

The Council of the City of Wellington, Kansas, met in Regular Session on June 21, 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 Kitty Shield of St. Jude's Episcopal Church.

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 Assistant City Manager/Utility Director Jason Newberry, City Clerk Carol Mericle, Finance Director Shane Shields and City Attorney Mike Brown.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

2016 Wheat Festival Update. Annarose White, Chamber of Commerce Director, reported an update on the upcoming Wheat Festival, July 6-10th. Everything is going well and according to plan. She wanted the Council to know she was giving a huge shout-out to the City of Wellington staff for doing such an outstanding job this year because there were opportunities to rearrange some things, which is working out really well and she contributes that to the leadership of the City of Wellington. Director White told the City Staff's involvement with the Picnic in the Park is also going to be a tremendous asset because in the past, the Lion's Club has served a meal at cost as a fundraiser for their civic organization, which they put back into the community as a scholarship and other community assets. This year, they did not have the ability to do that based on volunteers and the City of Wellington staff stepped up to fill in. She shared that the fundraising portions of the meal will be announced in the near future and they will be great for Wellington. Medallion buttons are on sale right now at \$3 each and there are 2300 of them in circulation. This is the 30th year for the medallion hunt and it will be in honor of Diana Page. The Chamber will be selling VIP concert tickets for the Little Texas concert. They are \$20 each plus the button. She believes this will help them bring in more and better entertainment in the future. Director White said the parade theme is, "From Wheat to Wings" and it is sponsored by GKN Aerospace. The schedule will be digitally available by Friday and printed versions will be available on all local news sites and radio station starting Wednesday through all of next week. Mayor Hansel asked about the last date to register buttons and Annarose informed her that button purchase and registration is located in front of Memorial Auditorium each evening this week through Thursday, June 23rd from 530p-730p. Buttons can also be purchased through any local bank, Walmart, Dillon's and Chamber office. The first clue will go out on Monday, in person in front of the Auditorium at 6:30 a.m. and will be at all media outlets at 10 am. Mayor Hansel added that the City is just one of several sponsors for the Picnic in the Park event. It could not cover the entire expense but they knew it was the right thing to do by stepping up to help. Annarose shared that the hospital will also be conducting a Health Fair during the Picnic in the Park, which includes free health screenings.

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 June 7, 2016
- 2) Work Session of June 13, 2016

➤ **APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATIONS**

- 1) Payroll Report for May 29 – June 11, 2016 in the amount of \$238,016.99
- 2) Payroll Report for May 31 – June 13, 2016 Severance in the amount of \$100,000.16.
- 3) ACH Authorization Voucher #1002 for BCBS for June 1 - 7, 2016
- 4) ACH Authorization Voucher #1000 for BCBS for June 8 - 14, 2016

5) Claims Register for June 1 - 17, 2016 in the amount of \$\$1,334,650.30.

➤ COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Clerk's Report for May 2016
- 2) Electric, Waterworks, Sewage Operating Report for May 2016
- 3) Police Activity Report for May 2016
- 4) Ambulance Monthly Financial Report for May 2016
- 5) Fire/EMS Activities/Overtime/Revenue Report for May 2016
- 6) Memorial Auditorium Board Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2016
- 7) Park Board Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2016
- 8) Library Board Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2016
- 9) SRMC Financial Report for May 2016
- 10) HCA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2016
- 11) Street Closing Request, July 4 Block Party, North F Street

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Council member Valentine commented that the City and Street department did an excellent job with the parking areas and were working on some of the rough areas in the cement in the sidewalks downtown. On behalf of the residents in the 4th & Blaine area, he thanked the Electric Department for installing street lights so that the area is safer. He said the Police department does an incredible job of serving and protecting and he specifically wanted to thank officer Yunker for his help last week when he went out of his way to help a lady at 15th & Vandeburgh who he not only helped to get her car running again but made sure she got home safely. They are all good officers and we need to appreciate all of them. He continued, on a sad note, we lost a Wellington icon a week ago, Carolyn Heasty who gave so much to this community, not only in herself and her pride in the athletic involvements in our community but also to the County. She will be deeply missed. He sent our condolences to her family.

Council member Butts discussed the South Central Kansas Economic Development (SCKED) block grant, for funding for home improvements for people of low or moderate income. He explained a Committee was formed, headed by Stacy Davis, Sumner County Economic Development Director and we had twenty-one or so volunteers that sat on the committee for the last six or seven months and the work that was done during that period time was for the preliminary work that the State and Federal representatives require for this grant. Last Tuesday night, twelve people made the trip to Hays, Kansas, and conducted the proposal Wednesday morning. He added they were pleased to hear from the Chair of that committee that this was the first proposal they had ever received that she could not nit-pick issues about, because it was so detailed and presented well. The group was invited to go thru the process to apply for the grant and is in the process of that right now. Council member Butts asked Stacy Davis to speak and she added that she believes it will be late August when they submit the application and it will be October when they find out if we were approved for funding. She added they also learned about several other programs that we can use for future projects as we move on. Council member Butts commented that there is over \$300,000 in potential money we hope to receive by first of year, that will assist the people in our community who are in the low to moderate income levels, to use to fix up their properties and will improve efficiencies and appearances with no cost to participants. Stacy Davis replied that the pre-applications are actually already available and they have put them out on Facebook, shared with the media and emails to specific residents, as well. Council member Butts thanked Annarose White and Stacy Davis with their help with this project. Mayor Hansel added that Council member Hawley was instrumental in this project and she thanked her for all her hard work.

