

REGULAR MEETING
November 4, 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.

Service awards were presented to the following employees: Melissa Timmons, 10 years; and John Pritchard and Jason Alt, 15 years.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Walter, to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2014. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” Appropriation Ordinance #P1025-14 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.”

The executive session that was scheduled on the agenda was cancelled until all of the commissioners can be present.

Herington Hospital would like two changes to the “Memorandum of Understanding” that the City approved, that deals with the one cent sales tax and the hospital’s delinquent bill. They would like to pay their current bill and 1/36 of their delinquent balance each month, instead of \$5,000, and also they would like the option to come back to the Commission and ask for an extension of the sales tax when it expires. Brad presented a revised document with these changes. A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Mayor Wade, to authorize the Mayor to sign the revised “Memorandum of Understanding.” Motion carried, all voting “Aye.” The document will now go back to the Hospital Board for their consideration.

Two bids were received for a 2015 International dump truck that would replace a 1988 truck. They were from Williams Service for \$64,478.50, and Summit Truck Group for \$64,335.00. Ron recommended approving the bid from Williams Service, even though it is \$143.50 higher, because the company is closer and we have had good service from them in the past. He added that there is money available in the Equipment Reserve fund, and that the old truck, along with some other vehicles, will be put on Purple Wave. A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Mayor Wade, to approve the purchase of the dump truck from Williams Service for \$64,478.50. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

Ron presented a Utility Service asset management maintenance program projected schedule of work and fees for the north water tower and airport water tower. The cost would be \$42,062 for 2014, \$65,865 for 2015-2018, and \$27,860 for 2019. He also presented an ordinance that would raise the minimum water rate by \$5.00 per month, to \$23.75. Fred asked if the airport fund could pay for the maintenance on the airport tower. Ron will check with the auditor about this. A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Mayor Wade, to table this item. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

Beth asked if the roof at the Roadhouse could be a winter project for staff. Ron said that it is too big of a project, and that he is seeking bids from Becker Construction and some other companies. Ron also said that the motor on the fountain at Father Padilla is locked up and that a new fountain would cost between \$7,500 and \$10,000. It would be a new style that wouldn’t plug up, and have waterproof wiring.

Michelle asked if the city employees use a time clock, wanted to know if the City Manager report could go on the City's web site, and commented that the downtown Christmas lights should not be turned on so early.

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

Also present at the meeting were Rick Freeman, David Gehrke, Ken Walters, Mike Ryan, Leslie Mayes, John Bell, Kim Ditto, Paula Strickland, Gloria Boomer, Theresa Drube, Leo Schlesener, Kathleen Souza, Jason Alt, Melissa Timmons, John Pritchard, Merissa Hasselman, David Jones, Ken Staatz, Tandi Arevalo, Steve Pitterman, Cynthia Naylor, J.R. Sparke, and Stephanie Gilbert of the Herington Times.

Debra Wendt
City Clerk