

REGULAR MEETING
November 5, 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 Beth Wade, Commissioner Chuck Miller, City Manager Ron Strickland, City Attorney Brad Jantz, and City Clerk Debra Wendt. Commissioner D.J. Neuberger was absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Olsen, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 15, 2013. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” Appropriation Ordinance #P1025-13 was discussed and reviewed. Ron added one additional agenda item—discussion of Christmas Eve as a holiday for 2013. This was added as #9A. A motion was made by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the agenda, with the addition of #9A. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

Ron explained Conditional Use Permit #C2-2013 for St. Mark’s Chapel at 3 South B Street. The former church building would be used for wedding, music, and public functions including entertainment. This was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Wade, to approve the conditional use permit. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Olsen, to appoint Mike Wendt to the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy, term to expire 12-31-15. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Mayor Bell, to appoint Nancy Hatterman to the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy, term to expire 12-31-16. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

A discussion was held on what to do with the lots at Logan Pointe. Robbin favored giving the lots away, and giving the owners a set amount of time to build on them. Chuck agreed with that. Beth was concerned as to what the owners of the other lots would think, including Dr. Otte and the EDC. She felt the lots should be sold, even for a reduced price. Brad was asked what other cities have done in this situation. Brenda Wildman thought that the first step should involve input from the Homeowners Association, and also the Planning Commission. Fred suggested having the Planning Commission look at the covenants and bring back their suggestions to the City Commission. He will also talk to the EDC. After more discussion, it was decided to have Brenda talk to the Planning Commission, and get their input on the covenants, lot sizes, zoning, giving away lots, splitting lots, etc. and then discuss this again at the second meeting in December.

Next signs for Logan Pointe and the Commercial Park were discussed. Robbin said he would like to give away the commercial lots. We already have zoning and regulations in the area. It was brought up that we need some advertising signs so people know the land is available. This will be put on the next agenda for discussion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to declare December 24, 2013 as a City Holiday for 2013. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

Concealed Carry Legislation options were discussed. We are currently in the six month time frame to further assess our options. A motion was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Mayor Bell, to remove all of the “no guns allowed” signs and to allow the carrying of concealed weapons in City buildings. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

Ron said that the Community Building floor has been sealed, and he suggested raising the rental rates at the building. He will bring back some samples of what other cities do. Ron also informed the Commission that the concrete work on D Street should be completed next week.

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

Also present at the meeting were Mike Ryan, Alice Bell, Jerry Barta, Gloria Boomer, Debbie Goembel, Pat Moyer, Cynthia Naylor, Tandi Arevelo, Brenda Wildman, Laurie Brunner, J. R. Sparke, and Stephanie Berry of the Herington Times.

Debra Wendt
City Clerk