Council member Korte reported on the hospital from her attendance to the Board meetings. She told they continue to work on collections and accounts receivable and old liabilities. May collections were over \$960,000, however, the month of June is down from that. The 2015 Medicare cost report was filed in May and the settlement is \$190,000. This money will be used for old debts. She continued general patient accounts reduce in the summer, therefore, revenue is reduced. Council member Korte reported management is doing a good job of controlling costs. They are looking for new streams of income, which should help in the slow summer season. Management is talking to an OB/GYN to do procedures at SRMC and a doctor that can do knee scopes, which will require additional equipment. She also told the hospital will sponsor a Health Fair during the Wheat Festival on Wednesday, July 6th at Sellers Park. They will have assessments of blood sugar, blood pressure, bone density and will offer reduced rates for some of their tests that they can only do at the hospital. Material will be available for people on the services SRMC provides and they will have promotional gifts, which the Foundation is helping with. She shared that Mr. Harding, the hospital CEO, made the statement that in almost every health fair he has been associated with, some type of health issue has been uncovered for a patient who did not know about it, such as high blood pressure or blood sugar. It's a public service for our community and an effort to keep our population informed and in good health.

Council member Wetta asked Utility Director Jason Newberry to explain more about the backflow prevention device at the water plant. Director Newberry explained that it was put into the water production plant last Monday, and it prevents cross-contamination between raw and potable water. He added with that device being in place and with us still providing bottled water to those still receiving raw water, we are compliant with KDHE as far as the health concerns go. Director Newberry said we still need to get through the consent order but as of today, we are complying. We are having a little bit of a pressure issue right now and we are trying to get it figured out and report more information on that soon. Director Newberry assured Council that we are communicating and moving forward. Mayor Hansel reported that she visited with Director Newberry and Director Shields on the raw water issue and that they are piggy-backing the issue onto the agenda for the next budget work session on the 27th. She asked Director Newberry to provide a list of those who were still on raw water and what our legal obligations are to get this resolved as soon as possible.

Mayor Hansel challenged her Council to get their Wheat Festival buttons early and wear them often which will allow others to see them. The City fireworks exhibition will be after the Wellington Heat game on July 3rd. The game starts at 7:06pm and the display will occur immediately after in the Sellers Park area. On July 4th, she encourages everyone to enjoy their own fireworks but to do so within the legal limits of the City and take safety precautions. She reiterated that the loss of Carolyn Heasty was a huge loss to our community as she was a great leader. She also congratulated the H.A.T. committee for their work on the grant project.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS

Planning Commission Vacancy. City Clerk Mericle discussed her memorandum to the Council regarding the Planning Commission vacancy due to the resignation of Gerald Gilkey. She reminded them that there was two fifteen-day application periods due to no response and with the last one, we received an application from Stacy Davis on June 6, 2016. She informed them that we needed action in the form of a motion to accept it. The term expires April 30, 2020.

Council member Wetta made a motion to appoint Stacy Davis to the Planning Commission vacancy for the remainder of the term. Council member Korte seconded. The motion carried.

Mayor Hansel reported that the American Legion Riders this past weekend presented the Wellington Police and Fire Departments with a "thin blue line flag". She was able to attend and take

pictures which will be featured in the Wellington Daily News. She thanked the American Legion Riders for acknowledging what our police and fire do to protect us.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings included in the agenda.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances included in the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THIS AGREEMENT WITH KRIZ-DAVIS COMPANY OF DES MOINES, IOWA FOR TRANSFORMERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,695.90 was introduced and considered.

Director Newberry explained the resolution was part of the ongoing effort to increase the reliability of our distribution system. Council member Hawley moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Council member Korte seconded. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Butts, Etter, Hawley, Korte, Valentine and Wetta. There were no "NAY" votes. Number 5757 was assigned to this resolution.

STUDY ITEMS

There were no study items included in the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council member Korte moved that Mayor and Council move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel for a period not to exceed thirty minutes. Council member Etter seconded. The motion carried.

After thirty minutes, Mayor Hansel brought the Council back in session and informed that no binding action was taken in the discussion of personnel matters of non-elected personnel.

Council member Korte moved to go back into Executive Session a second time to include Shane Shields, not to exceed for fifteen minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Council member Butts seconded. The motion carried.

After seven minutes, Mayor Hansel brought the Council back in session and informed that no binding action was taken in the discussion of personnel matters of non-elected personnel.

Council member Korte moved to appoint Shane Shields as Interim City Manager. Council member Wetta seconded. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Butts, Etter, Hawley, Korte, Valentine and Wetta. There were no "NAY" votes. The motion carried.

Council member Etter moved to give the Mayor the authority to contact The League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) to perform the official search for the City of Wellington for the new City Manager. Council member Hawley seconded. Upon roll call vote, those voting "AYE" were Council members Butts, Etter, Hawley, Korte and Wetta. Council member Valentine voted "NAY". The motion carried.

Mayor Hansel thanked and commended Director Newberry for his role as temporary Interim Manager. She said his communication was exceptional, he did an awesome job and she thinks he will make a great City Manager someday. Council member Wetta agreed that he did a great job.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Shields asked if the Council would like the department heads to be present for Monday's budget work session as they were last year. The Council agreed and said that it was helpful that they were there.

Director Shields also asked about the Open Meetings Training that was to occur within six months after the February notice. Attorney Brown said he was working on it and would let us know soon.

Director Shields commented that with the 4th of July approaching, he would like to encourage the Citizens of Wellington to be sure to fire them off safely but also where they legally can and pick up their trash after they are done, because we receive complaints every year.

Council member Valentine asked about a City heat advisory. Director Shields replied that we have a heat policy and he read the 2010 policy aloud.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and carried.

Approved and filed this 5th day of July, 2016.

Mayor

City Clerk