

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Regular Session on December 20, 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 Rev. John Shellenberger of the Church of the Nazarene.

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 and City Clerk/Financial Director Carol Mericle.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

SRMC Update. Mr. Terry Deschaine, Healthcare Authority Board Member provided a financial update on Sumner Regional Medical Center. He shared that the Board unanimously asked Barry Harding, the CEO of SRMC to stay on for a minimum of another six months, which he agreed to do.

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 December 6, 2016
- APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS
 - 1) Payroll Report for November 27 – December 10, 2016 in the amount of \$216,890.38
 - 2) ACH Authorization Voucher #1028 for BCBS For November 30 – December 6, 2016
 - 3) ACH Authorization Voucher #1029 for BCBS For December 7 – 13, 2016
 - 4) Claims Register for December 1 – 16, 2016 in the amount of \$1,306,097.06.
- COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE
 - 1) Clerk's Report for November 2016
 - 2) CORRECTED Electric, Waterworks, Sewage Utility Operating Report for October 2016
 - 3) Electric, Waterworks, Sewage Utility Operating Report for November 2016
 - 4) Fire/EMS Activities/Overtime/Revenue Report for November 2016
 - 5) Ambulance Monthly Financial Report for November 2016
 - 6) Police Activity Report for November 2016
 - 7) SRMC Financial Report for October 2016
 - 8) Health Care Authority Board Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2016
 - 9) Health Care Authority Board Meeting Minutes for November 28, 2016
 - 10) Park Board Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2016
 - 11) Safety Newsletter for December 2016
 - 12) Correspondence from KDHE re: Violations Rescinded
 - 13) Public Service Announcement – Citizen Applications for City Boards/Commissions

City Manager Shields pointed out item number twelve above, explaining the Water Treatment plant is a softening plant and had met the requirements. KDHE issued a violation notice earlier, and now has concluded we met the standards and they have rescinded the violation notice. He also told that we have only received a handful of applications for the City Boards and Commissions and he reminded everyone the deadline is the end of the year.

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Korte commended Fred Hinman's work with the Healthcare Board and she

shared concern that his term was ending. City Clerk Mericle was going to check on his status, as she believed his term was not expiring in 2016.

Council member Valentine wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and shared his appreciation with the great work from the City employees.

Council member Wetta echoed these words.

Mayor Hansel also agreed and invited the public to the Retirement party in honor of Utility Supervisor Donna Stucky on Friday, December 30th from 2-4pm at City Hall. There will be a presentation at 3 p.m. She has been with the City for nearly 17 years.

Mayor Hansel shared that she will be the new Chairperson for the Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP) program, following the footsteps of Commissioner Carol Moran. She shared that Attorney Mike Brown would not be attending tonight's meeting, which would have been his final one since he resigned effective January 1st.

Mayor Hansel announced that due to Annarose White stepping down, there is an opening in the Sumner County Economic Development Board. SCEDD Director Stacy Davis shared she would like to nominate Richard Jack, the City Building Official, to replace Ms. White on the Board. She feels with all the development in Sumner County, Mr. Jack would be a great asset and would be able to provide a perspective that the Board has not had in the past several years.

Council member Wetta moved to appoint Richard Jack to the Sumner County Economic Development Board. Council member Butts seconded. The motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Jumpstart 24 CMB License for 2017 – Memo from City Clerk Mericle. Clerk Mericle reminded the Board that we received the updated application that included the new store manager information. Both fire and police Chiefs approved the application.

Council member Etter moved that we approve the 2017 CMB application for Jump Start 24. Council member Butts seconded. The motion carried.

Mayor Hansel reminded everyone about the Wellington Chamber of Commerce Annual Celebration on January 20th, which is a celebration of our community and is open to the public. If you would like to attend, please contact the Chamber of Commerce. She asked that the Council members provide their response forms to Manager Shields before the end of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings included in the agenda.

ORDINANCES

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CANDIDACY FOR CITY OFFICE OF THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS was introduced and considered.

Manager Shields informed the Council that both ordinances this evening are regarding election changes. The first one is regarding petition filing for office. He said new laws left it up to each City to state the number of signatures required for petition filing. This ordinance was prepared based on what the State had required previously, either 2 percent of the registered voters who voted in last election or 50 signatures, whichever was less. This ordinance now states the petition process must be signed by 50 qualified electors of the City. There was discussion about fees and filing.

Council member Wetta moved to adopt the ordinance as presented. Council member Korte seconded. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Butts, Etter, Hawley, Korte, Wetta and Valentine. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 4202 was assigned to this ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-23 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WELLINGTON, KANSAS, REGARDING MEETINGS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS was introduced and considered.

City Manager Shields informed Council this ordinance simply sets the meeting schedule to include a regular meeting on the day the Mayor and Council take office, which is on the 2nd Monday in January, following certification of the general election. He said the League of Kansas Municipalities recommends that we set our schedule to include a regular meeting for that day. Otherwise, Council will need to call a special meeting.

Council member Korte moved to adopt the ordinance 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 4203 was assigned to this ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL SERVICES (AMS) OF CARROLLTON, TEXAS FOR COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF WELLINGTON KANSAS MUNICIPAL COURT was introduced and considered.

City Clerk Mericle introduced the resolution, explaining the current process and challenges, especially for those out of state. She shared the Court Clerk recommended this service based on her discussions with other Kansas Court Clerks who also utilize AMS. There were discussions about fees and services used by the Utility and EMS department collections.

Council member Etter moved to adopt the ordinance 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. The motion carried. Number 5792 was assigned to this resolution.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ATTORNEY SHAWN DEJARNETT, OF DEJARNETT LAW OFFICE, LLC, WELLINGTON, KANSAS FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF WELLINGTON was introduced and considered.

Manager Shields explained this is the contract specifically prepared for City Attorney services. It was based initially upon the original contract with this one having significantly more detail. He said after several meetings with Mr. DeJarnett, he was able to address and clarify issues of the contract. Manager Shields explained that Mr. DeJarnett was out of state this evening but was in agreement with the contract. There was also discussion about expectation of Attorney attendance or representation at each meeting.

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 5793 was assigned to this resolution.

STUDY ITEMS

There was no study items included in the agenda.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Work Session- Recommended Updates to Building Codes. The Combined Trade Board met to discuss building codes last week; however, there was not a quorum present to take any action, therefore they will need to meet an additional time prior to scheduling of work session. They will provide the Council with information prior to work session for discussion.

Next Council Meeting – January 3, 2017.

2017 Budget - Printed copies of 2017 budget was provided to the council. It is already posted to the City website.

Mayor Hansel thanked the media for attendance and taking time away from their families to be there. She also thanked the City employees for all they do. She recognized and thanked Renn and Company for the annual calendars.

Lincoln Place Building. Manager Shields checked with the insurance adjuster yesterday and she said they were still working on the competitive bid process for demo. Council member Wetta asked about salvage of the building or interior as there is lots of history there. Manager Shields said the owner of the building has rights to salvage and do the demolition. There was additional conversation about affects to area businesses, demolition and possibility of preservation of portions of the building.

KDHE Raw Water Issue Update. No reply from KDHE. Manager Shields has been in contact with Attorney Stout to inquire the timeline for filing the declaratory judgement. He has indicated he will be out of the office next week so another attorney in the office will complete the process to file sometime in January.

OTHER

A motion to adjourn was seconded and carried.

Approved and filed this 3rd Day of January, 2017.

Mayor

City Clerk