**REGULAR MEETING**

**November 1, 2016**

The Board of City Commissioners of the City of Herington, Kansas met at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on the above date—the following being present: Mayor Kat Souza, Commissioner Michelle Stanford, Commissioner Kitty Walter, Commissioner Mark Hager, Commissioner Dave Jones, City Manager Ed Patton, City Attorney Brad Jantz, and City Clerk Debra Wendt.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2016. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” Appropriation Ordinance #P1025-16 was discussed and reviewed. No one spoke at the public forum.

Ed had one additional agenda item. He added a 30 minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel as #9A. A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Stanford, to adopt the agenda, with the addition of #9A, and also verifying that the executive session in #9 (attorney/client privilege) would be for 15 minutes. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

Rita Clarey from Kansas Rural Water was scheduled to speak about the water plant project, but she was not present at the meeting.

Gene Wilson presented a proposal for a phone system. He said that we must be off of our Plexar system before 2019, and he listed some of the cities and counties that he is working with. He suggested a phone system, tied together with fiber optic cable, for City Hall, Public Safety, and the Shop, and his proposal for the project is $26,708.43, with a monthly savings of $1,591.13 and an annualized savings of $19,093.56. This price is with the City installing the cable. Gene said that we could still do three digit transfers and conference calls, and that the $804.00 monthly cost does not include surcharges of approximately $200.00/month. Kitty asked about the internet speed, and Mark asked if the Community Building is included. Gene said he would get a quote for it, and was told that we need wireless internet for the building. It was discussed to keep the phones the same for now at the water plant, wastewater plant, and Hilltop. Gene said that the early termination fees from AT&T sometimes are waived. Dave wanted to know the time frame for the project, and Ed said that there is money in the 2017 budget for this. Gene thought that most of the pricing would hold until spring, but the Parsons Inc. bid may have a slight increase for the splicing and terminating. After discussion, Gene was directed to bring back a proposal for Plexar replacement costs for consideration at the January 3, 2017 meeting, to also include the Community Building.

At 6:36 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Hager, seconded by Commissioner Stanford, for the City Commission, City Manager, and City Attorney to go into executive session for 15 minutes, attorney/client privilege. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” At 6:55 p.m. the meeting was back in regular session, and a motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to continue the executive session for another five minutes. Mayor Souza and Commissioners Stanford, Hager, and Jones all voted “Aye,” and Commissioner Walter did not come up from the executive session in the basement. At 7:04 p.m. the meeting was back in regular session. No action was taken.

At 7:05 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Hager, seconded by Commissioner Stanford, for the City Commission, City Manager, and City Attorney to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” At 7:36 p.m. the meeting was back in regular session. No action was taken.

Ed noted that confidential negotiations are moving forward with two companies, and he should know more by the end of November. He also said that he is looking at purchasing 1-2 pieces of equipment, and would be trying out a “zipper” which is used for street repairs.

Michelle mentioned a report from the fire department, and Dave said he would like to see what Ken’s proposal looks like on an annual basis. Ed reported that we have a new Police Officer, Andrew Reid. Mark said he is sorry he missed the last meeting, commented on the League meeting, and said he would forward Ed some information on new changes taking effect next year. Michelle encouraged everyone to vote next Tuesday, and Kitty said she was sorry she missed the last two meetings. Dave asked for an update on the Mall and the “big blue” house on Main, and Michelle asked about the trailer on 12th Street.

Dave asked about a replacement for Tim Bettles, and commented that we are falling way behind on enforcing codes. Kat also encouraged everyone to vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Hager, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

Also present at the meeting were Gene Wilson, Gloria Boomer, Beth Wade, Ken Walters, Virginia Neuberger, Cynthia Naylor, and J.R. Sparke.

 Debra Wendt

 City Clerk