

Regular Meeting
August 6, 2019
5:30 p.m.

The Board of City Commissioners of the City of Herington, Kansas met at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on the above date – the following being present: Mayor Dave Jones, Commissioner Debi Urbanek, Commissioner Eric Gares, City Manager Matt Townsend, Acting City Clerk Marcus Hawkes, and City Attorney Brad Jantz. Absent were Commissioner Robbin Bell and Commissioner Curtis Hartman.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by Commissioner Urbanek, seconded by Mayor Jones to approve the minutes of the regular meeting July 16, 2019 and special meeting July 23, 2019. Motion carried all voting “Aye.”

Public Forum had Lester Gillbers requesting to tear down 810 W. Day saving the city from demolition costs of the property. Mike Tomsello requested the city to do more trimming to a tree on his property near the powerlines.

A motion was made by Mayor Jones, seconded by Commissioner Urbanek to approve the agenda with the addition of No. 11A, Discussion of 810 West Day. Motion carried all voting “Aye.”

Fire Chief Scott Melcher and Firefighter Kyler Schlesener presented certificates of appreciation to Westar employees David Whitehair, Colby Black, Dylan Jenne and Conner Wetter for their support of an emergency incident on Highway 56 May 24, 2019.

Discussion was had on the CVB budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Urbanek, seconded by Commissioner Gares to approve the street closure request for the Broadway Block Party August 17, 2019. Motion carried, all voting “Aye.”

Discussion was had of the Vacant Building Ordinance. The Mayor asked for discussed revisions presented at next meeting.

Distressed property hearing on 5 West Walnut was opened. A motion was made by Commissioner Gares, seconded by Commissioner Urbanek to continue the hearing on 5 West Walnut to the first meeting in October. Motion carried, all voting “Aye.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Gares, seconded by Commissioner Urbanek to reopen and reconsider the property of 810 West Day. Motion carried, all voting “Aye.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Gares, seconded by Commissioner Urbanek to allow 60 days to continue hearing on the property of 810 West Day. Motion carried, all voting “Aye.”

Distressed property hearing on 222 West Main was opened. A motion was made by Commissioner Gares, seconded by Commissioner Urbanek to continue the hearing on 222 West Main to the next regular meeting in August. Motion carried, all voting "Aye."

A discussion was held about boat craft definitions and rates. The City Manager proposed to forego fees for non-motorized water craft and a flat fee for motorized. A motion was made by Commissioner Gares, seconded by Commissioner Urbanek to direct the city to not collect fees for non-motorized water craft effective immediately. Motion carried, all voting "Aye."

A motion was made by Commissioner Gares, seconded by Commissioner Urbanek to approve, subject to staff review, annexation of Highway 77.

Public hearing for the 2020 Budget was opened. A motion was made by Commissioner Gares, seconded by Commissioner Urbanek to have a special meeting August 14th, 2019 to discuss the 2020 Budget. Motion carried, all voting "Aye."

A motion was made by Mayor Jones, seconded by Commissioner Urbanek to recess into executive session, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) to protect the privacy rights of persons being discussed, pursuant to the Non-Elected Personnel matters exception; to include the Governing Body, City Attorney Brad Jantz and City Manager Matt Townsend. Meeting to resume at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried, all voting "Aye." No action taken.

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A motion was made by Mayor Jones, seconded by Commissioner Gares to amend the City Manager's contract. Motion carried, all voting "Aye."

A motion was made by Commissioner Urbanek, seconded by Commissioner Gares to adjourn. Motion carried, all voting "Aye."

Also, present: Carl Urbanek, Janet Wade, Gloria Boomer, Brian Hornaday, Shirley Meyer, Catherine Stinnett, Vance Donahue II, Ingrid Herwich, Derek Charles, Cynthia Naylor, Kymberley Harper, Denise Shoff, Kyler Schlesener, Keagan Schlesener, Kayla Johnson, Scott Melcher and J.R. Sparke-Herington Times.

Marcus Hawkes, City Clerk