

Regular Meeting
October 12, 2021
5:30 p.m.

The Board of City Commissioners of the City of Herington, Kansas met at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on the above date – the following being present: Mayor Debi Urbanek, Commissioner Vance Donahue II, Commissioner Ben Castleberry, City Manager Branden Dross, City Attorney Brad Jantz and City Clerk Megan Lawrenz. Also, in attendance were Officer Chad Langley, Carl Urbanek, Larry Mann, Eric Gares, John Shepherd, Analda Shepherd, Shelly Langhofer, Officer Breanna Canby, Steve Lewis, Officer Ronald Cervera, MacKenzie Langley, Crystal Parris, Officer Brian Schantz, Officer Allen Cottone, Brandy Sensmeier and Wayne Langhofer.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Donahue motioned to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting September 21, 2021, seconded by Mayor Urbanek. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Forum – Analda Shepherd – 616 N D St, Herington, KS 67449 spoke about the fowl ordinance.

Additional Agenda Items – Addition of 5a Executive Session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Donahue, seconded by Commissioner Castleberry to approve the agenda with the addition of 5a. Motion carried 3-0.

Executive Session – Mayor Urbanek motioned to move to executive sessions pursuant to the personnel matters of non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) to include the governing body, city manager and city attorney if needed, with the regularly scheduled meeting to resume at 5:46p, seconded by Commissioner Castleberry. Motion carried 3-0. No action taken.

City Manager Branden Dross introduced Sergeant Detective Chad Langley as the new Chief of Police for the Herington Police Department.

Police Update – There were 239 calls for service, and 4 misdemeanor arrests.

Neighborhood Enforcement Update – Out of 4 condemnations, two homes have come off the list. The other two houses need to be abated. Court cases were paused for a while but resumed today. Certification training will be starting this fall in Manhattan. The city wide clean up went well, Crystal worked with Mike to get some last-minute garbage picked up. Will be working some Saturdays. Has been working on last minute grass letters and is getting ready to start working on parking campers on wood or cement on the side of houses.

Marcus Hawkes' Application for the Planning Commission – Mayor Urbanek motioned to approve Marcus Hawkes' application for the Planning Commission term to expire 12/31/2025, seconded by Commissioner Castleberry. There was discussion about making sure that extending the term expiration date is allowed.

Staff confirmed it is allowed and will update the planning commission by-laws to reflect. Motion carried 3-0.

Brandy Sensmeier's Application for the CVB Board – Mayor Urbanek motion to approve Brandy Sensmeier's application for the CVB board term to expire 10/31/2023, seconded by Commissioner Donahue. Motion carried 3-0.

Helen Mitchell's resignation from the Hilltop Advisory Board – Mayor Urbanek motioned to approve Helen Mitchell's resignation from the Hilltop Advisory Board, seconded by Commissioner Castleberry. Motion carried 3-0.

Special Event Permit to sell Cereal Malt Beverages – Mayor Urbanek motioned to approve the special event permit to sell cereal malt beverages on Broadway Street in front of City Hall on 10/30/2021 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm for the fall festival, seconded by Commissioner Castleberry. Motion carried 3-0.

Street Closure Request – Mayor Urbanek motioned to approve the street closure request for Broadway Street between Main Street and Day Street for the Fall Festival on 10/30/2021, seconded by Commissioner Donahue. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 945

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY, THOROUGHFARES, OR PUBLIC ACCESS ROADWAYS, ON BROADWAY AVENUE IN THE CITY OF HERINGTON, KANSAS FROM MAIN STREET TO DAY STREET FOR THE TIMES AND DATES SPECIFIED HEREIN.

Ordinance to dissolve the Herington Municipal Hospital Board of Trustees – Mayor Urbanek motioned to approve an ordinance in the next sequential order to dissolve the Herington Municipal Hospital Board of Trustees. Motion failed for lack of a second. Item tabled until the 10/19/2021 regular commission meeting.

Fowl Ordinance – Mayor Urbanek motioned to defer the subject to the next regular city commission meeting, seconded by Commissioner Donahue. Motion carried 3-0.

Neighborhood Revitalization Plan – Mayor Urbanek motioned to approve the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, seconded by Commissioner Castleberry. Motion carried 3-0.

Fire Update – There were 51 calls since 9/7/2021; 3 MVA with injuries, 1 rescue/entrapment MVA, 28 EMS assists, 1 vehicle fire, 10 controlled burns, 1 smoke odor, 1 standby, 3 fire alarms, 1 structure fire, 1 rubbish fire and 1 down power line. Training with JCFD went well. Training on the new thermal imagers. Chief Avantagiato is in fire investigator class in Newton 10/11-10/22. Nelson is still progressing nicely, he is working on getting his leg healthy. Open house on 10/5 with HPD went great. HFD did fire prevention at Discovery Child Center. HFD will do fire prevention at the VFW on 10/16. Received and placed in service the new thermal image cameras, have already used on several calls. Need to fill seats on committee for

new fire Station, 4 firefighters, City Manager, Commissioner and 2-3 Citizens. SCBA's are due in end of November/December. Had 2 older ones fail within the last couple weeks. Average response time 3:05 seconds, only 3 times did a unit not respond in under 8 minutes.

City Manager Comments – The bids received back for the ADA ramps and curb and gutter work exceed budgeted funds. Waiting for the pumphouse bids. Reached out to Schilling for patchwork. Planning commission met but didn't meet a quorum. The pools fiberglass is under warranty. Will be bringing and adjusted lake RFQ to the next meeting. Happy birthday to staff members Jason Alt and Megan Lawrenz.

Commissioner Castleberry – Great job to everyone who worked on Nation Night Out. Congratulations to Chief of Police Chad Langley.

Commissioner Donahue – Nothing.

Mayor Urbanek – Builders group next week. Asked the status of the Ad Hoc committees 501C3 status, Brad Jantz will follow up with Corkie Dunlap.

Adjourn – Commissioner Castleberry made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Urbanek. Motion carried 3-0.

Megan Lawrenz, City Clerk