

**REGULAR MEETING  
December 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: 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. City Commissioner Chuck Miller was absent.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Olsen, to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 2, 2014. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” Appropriation Ordinances #C1130-14 and #P1210-14 were 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.”

Sabrina Burt was on the agenda to address traffic concerns on First Street, but she was not present at the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Walter, seconded by Mayor Wade, to approve the renewal of 2015 cereal malt beverage licenses for consumption on the premises for The Spot and Pizza Hut. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Olsen, to approve the renewal of 2015 cereal malt beverage licenses for packaged only for Barnes Heartland Foods, The Spot, and Ampride. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

Water tank maintenance contracts with Utility Service Company Inc. for the North water tower and airport water tower were considered. The annual fee for the first five years will be approximately \$65,865.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Mayor Wade, to authorize the Mayor to sign the water tower contracts. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

The revised memorandum of understanding with the hospital was reviewed. Brad explained the changes he made in Section “H,” which dealt with the consequences if the hospital does not pay their current utility bills. A motion was made by Commissioner Olsen, seconded by Commissioner Stanford, to authorize the Mayor to sign the revised “Memorandum of Understanding” with the hospital. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” It will now be presented to the hospital board for their approval.

Ron presented a proposed animal ordinance that would remove the ban on pit bull dogs, and remove all the regulations affecting the dogs that were grandfathered in by the last ordinance update.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1767**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF HERINGTON, KANSAS, TO AMEND AND REPLACE, IN THEIR ENTIRETY, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 2-208 AND SECTION 2-209 THEREOF; REPEALING THE EXISTING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 2-210 THEREOF FOR NUMBERING ACCURACY, ALL REGARDING DOG AND CAT REGULATION, SPECIFICALLY DEALING WITH PROHIBITED ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND PROSCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; AND REPEALING ANY OTHER CURRENT ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Olsen, to adopt Ordinance No. 1767. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Olsen, Stanford, and Walter.

Nays: Mayor Wade. Motion carried.

Kitty wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Michelle said that “people” are very upset about the water rate increase, and she asked about an increase for the cities of Hope and Woodbine. Ron said that their rates are set by contract. Michelle commented that she thinks the City Manager report should be posted on our web site, and asked what the process would be to set a work session to develop a 5-10-20 year plan. Brad explained the difference between a regular meeting, a special meeting, and a work session. Ron suggested including the Planning and Zoning boards in the discussion of a long range plan. Michelle, Fred, and Beth each wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ron gave an update on the Highway 77 project. Michelle commented on Ron’s city manager report that mentioned a proposed increase of electric rates. Michelle and Fred both said they would like to see some other options.

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

Also present at the meeting were Kat Souza, David Jones, Carl Brown, Rick Freeman, Debbie Goembel, Gloria Boomer, Leslie Mayes, D.J. Neuberger, Virginia Neuberger, Mike Ryan, Ken Walters, Ed Mueller, Eric Gares, Cynthia Naylor, Bob Clark, Ruth Clark, John Bell, and J.R. Sparke.

Debra Wendt  
City Clerk