

REGULAR MEETING
September 3, 2013

The Board of City Commissioners of the City of Herington, Kansas met at City Hall at 4:30 p.m. on the above date—the following being present: Mayor Robbin Bell, Commissioner Fred Olsen, Commissioner D.J. Neuberger, Commissioner Beth Wade, Commissioner Chuck Miller, City Manager Ron Strickland, City Attorney Brad Jantz, and City Clerk Debra Wendt.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Wade, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 20, 2013. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

Appropriation Ordinance #P0825-13 was discussed and reviewed. Ron noted that the original agenda item #5, resignation of Beth Wade, has been removed from the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Olsen, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Neuberger, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve a cereal malt beverage license for Staab Management Company for the Pizza Hut, 555 US Hwy 77. This is for consumption on the premises. The motion passed unanimously.

A resolution authorizing the sale, possession, and consumption of alcoholic liquor at Tripp Field during the Rails ‘N Trails Festival was considered. Curtis McBride has applied for a temporary alcoholic liquor license from the State. Debbie explained that the times on the resolution need to match the state application. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the resolution. Commissioner Neuberger said that the times were incorrect on the resolution, because the time from midnight to 1:00 a.m. is technically the next day. When the vote was taken, all of the Commissioners voted “Nay.” This will be considered again at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Neuberger, to appoint LeRoy Gentz to the Hilltop Advisory Board to fill an un-expired term, to expire 3-20-15. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Neuberger, to accept the resignation of Linda Polston from the Library Board. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Mayor Bell, to appoint Karolyn Schlesener to the Library Board to fill an un-expired term, to expire 4-1-17. The motion passed 4-1, with Commissioner Neuberger casting the dissenting vote.

A motion was made by Mayor Bell, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to re-appoint Nancy Hatterman to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three-year term, to expire 10-24-16. The motion passed, with Mayor Bell and Commissioners Olsen, Wade, and Miller voting “Aye,” and Commissioner Neuberger voting “Nay.”

Debbie Goembel, Housing Authority Director, gave an update on a proposed new HUD program. They are working on the application, and needs assessments will have to be done.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Wade, to accept the resignation of Lanett Frazier from the Housing Authority. Motion carried, all voting, "Aye."

A motion was made by Mayor Bell, seconded by Commissioner Wade, to appoint Ralph DeZago to the Housing Authority to fill an un-expired term, to expire 12-31-16. Motion carried, all voting, "Aye."

Dickinson County will provide free dumping for fall clean up the week of September 23-27, 2013. A motion was made by Mayor Bell, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to participate in the clean up week. Motion carried, all voting, "Aye." A list of what we will pick up will be put in the paper, along with the dates for each section of town.

The covenants for Logan Pointe were discussed. Brad explained that the covenants were established for the new development, and set up so each lot has one vote. Now that Iron Horse Development is no longer the owner, and the City owns a majority of the lots, we need to decide whether to keep the covenants in place, change them, or abolish them. The Commission decided that they would like to have staff make some recommendations and bring them back to the Commission for discussion.

Because of comments that he heard from some hospital staff, Fred asked Ron if he and the hospital are working together. The dates for the town hall meetings concerning the hospital district were announced—September 10th in Herington, September 17th in Hope, and September 23rd in Woodbine. Robbin directed Ron to have some figures on a PA system for the Commission room by the next meeting. Signs for the entrances to town, as well as for Logan Pointe, were discussed.

A safety inspection was completed by the Kansas Department of Labor. All potential hazards were repaired quickly. Ron gave an update on an Economic Impact of Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Conference that will be held in Manhattan, as well as a trip he will make to St. Louis to discuss UAV's with the St. Louis Police Department.

A motion was made by Commissioner Neuberger, seconded by Commissioner Wade, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, all voting, "Aye."

Also present at the meeting were Pat Moyer, Cynthia Naylor, Mike Ryan, Tandi Arevalo, Eric Gares, Kenny Staatz, Debbie Goembel, Rick Freeman, Michele Stanford, B.J. Davis, Bob Clark, Ruth Clark, Jerry Barta, Brenda Wildman, J.R. Sparke, Dory Olsen, and Stephanie Berry of the Herington Times.

Debra Wendt
City Clerk