

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Regular Session on November 1, 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 Zane Brooks of First Freewill Baptist Church. Mayor Hansel requested an update on the renovation of his church's new location and he provided it, anticipating a grand opening in February 2017. He welcomed everyone to their walk thru at that time.

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, City Attorney Mike Brown, Fire Chief Tim Hay and Utility Director Jason Newberry.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Veterans Day Proclamation. Manuel Soria and Jim Valentine accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the American Legion Post #90 of Wellington, KS, read by Mayor Hansel. Council member Valentine informed the group that there will be a Veteran's program at the Wellington High School at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 11th. He encouraged everyone to attend.

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) Work Session of October 17, 2016
 - 2) Regular Session of October 18, 2016
- APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS
 - 1) Payroll Report for October 2 - 15, 2016 in the amount of \$219,296.72
 - 2) ACH Authorization Voucher #1021 for BCBS for October 12 - 18, 2016
 - 3) ACH Authorization Voucher #1022 for BCBS for October 19 - 25, 2016
 - 4) Claims Register for October 15 - 31, 2016 in the amount of \$1,326,110.38
- RECEIPT OF COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE
 - 1) Sales Tax & Compensating Use Tax for September 2016

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Wetta shared that he talked at the Veterans Day celebration a few years back and it was a great experience. He encourages all to attend. The BNSF railroad will be giving the Kennedy Elementary School a check for \$5,000 on Saturday and he shared this in support of the railroad and the great things they do for our community.

Council member Valentine echoed his support for attending Veteran's Day celebration and added there was a surprise at the end. He shared that everyone is a veteran and we serve under the same flag and must remain united. He thought the Trick or Treat - Down the Street event was a great success that proves our support of our children.

Council member Butts told that he had the pleasure of playing golf in a fundraising tournament which won the National Championship.

Mayor Hansel encouraged everyone to attend the Veteran's Day program on the 11th; and thanked everyone for a successful Trick or Treat - Down the Street event, she reminded everyone about Daylight

Savings time change on Sunday the 6th and to change the batteries on your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. Chief Hay said the fire station has some smoke detectors and batteries for those that need them.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

There were no reports of City Officials on the agenda.

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 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS AND MEDICLAIMS, INC OF TONKAWA, OKLAHOMA TO FILE INSURANCE CLAIMS AND PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES was introduced and considered.

Manager Shields introduced the resolution as an EMS billing change. We currently process in house. He invited Fire chief Tim Hay to explain further. He shared that there has been changes in medical coding that necessitated them looking at several new programs. They anticipate this change to increase revenue 10-30%.

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 5777 was assigned to this resolution.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO WELLINGTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, AN EXISTING PUBLIC BUILDING IN THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF was introduced and considered.

Manager Shields introduced the resolution. He told this is the authorizing resolution for the Airport project providing for General Obligation bonds. Whether those are sold locally or otherwise can be determined at a later date. He said that Airport Director Hamlin was notified last Friday that the F.A.A. is considering changing the scope of the project, which is to move the lagoons to a different location other than extending the city sewer to the Airport. Both the City and State have expressed their concerns with the change. If they make that decision, upon official notice, Director Hamlin will have the option of requesting a congressional review and potentially could impact that decision.

Council member Etter moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Council member Hawley seconded. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Butts, Etter, Hawley, Korte, Wetta and Valentine. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5778 was assigned to this resolution.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS, ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS FOR PARALLEL INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF CUSTOMER-OWNED ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES; AND ESTABLISHING NET METERING/PARALLEL GENERATION RATE RIDER FOR CUSTOMER-OWNED RENEWABLE

ENERGY GENERATION FACILITIES; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 5204 OF SAID CITY was introduced and considered.

Manager Shields introduced the resolution and explained that our current solar energy policy has been in place since 2007 and this is updating those standards. The Net Metering Rate Rider is new, and he invited Utility Director Newberry to explain further. Director Newberry added that since technology has changed so much since 2007, they contacted Kansas Municipal Utilities, who shared copies of plans that other municipalities have in place. They used those documents to create a policy that best fit the City of Wellington. It covers both the City of Wellington and the customer, eliminating grey areas. There was some discussion about rates, costs and changes.

Council member Korte moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Council member Etter seconded. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Butts, Etter, Hawley, Korte, Wetta and Valentine. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5779 was assigned to this resolution.

STUDY ITEMS

There were no study items included in the agenda.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Work Session Regarding Raw Water Issue: Manager Shields informed the Council that there was a Work Session scheduled for November 7, 2016 to discuss the raw water issue.

Employee Service Awards: Manager Shields informed these will be presented on December 6th for those employees recognized this past year.

City Building Codes: Manager Shields informed Council that a Work Session will be needed in the near future to present recommended City building codes. Mr. Jack is working on a summary of those codes as requested by one of the Council members.

Street project updates: The Woodlawn project was delayed a few days but was able to be completed. They had oil left, because of changes in regulations, and that allowed them to do more than expected, which is why Harvey Street was done. They also did a section of C Street and did one block to see how that would do long term. They were able to get several sections done with the new chip sealer that was purchased.

Election Law Changes: Manager Shields said he has had some inquiries in the past couple of weeks regarding the election law changes, schedule and process. With the election changes, the filing deadline is now June 1, 2017. The terms that would have been elected in April of 2017 were extended by State statute and a few Council members have their terms extended until January 2018. He continued that if more than 9 candidates register for the three positions, there will be a primary in August of 2017. Six candidates from that primary would continue on to the general election. In the next couple of months, we need to address the fact that it is left up to individual Cities to determine the number of signatures needed to petition to file by office rather than by fee. All candidates file with the County Election Officer, regardless of the class of City and no longer file with the City Clerk.

Lincoln Building Update: Manager Shields reported there was no change, nothing to report on the Lincoln Building. He requested update from insurance adjuster but has not received any reply.

OTHER

A motion to adjourn was seconded and carried.

Approved and filed this 15th day of November, 2016.

Mayor

City Clerk