

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**October 7, 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 Michelle Stanford, Commissioner Kitty Walter, City Manager Ron Strickland, City Attorney Brad Jantz, and City Clerk Debra Wendt. Commissioner Chuck Miller was absent.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Wade read a statement explaining our late payment policy. She added that there would be no discussion regarding this issue during the meeting, and if anyone has a concern, they are to talk to Brenda or Ron. Resident Carl Brown commented that when lives are in jeopardy, the City's regulations are wrong.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Walter, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 16, 2014. Motion carried, all voting, "Aye." Appropriation Ordinance #P0925-14 was discussed and reviewed. There were no additional agenda items. A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Olsen, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, all voting, "Aye."

Mayor Wade read the following question: "Does the City want to allow only cats and/or dogs, or small caged animals that are kept indoors in a home such as frogs, parakeets, mice, gerbils, or hamsters to name a few, as domestic animals living in Herington, Kansas?" Ron asked that this question be answered, to give the committee working on the animal ordinance some direction. This was discussed. A motion was made by Mayor Wade, seconded by Commissioner Walter, to direct the animal ordinance committee to include in the proposed ordinance the animals set forth in the aforementioned question. The motion passed 3-1, with Commissioner Stanford casting the dissenting vote. A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford to allow chickens in Herington, but no animals with hooves. The motion died due to lack of a second.

Carl Brown interrupted the meeting by stating that there needs to be legal recall of the City Commissioners.

Two documents were reviewed that dealt with the hospital sales tax. One was a "letter of intent to pay utility bills" that confirms the hospital's intent to pay the electrical portion of the hospital bill by each month's due date, plus 1/36 of the outstanding balance of that account starting December 31, 2014. This was submitted by Mike Ryan. The other document was a "memorandum of understanding" proposed by Brad Jantz. Brad explained that this document requires payment of the monthly bill, plus \$5,000 monthly against the delinquency until paid in full. It also outlines the procedure for what happens if it is not paid. It is to be signed by representatives from both the City and the Hospital. Mike Ryan said the hospital board has not yet seen this document. Brad explained that the memorandum is a draft. This was tabled until all parties have a chance to review it.

The new bridge on Broadway and the shelter at Father Padilla Lake that was built by the Civic Club were mentioned. Michelle brought up the delinquent utility collection procedure, and the need for a long range plan to direct the future of the City.

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

Also present at the meeting were Ed Mueller, Wendy Jones, Diane Walters, Ken Walters, Rick Freeman, Bob Clark, Ruth Clark, Virginia Neuberger, Lois Whitebread, Nikki Edwins, Edward Seastrom, Jerry Barta, Cynthia Naylor, D.J. Neuberger, Marilyn Campbell, Mike Ryan, Brenda Wildman, Carl Brown, Merissa Hasselman, Dave Jones, Andrew Reese, Ray Perez, J.R. Sparke, and Stephanie Gilbert of the Herington Times.

Debra Wendt

City Clerk