of Cowley College, spoke on developing a program for military Veterans. She asked for ideas on how to organize a group to do this in Wellington. Jan shared that the college is progressing nicely.

Council member Valentine thanked the employees for their hard work and commitment to the City. He also shared about the Veterans program that was held at WHS. He added that Manuel Soria was missed this year, as he had been a significant part of the Veterans Day programs in the past. Council member Valentine gave a hats off to the Harvey Street project. He also spoke regarding a book by Frank Bruins on Vietnam, as many Vietnam Veterans are still fighting memories, and said we definitely need to do something to help the Veterans.

Council member Korte had received a message this evening about the Harvey street project. Thanks to the Street Dept. for the great job.

Council member Wetta shared information regarding the Airport project saying they are a little behind with the sewer part, and the Airport road should be open within two weeks.

Council member Butts asked Director Jones about the mastic filling for cracks in the streets. Director Jones shared that it was made to seal cracks and smooth the streets. The mastic is for the deep and wide cracks on the roads.

Mayor Hansel thanked all of the City Employees for their service. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Mayor Hansel mentioned the Highway 81 project and stated she appreciates the street projects.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Donation Proposal-Golf Cart Storage Building. City Manager Shields told of a proposal from Mr. Galen Greene, presented to the City to help fund a new Golf Storage Building. The building will be an 80 x 100 ft. building. The proposal is that they would provide enough storage for the entire fleet and room for expansion with 22 private spots. Golf Course Director Harrison shared we have a very small

fleet of 31 carts. The new facility would allow us to expand for storage of up to 60-70 carts. There would be 22 private stalls that would be leased out by Hagar and Greene. The cart rentals would make up the difference of the loss to the City from the private rentals. He continued that on a consistent basis, we turn down customers for lack of enough rental carts. This is approximately a \$150,000 donation. Council member Korte asked about a private business going through Harrison Golf Management instead of the City. City Manager Shields stated that part of the agreement was changed and it will not go through Harrison Golf Management but through a private source to Hagar and Greene. He stated no action is necessary this evening, only a proposal to accept a donation on the storage building. The consensus of the Council was to proceed.

Street Closing Request, Chamber of Sumner County Moms, “Christmas on the Trail Parade”, December 2, 2017 10:00-Noon, 3rd & Washington to 8th & Washington. Chamber Director Kelly Ford told that Christmas on the Trail will kick off the Christmas season with a parade from downtown to the Memorial Auditorium. At 6:00 pm, there will be a Christmas tree lighting in the Antler’s Lot. Council member Korte made a motion to approve the street closing request, Council member Butts seconded the motion. Motion carried. Director Ford also told that the Memorial Auditorium will be hosting a Christmas Gala on December 16th, which will be a black tie event and the cost is \$25.00 per person. The Great Plains Symphony will be the entertainment for the evening. There will be opportunities to be sponsors for the event.

Street Closing Request, First Christian Church Live Nativity. Mayor Hansel told it will be on December 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. from 9th Street in front of First Christian Church between Jefferson & Washington, and the alley beside the Church. Council member Korte made a motion to approve the street closing. Council member Butts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

No Public Hearings were on the agenda for the meeting

ORDINANCES

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING LAND TO THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS (*Cox Land, Boundary Road*) was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields said this is a petition for annexation presented by Larry Theurer, property agent for Joyce A. Cox, the property owner and is at the NW corner of US 160 and Boundary Road. This accomplishes the rest of the area necessary to do the improvements to Boundary Road. He told the utilities are near the site if needed. Council member Korte made a motion to approve the annexation. Council member Butts seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting “AYE” were council members Butts, Valentine, Wetta, Etter, Hawley, and Korte. There were no “NAY” votes. Number 4217 was assigned to this Ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,100,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CERTAIN REFUSE COLLECTION BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields stated this is simply authorizing the issuance and authorizing the project. John Haas, Bond Financial Advisor, presented a handout to the Council regarding the Resolution on GO Bonds, showing the cost of the issuance and the proposed timeline. Two million dollars is for the cost of construction for the recycle project and automation of the Sanitation process. John Haas said the loss of money if the bonds are not approved in the end would be \$10,000. City Manager Shields told that the Council has three options. Option #1 is to set aside the Resolution and not

