

REGULAR MEETING
December 1, 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 Kitty Walter, Commissioner Kat Souza, City Attorney Brad Jantz, and City Clerk Debra Wendt. Commissioner Mark Hager was absent.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Souza, to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2015. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” Appropriation Ordinance #P1125-15 was discussed and reviewed. At the public forum, Gloria Boomer wanted to talk about the proposed trash service increase. Chuck told her that this issue is agenda item #8, and that she would be allowed to speak at that time. No one else spoke at the public forum.

Commissioner Souza had several additional agenda items. An executive session to discuss non-elected personnel was added as #6A, #9 (Sign, Leadership Dickinson County) was removed and replaced with consideration of a resolution regarding the City’s procurement policy, and a resolution regarding the duties of the Interim City Manager was added as #9A. A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Souza, to approve the agenda, with the aforementioned changes. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

At 6:05 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Souza, seconded by Commissioner Stanford, for the City Commission and City Attorney to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” At 6:25 p.m. the meeting was back in regular session. At 6:25 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Mayor Miller, to continue the executive session for another 10 minutes. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” At 6:35 p.m. the meeting was back in regular session. A motion was made by Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Stanford, to release the names of seven candidates that the City Commission would like to interview for the City Manager position. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” The candidates are Brian Hoffman, Harry Howell III, Corey Swisher, Bret Beye, Debbie Wendt, Vance Donahue II, and Ed Patton. Interviews have not been set up yet.

Appointment of one member to the Land Bank was considered. Michelle asked Rick Freeman if he had a conflict on Tuesday nights, and Kat asked him if he had any reason to not fulfill the term. Rick replied “no” to both questions. A motion was made by Commissioner Souza, seconded by Commissioner Stanford, to appoint Rick Freeman to the Land Bank Board to fill an unexpired term, to expire 5-18-18. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

M & K Trash Service has requested a \$.30 per month, per household increase in their rates, effective January 1, 2016, due to the raising of dumping fees by \$3.00 per ton at the Dickinson County Transfer Station. They have a two-year contract, which expires 12-31-16. The contract allows for modification to allow for increases or decreases in landfill and other similar charges. Gloria Boomer asked why we would give them a raise when their contract isn’t due, and added that more people should recycle. Ray Perez asked how the contract works. The Commission decided that they would like to have Mike Walsh come to a meeting so he can answer questions. A motion was made by Mayor Miller, seconded by Commissioner Stanford, to table this until the next meeting, and ask Mike Walsh to attend. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

The Commission considered a resolution that would amend the current procurement policy and limit the spending of the City Manager to \$10,000, down from the current amount of \$25,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 878

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HERINGTON, AMENDING THE CITY OF HERINGTON PROCUREMENT POLICY ORGINALLY ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 527 OF THE CITY OF HERINGTON.

WHEREAS, the Herington City Governing Body duly adopted Herington City Resolution No. 527 establishing a Procurement Policy to provide guidance in the purchasing of goods and services by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Herington City Commission finds it advisable to amend the spending limits established and specifically referenced in Paragraph IV, Sections A and C, as well as Paragraph V, Sections A, B, C, and D of the Procurement Policy adopted in Herington City Resolution No. 527.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HERINGTON, KANSAS:

The hereby amended Paragraph IV, A and C, as well as Paragraph V, Sections A, B, C, and D attached and marked as Exhibit A are adopted to amend and replace the same Sections as adopted in the original Procurement Policy and to hereby replace the same in their entirety with those appearing in Exhibit A to this Resolution.

Eric Gares asked about items that are already in the budget, and J.R. Sparke asked when the Commission had talked about this. Chuck and Michelle indicated that this has been discussed in the past. A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Souza, to adopt Resolution No. 878. Motion carried, all voting, "Aye."

A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Souza, to table a resolution regarding the duties of the Interim City Manager. Motion carried, all voting, "Aye."

Debbie gave an update on the recent ice storm. David Gehrke went over what could be run with the CAT generator. Rick Freeman asked about power for emergency situations and medical necessities. It was decided to continue to discuss what to do if we have any more lengthy power outages, including purchasing of more generators and location for a shelter.

Chuck read the article concerning tree limb pick-up that is posted on our website and will be in the newspaper. Michelle and Kat thanked the City crews for their hard work during the ice storm. Kat told about the "Angel" program that will provide gifts to the Legacy and Assisted Living residents.

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 Rick Freeman, Ken Walters, Gloria Boomer, Ray Perez, Eric Gares, Cynthia Naylor, David Gehrke, and J.R. Sparke.

Debra Wendt
City Clerk

