**REGULAR MEETING**

**August 16, 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: Mayor Kat Souza, Commissioner Michelle Stanford, Commissioner Mark Hager, City Manager Ed Patton, City Attorney Brad Jantz, and City Clerk Debra Wendt. Commissioner Kitty Walter was absent, and Commissioner Dave Jones arrived late.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Hager, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 2, 2016. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Hager, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 8, 2016. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” Appropriation Ordinances #C0731-16 and #P0810-16 were discussed and reviewed. Commissioner Dave Jones arrived at this time.

At the public forum, Gabriele Simmons asked when something would be done with the property at 18 North 12th. She said that nothing had been done since it was condemned, and added that the property is still not secured. Brad said that this is somewhat at a standstill due to the financial institution that owns the property. Ed said that we could pull the mobile home off the property or put up a fence around it, but he would not recommend either one. He added that he is expecting some kind of communication on the property. Gabriele also asked when the downtown cross walks are going to be painted.

There were no additional agenda items. A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Hager, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

The Mayor read the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION NO. 883**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF HERINGTON, KANSAS TO SIGN AND FORWARD THE PRE-APPLICATION FORM(S) TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF THE HERINGTON MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL WITH REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND/OR MAKE NEEDED BUILDING REPAIRS.**

**WHEREAS,** the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers assistance through the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the Herington Municipal Hospital (HMH) is a municipally owned facility in need of assistance, and

**WHEREAS**, the HMH roof has leaked and irreparably damaged the carpet within, necessitating assistance with replacing said carpet with tiles and replacing said roof throughout, and

**WHEREAS**, the HMH is in need of assistance to replace its radiological equipment and the United States Government through Medicare is mandating HMH to upgrade its Emergency Health Record (EHR) keeping system, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Herington has granted authority to the City Manager to sign and forward the pre-application form(s) to the USDA.

**NOW, THERFORE**, Be It Resolved by the Herington City Commission, a Municipal Corporation located in Dickinson County, Kansas, that City Manager Ed Patton is authorized to sign and forward the pre-application form(s) as required to receive assistance from the USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan Program on behalf of the Herington Municipal Hospital.

Ed explained that this would allow him to sign the pre-application paperwork for a USDA loan for medical equipment and building repairs for the hospital. A motion was made by Commissioner Stanford, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to adopt Resolution No. 883. After the motion, Mark asked if the new software the hospital needs would fall under “equipment.” Alan Meisinger, Hospital Administrator, said software would be not acquired through the loan, and Ed indicated that the resolution is for the pre-application, and if approved, any purchases would be spelled out in future documents before any decisions would be made. The motion passed unanimously.

Kat then read a resolution requesting that the Dickinson County Commission change the speed limit on North D Street.

**RESOLUTION NO. 884**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FOR DICKINSON COUNTY, KANSAS, AUTHORIZE THE CHANGE IN THE SPEED ZONE FROM 30 MPH TO 45 MPH, TO BEGIN NORTH OF USD 487 SCHOOLS AND END AT K-4 HIGHWAY.**

**WHEREAS**, the current speed zone is 30 mph just North of USD 487 schools for North bound traffic to K-4 Highway, and

**WHEREAS**, the current speed zone is 30 mph for the South bound traffic from K-4 Highway to North of USD 487 schools continuing on as D Street, located in the City of Herington, Kansas, and

**WHEREAS**, several citizens of Dickinson County, Kansas have complained about the time delay caused by the 30 mph speed zone North of USD 487 schools to K-4 Highway, and

**WHEREAS**, the Police Chief of the Herington Police Department knows no reason why the 30 mph speed zone North of USD 487 schools to K-4 Highway should not be changed to a 45 mph speed zone for both lanes beginning at K-4 Highway and ending North of USD 487 schools.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Be It Resolved by the Herington City Commission, a Municipal Corporation located in Dickinson County, Kansas, that the Commission concurs the speed zone beginning at K-4 Highway and ending North of USD 487 schools should be posted for both lanes of traffic at 45 mph, and the Commission further concurs that the speed zone for the South bound traffic from that point North of USD 487 schools continuing South as D Street, through Herington, Kansas, should remain at the rate of 30 mph.

Mark brought up that this was considered about a year ago, and that he still has a problem with it. He felt that the Police Department needs to patrol the area better, and that the safety of children needs to be a priority. This was discussed. It was clarified that the Dickinson County Commission would need to change the speed limit, as the area is not in the City limits. A motion was made by Mayor Souza, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to adopt Resolution No. 884. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.”

At 6:28 p.m. a motion was made by Mayor Souza, seconded by Commissioner Hager, for the City Commission, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to go into executive session for twenty minutes under KSA 75-4319(b)(4), confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships. Motion carried, all voting, “Aye.” At 6:48 p.m. the meeting was back in regular session.

Ed commented that he has been busy this week, and asked if anyone had questions on the monthly budget fund expenditure report. Dave had questions on the Community Building and Storm Water funds. Ed said that the section of Helen Street that was sealed by Hall Brothers, Inc. was done for $3,967.65. He has a proposal for sealing West Walnut, but is not happy with it so he will be negotiating with them.

Ed went over a letter from the City of Hope concerning water. He said that the chlorine level of the water we sell to them is not high enough when it gets to Hope. Ed will be meeting with KDHE on Thursday, and then with another representative from KDHE, along with the Hope Mayor and Council President next week concerning these issues. He added that we are not the only ones facing water issues, as KDHE keeps changing the requirements and regulations.

Dave told Ed that we also need to look at the bridge on West Walnut, and he asked about the recycling trailer. Ed said he had requested a trailer from Dickinson County, and we should know something in December. Mark thanked the Chamber Director for being instrumental in getting our newspaper back in town. Michelle reminded everyone to slow down, as the kids are back to school. Dave apologized for being late to the meeting, and Kat congratulated Discs Unlimited for receiving their business incentives money.

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

Also present at the meeting were Wendy Jones, Gloria Boomer, Rick Freeman, Gabriele Simmons, Howard Hailey, Alan Meisinger, Gail Carlson, Ken Walters, Virginia Neuberger, Dr. Richard Uhlig, Patricia Uhlig, and J.R. Sparke.

Debra Wendt

City Clerk