

REGULAR MEETING

August 4, 2015

The Board of City Commissioners of the City of Herington, Kansas met at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on the above date—the following being present: Mayor Chuck Miller, Commissioner Michelle Stanford, Commissioner Mark Hager, Commissioner Kat Souza, and City Clerk Debra Wendt. Commissioner Kitty Walter and City Attorney Brad Jantz were absent.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Stanford had one change to the minutes of the prior meeting. She would like to add, in the section dealing with adding fluoride to our water, that we meet or exceed the fluoride standard naturally. A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Souza, to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 21, 2015, with this change. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

Appropriation Ordinance #P0725-15 was discussed and reviewed. Larry Mann, 319 North E, spoke at the public forum. He complained about the tall grass and weeds at the cemetery. There were no additional agenda items. A motion was made by Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Hager, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

Gwen Owens-Wilson spoke about the Library. She noted that it is 100 years old, and opened in January of 1916. It has 1,724 registered patrons, and offers books, magazines, DVD’s, newspapers, and computers. They have added an elevator, meeting space, and murals. Gwen thanked the City for their support of the Library.

A motion was made by Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Stanford, to table the lease for the American Legion, as Brad was not present, and hadn’t sent the lease in advance. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

Buck Driggs prepared a contract for the “scope of services” for the power/water plant building, for \$3,000. This would include engineering services for a preliminary site master plan to determine the desired direction for the existing building, and the city infrastructure within the building. Kat said she has some questions for Buck concerning the original brick in the building, and if it could be used as a façade for a metal building. A motion was made by Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Hager, to accept the scope of services. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

Tandi Reiff spoke about insurance for the Land Bank. She recommenced getting a separate policy for the Land Bank, and not putting it under the City’s policy. It was noted that the Land Bank has not taken possession of a house that is being given to them. Tandi said that she could get a quote. She was asked to bring the quote to the Land Bank meeting next Tuesday.

A motion was made by Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Hager, to table changes to the Land Bank policy. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

A motion was made by Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Hager, to table transferring the lots at Logan Pointe to the Land Bank by quit claim deeds. Motion carried, all voting, "Aye." Brad was to bring them to the meeting for approval.

The following ordinances were considered:

ORDINANCE NO. 1775

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE STANDARD CODE IDENTIFIED AS "STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES, EDITION OF 2015" AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Hager, to adopt Ordinance #1775. The vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Mayor Miller, Commissioners Stanford, Hager, and Souza.
Nays:	None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1776

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE STANDARD CODE IDENTIFIED AS "UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES, EDITION OF 2015," AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Hager, to adopt Ordinance No. 1776. The vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Mayor Miller, Commissioners Stanford, Hager, and Souza.
Nays:	None. Motion carried.

Microphones for the City Commission room were discussed. Debbie said that a representative from TC Wireless would be willing to give a quote for a system, either with or without using the equipment that is already here. Most of the equipment belongs to USD #487. Brandy Collins said that no one has ever approached the school board about sharing the cost of a sound system. Some cost estimates will be sought, and this will be discussed at a later time.

Debbie said that the Dickinson County Commission would be willing to change the speed limit to 45 mph on North D Street, from the city limits to highway 4, if the City Commission would send them a letter requesting this. The Commission was not interested in changing the speed limit.

Kat presented an ad for the City Manager position. Debbie noted that the City has numerous departments other than the ones she listed, and that we do not oversee the library. The other Commissioners were satisfied with the ad.

Water rates were discussed, and the question of whether to raise the rates now, or later when we know the cost of the power/water plant building project. It was decided to find out what the State water rate average is, and discuss this again at the next meeting.

At 6:39 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Hager, for the City Commission and Interim City Manager to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried, all voting, "Aye." At 6:54 p.m. the meeting was back in regular session. No action was taken.

Debbie said that RFP's had been sent out for demolition of the airport water tower and several condemned houses. She also gave an update on fluoride and said that the Roadhouse board members would attend a meeting in the future to discuss the Roadhouse building.

Michelle mentioned some pot holes on West Walnut, and said that the lights are on in the locker room at Tripp Field. Kat suggested going paperless on the agendas to save money.

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

Also present at the meeting were Natasha Barnett, Brandy Collins, Shelly Wirtz, Gloria Boomer, Gwen Owens-Wilson, Tim Bettles, Phyllis Bettles, Connie Haage, Carl Brown, Roger Boelling, Butch Knight, Eric Gares, Dave Jones, Wendy Jones, Mike Mowat, Ron Maggard, Larry Mann, Tina Wise, Tandi Reiff, Cynthia Naylor, Dave Peters, and J.R. Sparke.

Debra Wendt
City Clerk