

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in a Work Session on December 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Room, City Administration Center, with Mayor Shelley Hansel presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hansel.

Council members Kip Etter, Kelly Hawley, Jan Korte, and Bill Butts were present at roll call. Council members Jim Valentine and Vince Wetta were absent at roll call and had previously reported their absence to the City Manager.

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, Public Works Director Jeremy Jones, and Chief of Police Tracy Heath.

Planning Commission Vacancy-applications included. City Clerk Mericle submitted a media release for a 15 day period for the vacancy of Planning Commission member Jennifer Heersche now that she will be on the City Council after January 8, 2018. The City Clerk's office received two applicants for the vacancy on the Planning Commission. The first candidate is Mr. Doug Smith who resides at 114 W. 10th Street. Mr. Smith was present at this meeting. The second candidate is Michael Hollman who resides at 1225 S. Washington. Mr. Hollman was unable to be at tonight's meeting. After some discussion, the consensus was to appoint Mr. Doug Smith to the Planning Commission. The appointment will be voted on at the next regular meeting.

Prisoner Care Expenses. City Attorney Shawn DeJarnett told of previous prisoners being rejected from booking into the County jail. Some prisoners had to receive medical attention and after being taken to hospital for care, some of the county charged offenders expenses were charged to the City. Sumner County should be responsible for their expenses if the charges are through the (County) District Court. He told of a problem with recent prisoners being taken to Wesley hospital. If prisoners are under the influence or are taking drugs they need medical clearance to be booked into jail. These charges are County felony cases and that is creating an issue for us. Attorney DeJarnett continued that the cases originated in the City of Wellington but had been submitted to the County Attorney a few weeks earlier. These type of cases are creating a huge problem for the City. He said if the charges for medical expense involve a prisoner with County charges the expense should be on the County, per State Statue, but have been charged to the City. He suggested that we may have to get a Judge's opinion if necessary to get this solved. Police Chief Heath told of 3 prisoners that went to Wesley hospital because SRMC could not clear them for jail, and in that case, they go to Wesley hospital. There was a problem having staff available to take the prisoner's to Wesley hospital and staying with them until released by Wesley. This is an ongoing problem with the local sheriff's office. The jail personnel will not admit people that have taken drugs. City Attorney DeJarnett told the Council that we need an opinion to know where to go with this problem. He wanted Council to know this is an ongoing problem that may have to be dealt with.

City Prosecutor Services. City Manager Shields said the last contract found was signed in January 2001 for a one year term and ended in 2002. Prosecutor Spencer has not been able to produce another one more recent. At this time, the City could do a bid for services by RFP and see what responses we get. City Manager Shields told of the current pay for our City Prosecutor. The contract began in 2002 at \$1,900.00 a month and now it is up to \$2,269.00 a month. City Attorney DeJarnett shared similar towns average pay is \$3,500.00 such as Winfield and Ark City. In those cities they also pay an hourly rate for over than normal work. The consensus of the Council is to proceed with the RFP.

Governing Body Rules of procedure-revised. City Manager Shields told of the report given out in the agenda that has been revised per each document with changes in red ink. The changes are attendance

at meetings by electronic means, roll call votes on Ordinances and Resolutions to make it totally clear, motions that can be voice vote but can be roll call if requested by the Council, and work session changes.

MISCELLANEOUS

City Manager Shields reminded Council about the Holiday Gala that will be held this Saturday at the Memorial Auditorium.

He also told of the Public Meeting regarding the Automated Trash Service that will be held on December 18th at the Raymond Frye Complex.

The next council meeting will be held on December 19, 2017.

Council member Valentine entered the session at 6:45 pm.

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

Approved and filed this 19th day of December 2017.

Mayor

City Clerk