proceed. Option #2 is to proceed with this Resolution and call for the sale of the Bonds on the 2nd of January. Option #3 is to approve the Resolution to get the process started and not call for the sale of bonds until the new Council members take office. Council member Etter asked about the potential Sanitation rate increase. City Manager Shields said the rate increase is 5% in the 2018 budget and it will go into effect January 1st. Council member Etter also asked about the status of purchasing another truck. Director Jones stated the 2006 truck needs to be replaced as soon as this is decided upon. Council member Etter stated this was not a new project, Director Jones has put a lot of time into this project and this is something that is needed. After looking at going with a private company, it was found to not be the best option. Council member Etter thinks that it is best to proceed with the plans and not delay. He made a motion to go ahead with the project. Council member Korte shared she was against this in the beginning, however after much discussion was had with Director Jones and studying the project, she is now for it. However, she is not ready to push it through now. The motion died due to lack of a second. Council member Etter asked about this proposal allowing new business at the transfer station. Director Jones said they currently have two haulers and have been contacted by another one from Wichita. That is new business of about \$70,000 for the facility. With the volume running now, Director Jones is not sure it can handle that capacity and said within the proposal is a larger tipping floor. Council member Valentine made a motion to table the Resolution until the new Council is in office after January 16th. The motion died with the lack of a second. Council member Wetta moved to accept the Option #3 to authorize the project and bonds and then delay the next vote until January 16th and the new Council is seated. Council member Etter seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Wetta, Etter, Hawley and Korte. Those voting "NAY" were Council members Butts and Valentine. Number 5859 was assigned to this Resolution. John Haas spoke in regards to the decision to authorize the project but no further action will take place until the new Council directs City Manager Shields to proceed. After the 2nd publication of this Resolution there is a 30-day protest period until December 29th to file a petition.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH KENNETH L. COOPER JR. CPA, CHTD FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2017 was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields told this is to approve the agreement for the audit of 2017. Mr. Cooper is proposing a single year contract with a proposed fee of \$23,000. A single audit, if needed, will be \$7,500. Council member Korte made a motion to allow the execution of this agreement. Council member Butts seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Butts, Valentine, Wetta, Hawley, and Korte. Voting "NAY" was Council member Etter. Number 5860 was assigned to this Resolution.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A BID, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH APS FIRE COMPANY, OF BROKEN ARROW, OKLAHOMA, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FIRE SYSTEM AT THE CITY OF WELLINGTON GAS TURBINE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,992.89 was introduced and considered. Public Works Director Newberry told that 2 bids were sent out and only one returned for this bid. He is recommending that the Council approve the resolution. The bid is over the \$100,000 budgeted amount and we propose using the money that is budgeted to replenish the fuel at the turbine site, as the funds will not be needed for that. Council member Etter made a motion to approve this Resolution. Council member Korte seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Hawley, Korte, Butts, Valentine, Wetta, and Etter. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5861 was assigned to this Resolution.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE ORDER WITH R.E. PEDROTTI COMPANY INC. OF MISSION, KANSAS, FOR UPGRADING THE CONTROL SYSTEM (SCADA) FOR THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, WATER PRODUCTION PLANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,735 was introduced and considered. Director Newberry shared this was a proposal for the computer control that is tied to the pumps, and filters. The SCADA system pumps water into the tanks. This proposal was submitted to three different companies. The R.E. Pedrotti Company came in with the low bid of \$109,735. It is staff's recommendation that we proceed with this project. Council member Korte made a motion to approve this Resolution. Council member Butts seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Butts, Valentine, Wetta, Etter, Hawley and Korte. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5862 was assigned to this Resolution.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council member Korte made a motion to recess into Executive session that will be held for discussions relating to acquisition of real property, 75-419 (b) (6), to include City Manager Shields, Attorney DeJarnett, Director Jones, Mayor Hansel and the Council for a time not to exceed 10 minutes. Council member Etter seconded the motion. Motion carried. The council reconvened at 8:12 pm with no binding action taking place during the Executive session. City Manager Shields gave an update on the McAlister building. There is a delay on Lincoln Place Building. He said the delay to that process is the access agreement for the building to the north. It is needed by the company to safely demo the Lincoln Place building. The City is negotiating the access with the owner of the building, Tom McAlister. The options for the access are the City continues with eminent domain which will cost \$14,000 in legal costs and would be on a 90-120 day moving deadline and possibly rebidding the entire project with Bradburn. The second option is to purchase his building and he is asking \$78,000, which the City staff feels is too high. The third option is to continue working with Mr. McAlister and consider giving the space to him after demolition. Council member Valentine made a motion to go with Option 3 and continue working with Mr. McAlister. Council member Wetta seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those Council members voting "AYE" were Council members Wetta, Hawley, Korte, Butts, and Valentine. Voting "NAY" was Council member Etter.

Council member Korte made a motion to recess into Executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, 75-419 (b) (1), to include Mayor Hansel, and the Council, with City Manager Shields available to call for a time not to exceed 10 minutes. Council member Etter seconded the motion. Motion carried. The council reconvened at 8:30 pm with no binding action taking place during the Executive session.

OTHER

City Manager Shields stated there is an opening on the Planning Commission with Council member elect Heersche being elected to the Council. Also the City Clerk's office has initiated the notice of the application process for the Board/Commissions for the new year. These are due on December 31, 2017. A work session will take place on 12/11/17 at 6:00 pm.

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

Mayor

City Clerk