

**Regular Meeting
September 20, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

The Herington City Commissioners met on the above date and time in the commission chambers at city hall. In attendance were Mayor Eric Gares, Commissioner Vance Donahue, Commissioner Debi Urbanek, and Commissioner Robbin Bell. Absent was Commissioner Castleberry. Also in attendance were City Manager Branden Dross, City Attorney Brad Jantz, City Clerk Megan Lawrenz, Sharon Kolanowski, Mark Will, Kent Campbell, Carl Urbanek, Pam Dalton, Brandy Sensmeier and Karen Soliz.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Gares called the meeting to order.

Public Forum – Karen Soliz – Ladies Night Out – October 8 from 6 to 9pm to showcase the community and regain normalcy after covid, several downtown businesses participating.

Additional Agenda Items – Add 12a Discussion regarding Ordinance 1875 – Regarding Bonds.

Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Bell made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 12a, seconded by Commissioner Donahue. Motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda – Commissioner Urbanek made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the minutes from the September 6, 2022, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Donahue. Motion carried 4-0.

Open Public Hearing for the Right of Way Vacation for McClaren Lots 1 & 2 – Opened at 6:05pm.

Close Public Hearing – The public hearing closed at 6:09pm.

Consideration of Vacation of McClaren Lots 1 & 2 Right of Way Property Acquisition – Commissioner Urbanek made a motion to approve the vacation of McClaren Lots 1 & 2 right of way property acquisition and authorize the mayor's signature, seconded by Commissioner Bell. Motion carried 4-0.

Update on the Trick or Treat Event - Cynthia Naylor gave an update on trick or treat festivities for October 29, 2022. Trunk or Treat will be at Tripp Field.

Resolution 960 – A resolution making certain findings and authorizing the preparation and submission of an application to the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) – Ross Vogel and Kent Campbell spoke about having jobs that need to be filled, but there is not enough housing. Commissioner Urbanek made a motion to approve resolution 960 and authorize the mayor's signature, seconded by Commissioner Bell. Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution 961 – Temporary CMB exemption for the Herington Hospital Foundation Event at 108 W Main on Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, and authorize the mayor's signature. Commissioner Urbanek made a motion to approve resolution 961 and authorize the mayor's signature, seconded by Commissioner Bell. Motion carried 4-0.

12a. Ordinance 1875 – Tabled at the last meeting, staff is still working to make the cost for bonds equitable.

Mayor Gares made a motion that the Herington City Commission recess into Executive Session, pursuant -to the: Preliminary discussions relating to the acquisition of real property exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6) in order to discuss a real estate transaction to include the governing body, city manager and city attorney. With the open meeting to resume in the City Commission Chamber at 7:13 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Bell. Motion carried 4-0. The regular meeting resumed with no action taken.

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City Manager Comments – Yesterday work at Herington Regional Airport was complete. There was talk about extending the runway out 500 feet, talked to KS Forestry who could use the airport as a drop site for water and fuel. Street work bids were opened yesterday for Main and Walnut on 2nd Street. Bids discussed at next meeting. M & K Trash may need \$1.00 increase in billing, hoping for another three-year contract. Branden gone Thursday through Monday, will have phone and email.

City Commission Comments

Commissioner Bell – Issues that the FAA had with the drag race, all items have been resolved. Wants a better system for work orders.

Commissioner Urbanek – Asked if the Herington Housing Authority Application was it submitted to the HHA Board for review?

Commissioner Donahue – Feels that the pool will generate more than \$55,000 in tax revenue. Brought up the safe routes to school, but feels sidewalks need to be a priority. Mentioned seeing air-patching on the streets.

Mayor Gares – Also wants to see safe walks happen. Branden has the application submitted, working on ways to get the matching funds, approximately \$200,000. KDOT connecting links – They do have the annexation on file, the price we would get for linear miles is minimal. Had two Ad Hoc Meetings for the mission/vision statement already, another meeting tomorrow. Oct 8-10th League Annual Conference.

Adjourn – Commissioner Urbanek made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Donahue. Motion carried 4-0.

Megan Lawrenz, City Clerk