

REGULAR MEETING
September 2, 2014

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 Beth Wade, Commissioner Fred Olsen, Commissioner Chuck Miller, Commissioner Michelle Stanford, Commissioner Kitty Walter, City Manager Ron Strickland, City Attorney Brad Jantz, and City Clerk Debra Wendt.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Beth read a letter from the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW inviting everyone to the National Patriots Day Remembrance Walk on September 11th at Father Padilla Park.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Stanford, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 19, 2014. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” Appropriation Ordinance #P0825-14 was discussed and reviewed. There were no additional agenda items. A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Stanford, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Walter, to donate Tract 1 (Kay’s Pharmacy Wall) to Hospital District No. 1 of Dickinson County, Kansas d/b/a Memorial Health System. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Stanford, to authorize the Mayor to sign a warranty deed for the South 2.50 of Lot 4, Block 29, Original Town of Herington, Dickinson County, Kansas together with any interest in the party wall on Lot 5 adjacent, to Hospital District No. One of Dickinson County, Kansas d/b/a Memorial Health System. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” Brad Jantz said that we had already approved a quit claim deed, which he prefers, but the hospital district requested a warranty deed.

The following resolutions were considered, and the deadline for removal on all three structures is December 15, 2014.

RESOLUTION NO. 858

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 312 NORTH 1ST AND DESCRIBED AS LOT 10 AND SOUTH 10’ OF LOT 8, BLOCK NO. 8, IN THE TOWN OF HERINGTON ADDITION OF THE CITY OF HERINGTON, DICKINSON COUNTY AS UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS AND DIRECTED THAT THE STRUCTURE BE REMOVED AND THE PREMISES MADE SAFE AND SECURE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Mayor Wade, to adopt Resolution No. 858. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

RESOLUTION NO. 859

A RESOLUTION FINDING THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 401 NORTH E AND DESCRIBED AS SOUTH 80’ LOTS 1, 2, 3, BLOCK NO 61, HERINGTON TOWN COMPANY ADDITION IN THE CITY OF HERINGTON, DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS AS UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS AND DIRECTED THAT THE STRUCTURE BE REMOVED AND THE PREMISES MADE SAFE AND SECURE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Stanford, to adopt Resolution No. 859. Motion carried, all voting, "Aye."

RESOLUTION NO. 860

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 316 SOUTH 3RD AND DESCRIBED AS LOTS 12, 14, 16, BLOCK NO. 129 IN THE HERINGTON ADDITION OF THE CITY OF HERINGTON, DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS AS UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS AND DIRECTING THAT THE STRUCTURE BE REMOVED AND THE PREMISES MADE SAFE AND SECURE.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Stanford, to adopt Resolution No. 860. Motion carried, all voting, "Aye."

An ordinance to levy the 1% sales tax that was passed at the August 5th election was considered. Debbie explained that the sunset clause that would cause the tax to end 12-31-17 was added after the packets were made. Chuck asked where the money would go. It was suggested that after we collect the sales tax money, the City would then in turn pay the hospital's electric bill and then give the rest to the hospital to use as they see fit. Leslie Mayes asked if the Commission understands that the money has to go to the hospital first, and then they would pay the bill, due to Medicare regulations. Fred said that the sales tax was approved by the citizens for the hospital, and that he has faith they will pay their electric bill. Other comments included Chuck saying that we need to give the money to the hospital, Leslie stating that it is the hospital's intention to pay, and Mike Ryan pointing out that the citizens said they want to support the hospital. Debbie suggested writing the checks to the hospital for the sales tax money, and then trading the hospital for payment of their current bill, and an amount on the delinquent balance.

ORDINANCE NO. 1763

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A RETAILERS SALES TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE PERCENT (1%) WITHIN THE CITY OF HERINGTON, KANSAS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15, 2015.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Olsen, to adopt Ordinance No. 1763. The vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Mayor Wade, Commissioners Olsen, Miller, Stanford, and Walter.
Nays;	None. Motion carried.

Ron reported that the Broadway Street Bridge will open tomorrow, Highway 77 will close next week, and that sixteen hunters have utilized the conservation program at the lake. Rick Freeman had some questions about detour signs.

Kitty asked about some U S Post Office boxes that had been bolted to sidewalks. Ron said the postal service will be removing them.

Kitty made some comments about respect while working with customers. She encouraged being professional and dressing appropriately, and added that it is not our job to judge other people. In order to make Herington a better place to live, Kitty encouraged cleaning up property, picking up trash, and accountability.

Fred asked about the fountain at Father Padilla, and Michelle asked about the status of the animal ordinance. Ron asked if the Commission wants to allow chickens and farm animals in the community, and said he has received a complaint about the horse on B Street. Michelle said she had a complaint about our late notices, and suggested giving a discount on electric bills for anyone putting up at least two strings of Christmas lights. Wendy Jones said the Chamber would be sponsoring a light decorating contest. Michelle then read a letter from Gloria Boomer concerning her electric meter and fence.

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 Wendy Jones, Dave Jones, Rick Freeman, Ken Walters, Mike Ryan, Serena Staatz, Leslie Mayes, Kenny Staatz, Cynthia Naylor, J. R. Sparke, and Stephanie Gilbert of the Herington Times.

Debra Wendt
City Clerk