

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Regular Session on December 19, 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 Reverend Jon Shellenberger of the Church of the Nazarene.

Council members Kip Etter, Kelly Hawley, Jan Korte, Bill Butts, and Jim Valentine were present at roll call. Council member Vince Wetta was absent, with prior approval, at roll call.

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

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

No audience participation during the meeting this evening.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1) Regular Session of December 5, 2017
- 2) Work Session of December 11, 2017

➤ **APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS**

- 1) Payroll Report for November 26-December 9, 2017 \$217,238.11
- 2) ACH Authorization Voucher #1080 for BCBS for November 29-December 5, 2017
- 3) ACH Authorization Voucher #1081 for BCBS for December 6-12, 2017
- 4) Claims Register for December 1-15, 2017 \$1,729,982.80

➤ **RECEIPT OF COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1) Clerk's Report for November 2017
- 2) Electric Waterworks Sewage Utility Operating Report for November 2017
- 3) Code Compliance Violations for November 2017
- 4) Police Activity Report for November 2017
- 5) Ambulance Monthly Financial Report for November 2017
- 6) Fire/EMS Activity/Overtime/Revenue Report for November 2017
- 7) Memorial Auditorium Board Meeting Minutes for November 2, 2017
- 8) WRC Board Meeting Minutes of September 26 & November 24, 2017

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

Council member Valentine read a Christmas poem "Footprints in the Snow" and he wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He also mentioned that he wanted to revisit the animal ordinances. Council member Etter wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Mayor Hansel gave a shout out to the Memorial Auditorium committee, Kelly Hawley and Jeremy Jones for the wonderful Holiday Gala.

She also thanked City Manager Shields and Director Jones for hosting the meeting regarding the sanitation upgrades that are being proposed. It will be on Channel 55 on Wednesday.

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

Planning Commission Board Appointments-City Clerk Mericle told Council this was discussed at the work session on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The position starts on January 8<sup>th</sup> when Jennifer Heersche takes her Council position. There were two candidates who filled out applications, Doug Smith and Michael Hollman. Council member Korte made a motion to appoint Doug Smith to the Planning Commission Board. Council member Butts seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council member Hawley was concerned that the Council has developed an unwritten policy to appoint only the people that show up for the work session to discuss the appointments. She asked if the candidates could be informed they need to come to those meetings when they first apply.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Hansel opened the hearing to amend the 2017 Budget. City Manager Shields shared this was the Employee Benefit Fund that is being amended. It was discussed very early on that we may have to increase this because of the outlook of the fund. He explained the reason for the increased expenditure total. Council member Etter asked if there has been any discussion to have a Council member on the insurance committee. Mayor Hansel closed the public hearing. Council member Korte made a motion to approve the amended budget for 2017. Council member Butts seconded the motion. The motion carried. City Manager Shields told of the employee insurance committee and how it has worked in the past. Director Jones said that the committee has looked at self-funded vs. fully funded plans, different deductibles, and copays. They have talked with a few consultants however they have a hefty price tag to go along with them. Council member Etter told that he feels like the Council needs to have a seat on the committee to vote for increases and changes to the plan on behalf of the Council. Several Council members agreed. Director Jones said he would take the idea to the committee.

#### **ORDINANCES**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-26 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS, AS IT PERTAINS TO RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 4073. City Manager Shields told this is an amendment to the Rules of Procedure discussed at the work session on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The changes reviewed the wording change for executive sessions. Council attendance was the significant change that was made by City Attorney DeJarnett to allow attendance by electronic means. Study session was changed to a work session and the voting by roll call standard procedure. Council member Hawley made a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Council member Korte seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Korte, Butts, Valentine, Etter, and Hawley. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 4220 was assigned to this Ordinance.

#### **RESOLUTIONS**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN SECOND AMENDED FORBEARANCE AGREEMENT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WELLINGTON AND THE HEALTHCARE AUTHORITY AND ST. LUKES HOSPITAL, INC., DBA SUMNER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields said this updates the previous forbearance agreement of 2015. They have been signed by the CEO of the hospital and will go to the Board of Directors this week to be approved. Council member Korte made a motion to approve this resolution. Council member Valentine seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote,

those voting “AYE” were council members Etter, Hawley, Korte, Butts, and Valentine. There were no “NAY” votes. Number 5867 was assigned to this Resolution.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ANIXTER INC. OF KANSAS, CITY, KANSAS, FOR TRANSFORMERS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,756,73 was introduced and considered. City Manager told this is the annual purchase of the transformers to maintain our supply. Staff recommends to accept the lowest bid. Council member Hawley made a motion to accept this bid. Council member Korte seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting “AYE” were council members Korte, Butts, Valentine, Etter, and Hawley. There were no “NAY” votes. Number 5868 was assigned to this Resolution.

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE 2018 CHEMICAL BIDS FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AS SUBMITTED AND RECOMMENDED was introduced and considered. City Manager said this is a bid that locks the price of chemicals in for the entire year. Recommendation is that we go with the lowest bid. Council member Etter made a motion to accept this bid as presented. Council member Valentine seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting “AYE” were council members Hawley, Korte, Butts, Valentine, and Etter. There were no “NAY” votes. Number 5869 was assigned to this Resolution.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION WITH PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, P.A. (PEC) OF WICHITA, KANSAS FOR PAVING, STORM SEWER, WATERLINE AND SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS ALONG BOUNDARY ROAD FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,750 was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields said the improvements to Boundary Road were approved in the combination bond. This is the design contract for Boundary Road. Council member Butts made a motion to approve this Resolution. Council member Etter seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting “AYE” were council members Etter, Hawley, Korte, and Butts. Voting “NAY” was Council member Valentine. Number 5870 was assigned to this Resolution.

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE ENTIRE BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017 was introduced and considered. City Manager Shields reported this is a standard procedure that is done each year by statute. Council Hawley made a motion to approve this Resolution as presented. Council member Butts seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, those voting “AYE” were council members Korte, Butts, Valentine, Etter, and Hawley. There were no “NAY” votes. Number 5871 was assigned to this Resolution.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session was held at the meeting this evening.

#### **OTHER**

City Manager Shields gave an update on Lincoln Place. The delay is the asbestos removal contains a 10 day waiting period for KDHE to inspect, which is up this week. They will be putting up fencing soon.

City Manager Shields reminded everyone that the Board application deadline is December 31, 2017.

A motion to adjourn was made. Motion carried.

Approved and filed this day January 2, 2018.

Wellington, Kansas, December 19, 2017

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Mayor

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City Clerk