**Regular Meeting**

**December 19, 2017**

**6:00 P.M.**

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 Mark Hager, Commissioner Michelle Stanford, Commissioner Dave Jones, Commissioner Sarah Nistler, and City Clerk Brenda Wildman. Absent were City Manager Ed Patton and City Attorney Brad Jantz,.

The meeting 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 December 5, 2017. Motion carried, all voting “Aye.”

Appropriation Ordinance #C1130-17 was reviewed.

At Public Forum Mike Herbel addressed the commission regarding the Taco Stop. He wanted the commission to know he is working on the building. Virginia Neuberger submitted a handout from her husband D.J. Neuberger to the commission. Ben Meyer discussed the utilities at the Homestead Village.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Stanford to approve the agenda with the addition of 7a discussion of non-billed utility and 9a Executive Session for non-elected personnel K.S.A 75-4319 (b)(1) to protect the privacy rights of the individual being discussed. Motion carried Motion carried, all voting “Aye.”

Carol Torkelson Housing Director and Keegan Bailey Assistant Housing Director from Housing Rehabilitation and Demolition Program provided information for the CDBG Housing Grant Application.

Mayor Souza opened the Distress Public Hearing at 6:38 p.m. Rick Freeman and Cynthia Naylor addressed the commission during the public comments. Mayor Souza wants to continue the Distressed Property Hearing until January 2, 2018. A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion carried, all voting “Aye.” Mayor Souza closed the hearing at 6:48 p.m. Regular Meeting resumed.

Discussion on the non-billed utilities. Mayor Souza requested Lori Dornbusch, Hilltop Director and Debbie Goembel, Herington Heights Development Manager to attend the commission meeting. Lori and Debbie addressed the commission. Commissioner Jones wants the money tracked correctly.

**RESOLUTION NO. 898**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HERINGTON, KANSAS APPROVING THE PASSAGE OF THE SPECIAL BALLOT QUESTION REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF THE RETAILERS SALES TAX FOR THE HERINGTON MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hager, seconded by Commissioner Stanford to approve Resolution No. 898 Retail Sales Tax. Motion carried, all voting “Aye.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Stanford to continue the discussion of the Land Bank to the January 16, 2019 meeting. Motion carried, all voting “Aye.”

A motion was made by Mayor Souza, seconded by Commissioner Jones to recess into Executive Session for non-elected personnel K.S.A 75-4319 (b)(1) to protect the privacy rights of the individual being discussed to include: Governing Body. Meeting to resume at 7:57 p.m. Meeting resumed with no action taken.

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

Also present: Rick Freeman, Natasha Barnett, Mike Herbel, Ken Walters, Diane Walters, Carol Torkelson, Keegan Bailey, Scott Melcher, Glenn Bayes, Beverly Bayes, Lori Dornbusch, Ben Meyer, Kristi Meyer, Gerald Rindt, Duane Bauer, Virginia Neuberger, Jerry Barta, Gary Childress, Deb Ecklund, Frank Meyer, Shirley Meyer, Gloria Boomer, Debbie Goembel, Cynthia Naylor, Pam Dalton, and J.R. Sparke.

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 Brenda Wildman, City Clerk