**REGULAR MEETING**

**May 3, 2016**

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: Commissioner Michelle Stanford, Commissioner Kitty Walter, Commissioner Mark Hager, Commissioner Kat Souza, Commissioner-Elect Dave Jones, City Manager Ed Patton, City Attorney Brad Jantz, and City Clerk Debra Wendt.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The oath of office was administered to Dave Jones, Commissioner, by Debbie Wendt.

The annual reorganization of the Commission was held at this time. A motion was made by Commissioner Hager, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to elect Kat Souza as the Mayor of Herington. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” A motion was made by Commissioner Hager, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to elect Michelle Stanford as the Vice-Mayor. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” Mayor Souza left the meeting at this time. The meeting was conducted by Vice-Mayor Stanford.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hager, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2016. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” Appropriation Ordinance #P0425-16 was discussed and reviewed.

At the public forum, Rick Freeman, 201 East Helen #5, asked about the ADA compliance projects that have been in the budget. He said it is time to move forward and get something done.

Commissioner Jones added one agenda item—Wendy Jones on behalf of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. It was added as #11A. A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Hager, to approve the agenda, with the addition of #11A. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

Shirley Meyer was present to ask what the timeline is for the demolition of 5 West Walnut. Michelle said that even though the property has gone through the condemnation process, there are no current plans for demolition. Kenny Staatz feels that we need to preserve the building, noted that we don’t have enough funds available for demolition of the structure, and said that it would need to have an asbestos inspection. Dr. John Mosier passed out some information on mold cases and said that the mold in the building is a serious health concern. Since the mold spores are penetrating the FRE building next door, he feels the options are to remove the building, relocate the FRE, or remove the mold. Rick Freeman also spoke about the problem, and said that Dr. Wolfe is also concerned about the health risk. It was noted that City employees are not qualified to remove the mold, and that safety equipment would be very costly. Michelle said that even though we had doubled the budget for demolition, we have already taken bids for some other property. Shirley said the FRE is asking that the building be moved up on the list, and to reconsider the order of priorities. Mark said that we would still have to do an asbestos inspection and remove the mold, even if it is torn down. Shirley said she doesn’t like what she is hearing, and asked how the City can budget for the demolition if they have no idea how much it will cost. She added that she knows the process takes time, but no action has been taken since the building was condemned. Discussion continued. Kenny said that he could get estimates for demolition, mold removal, and asbestos removal. Shirley went over the benefits of the food pantry and thrift shop, and said she feels threatened by the condition of 5 West Walnut. It was decided that Ed and Kenny would inspect the building, and this item will be brought up for discussion again at the next meeting.

An ordinance that would extend the 14 day camping rule at the lakes was considered:

**ORINANCE NO. 1783**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF HERINGTON, KANSAS, TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER VI, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 6-126 REGULATING CAMPING FACILTIIES AT THE CITY OWNED LAKE AND RESERVIOR AND REPEALING ANY OTHER CURRECT ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hager, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to adopt Ordinance No. 1783. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Stanford, Hager, Walter, and Jones.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Wendy Jones reported that the CVB had met and appointed her as the representative to bring CVB matters to the City Commission. She also asked when we would need their 2017 budget. She mentioned that there are still some vacancies on the board.

The City Manager reported on some items:

(1) Meeting with department heads and airport fence grant.

(2) Condition of Vine Street Bridge.

(3) Issues with the new Broadway Street Bridge.

(4) Condition of the swimming pool liner.

(5) EDC guidelines and potential new business.

(6) Handout of “Translating Your Plan into a Budget” by Bernie Hayen.

(7) Contrast between private and public organizations, and 2017 budget calendar.

(8) Citizen disturbances and complaints, and telecommunications system upgrades.

Dave had questions on the airport grant, the Broadway Bridge, and the pool warranty. Michelle said that the creek wall between 8th and 9th on Trapp is collapsing.

The Commissioners congratulated each other on their positions of Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and new commissioner. Mark asked if the lights at Tripp Field could be moved to the rodeo arena. A City representative to the fair board will be appointed at the next meeting. Other items mentioned were graduation activities, canned good collection for the FRE, and the car show and drag races. The Commissioners welcomed Ed and told him they are looking forward to working with him.

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

Also present at the meeting were Buck Buckner, Debbie Goembel, Rick Freeman, Frank Meyer, Shirley Meyer, Marion Noble, Mark Noble, Katrina Hager, Wendy Jones, John Mosier, Adam Jones, Ken Walters, Ken Staatz, Ed Mueller, Jerry Barta, Gloria Boomer, Rhonda Simpson, Ray Perez, and J.R. Sparke.

Debra Wendt

City Clerk