

SPECIAL MEETING

July 11, 2015

The Board of City Commissioners of the City of Herington, Kansas met in special session on Saturday, July 11, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall for the purpose of considering a resolution authorizing the sale, possession, and consumption of cereal malt beverages upon certain public property, and to discuss the options for City Manager recruitment. Those present were Mayor Chuck Miller, Commissioner Michelle Stanford, Commissioner Kitty Walter, Commissioner Kat Souza, City Clerk Debra Wendt, Rick Freeman, Carl Brown, Tina Wise, Ken Walters, and Vance Donahue II. Commissioner Mark Hager and City Attorney Brad Jantz arrived late.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chuck read the following resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 867

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE, POSSESSION, AND CONSUMPTION OF CEREAL MALT BEVERAGES UPON CERTAIN PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF HERINGTON, KANSAS.

Be It Resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Herington, Kansas that:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 5-111 of the Code of the City of Herington, Kansas, the sale, possession, and consumption of cereal malt beverages shall be permitted on the following described real property: Herington Fairgrounds Demolition Debry Arena, Commencing on July 11, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. and ending on July 11, 2015 at 11:59 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Mayor Miller, to adopt resolution No. 867. Motion carried, all voting, "Aye."

City Manager recruitment was discussed. Kat favored the "LEAPS Lite" proposal. Kitty thought we should hold off for a while, and asked why we can't have a City Administrator. Kat explained that we would have to change the form of government, and that the City Commission would have more power over an administrator than a manager. Commissioner Hager arrived at this time. Mark asked the rest of the Commissioners if they would have time to hire and fire employees and deal with more day to day operations of the City. The Mayors role would be especially time consuming. It was brought up that the general consensus around town is to not particularly change the form of government, but that people want the "right person" to be hired as City Manager. Brad Jantz arrived at this time.

Carl Brown asked that a different contract than the one Ron Strickland had be offered to the new City Manager. Rick Freeman added that we shouldn't let the City Manager write their own contract. Michelle said she favors the full LEAPS program. It was a consensus that even though Scott McIntyre's proposal was good, his area of expertise is in health care, not city management. It was brought up that Dennis Kissinger did the last search. The Commission agreed that having a degree is not as important as experience.

Kat felt that it is unnecessary to spend \$4,500 on the search. She said she would be willing to develop the ad, and that for the \$950 fee we would still get the rankings from the League. Brad said that LEAPS Lite is a relatively new program. Mark thought that LEAPS Lite would be more work for the office staff, such as setting up interviews, placing ads, etc., and that he favors the bigger package. After more discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Stanford, to choose the LEAPS Lite program. Motion carried, all voting, "Aye."

A motion was then made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Walter, to adjourn the special meeting. Motion carried, all voting, "Aye."

Debra Wendt
City Clerk

