

REGULAR MEETING
September 16, 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: 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. Mayor Beth Wade was absent. The meeting was conducted by Vice-Mayor Fred Olsen.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Miller, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 2, 2014. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” Appropriation Ordinances #C0831-14 and #P0910-14 were discussed and reviewed. There were no additional agenda items. A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Walter, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

The following ordinances were considered:

ORDINANCE NO. 1764

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE STANDARD CODE IDENTIFIED AS “STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES, EDITION OF 2014” AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Olsen, to adopt Ordinance No. 1764. The vote was as follows:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1765

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE STANDARD CODE IDENTIFIED AS “UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES, EDITION OF 2014” AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Stanford, to adopt Ordinance No. 1765. The vote was as follows:

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

A resolution to waive fixed asset accounting was considered:

RESOLUTION NO. 861

WHEREAS, the City of Herington, Kansas has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended December 31, 2014, to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the Herington City Commission or the members of the general public of the City of Herington, Kansas, and

WHEREAS, there are no revenue bond ordinances or other ordinances or resolutions of the municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) for the year ended December 31, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Commission of the City of Herington, Kansas in its regular meeting duly assembled this 16th day of September, 2014, that the City Commission waives the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) as they apply to the City of Herington, Kansas, for the year ended December 31, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Herington, Kansas shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of the City of Herington, Kansas to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Olsen, to adopt Resolution No. 861. Motion carried, all voting, "Aye."

A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Stanford, to appoint Edwin Mueller as the City representative to the newly formed Dickinson County Economic Development Committee. Motion carried, all voting, "Aye."

Ron brought up the proposed animal ordinance. He asked the Commission which animals they want to allow in city limits, and where they want to draw the line. Michelle said she can see outlawing some of the animals, but not chickens. Fred said that property owners have the right to be protected, and that he has heard comments from people who don't want chickens in town. Chuck did not feel that chickens would drive property values down, and Michelle asked how hard it would be to develop a Homeowners Association. Brad said it would be almost impossible in existing neighborhoods, and added that some cities had residents go to their neighbors and get a consensus of how they feel about chickens or other animals. Michelle felt that if we have too many restrictions, people won't want to move here. Michelle asked Fred and Kitty if they would be comfortable with allowing the chickens that are already here, as long as they have "o.k.'s" from their neighbors. Kitty said she would be all right with that as long as they don't get any additional ones. Ron commented that there is a good chance that our assessed valuation would go down if we don't have some animal restrictions, and added that he would like some direction as to what the Commission wants in the animal ordinance. He suggested bringing the question back up at the next meeting when all of the Commissioners could be present. Kitty asked Police Officer Eric Gares how much time he spends enforcing the current animal ordinance, and said she favors having a full time code enforcement officer. No action was taken on this matter, and it will be brought up again at the next meeting.

Ron reported that the roof on the Roadhouse Youth Center building is leaking, and wondered if the building is even worth saving.

Kitty asked if anything is being done with the grant we got for handicapped improvements. Ron said we did not get a grant, but \$5,000 was put in the 2015 budget.

Michelle mentioned the truck traffic on D Street after a sale at the Livestock Auction. Also, there were complaints about the "no parking" signs on D Street being set in concrete. Ron said the posts would be used for "emergency snow route" signs after the bridge is done. Also brought up were a yield sign on 1st Street, paving areas where water lines have been repaired, the Library drop box, the fountain at Father Padilla, and center line markings on Trapp Street.

Greg Young stated that he has been trying to purchase some land at Logan Pointe to build a house on for ten weeks. He informed the Commission that it shouldn't have taken them that long for the paperwork, and that now he is not going to build the house, as he does not want to put it up in the snow.

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

Also present at the meeting were Rick Freeman, Ken Walters, Eric Gares, Merissa Hasselman, Kim Ditto Bell, John Bell, Virginia Neuberger, Mike Ryan, David Jones, Joseph Henderson, Crystal Henderson, Steve Pitterman, Edward Seastrom, Leslie Mayes, Jake Dallman, Wendy Jones, Mike Trapp, Greg Young, Brenda Wildman, Andrew Reese, Ed Mueller, Gloria Boomer, Duane Bauer, Cynthia Naylor, J.R. Sparke, and Stephanie Gilbert of the Herington Times.

Debra Wendt
City Clerk