

**Regular Meeting**  
**January 21, 2020**  
**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 Robbin Bell, Commissioner Curtis Hartman, Commissioner Eric Gares, Commissioner Vance Donahue II, City Clerk Marcus Hawkes and Deputy Clerk Kathy Matkins.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Donahue II to approve the minutes of the regular meeting January 7, 2020. Motion carried with all voting “Aye.”

There was one signee for Public Forum. Ingrid Herwick spoke about utility increases and the effects of what this would mean for most of the elderly population who live on fixed incomes. She asked the City Commissioners to reconsider the increases based on age and population.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Hartman to approve the agenda with the additions of 9A David Kahle to speak on Evergy power lines, 13A City absorption of \$.20 trash service increase and 21A wastewater discharge agreement with the Union Pacific. Motion carried all voting “Aye.”

A motion was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Hartman to approve Resolution #929 waiving fixed asset accounting. Motion carried, all voting “Aye”.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Gares to declare the approval of current observed set holidays. Motion carried, all voting “Aye”.

A motion was made by Mayor Urbanek, seconded by Commissioner Bell to approve the CVB By-Laws as presented. Motion carried, all voting “Aye”.

Discussion was had with David Kahle regarding Evergy’s proposed plan to run power lines through town in order to better serve the airport.

Discussion was had regarding a request by a resident to install solar panels. Dustin Smith presented on behalf of the resident who would like to offset their utility bill. David Kahle was present on behalf of the City. It was determined more research will need to be done. The commission discussed having a special meeting with representatives of KMU. The commission hopes to have an answer by the February 18, 2020 regular meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Gares to approve Ordinance #1822 setting residential and commercial electric rate changes. Motion carried with Commissioner Donahue voting “Nay” and all others voting “Aye”.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Mayor Urbanek to approve Ordinance #1823 setting residential and commercial water rate changes. Motion carried with Commissioner Donahue and Commissioner Gares voting "Nay" and all others voting "Aye".

Motion was made by Commissioner Gares, seconded by Commissioner Donahue to table discussion of Ordinance #1824 setting residential and commercial sewer rate changes until the February 4, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried with Mayor Urbanek and Commissioner Bell voting "Nay" and all others voting "Aye".

A motion was made by Mayor Urbanek, seconded by Commissioner Bell to approve in next sequential order a resolution to accept a \$0.20 increase from M&K Trash Service, not to affect the city's customers. Motion carried, all voting "Aye."

Motion was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Gares to approve Upcoming CY 2021 Fire Contract for Clarks Creek Township in the amount of \$5,326.69. Motion carried with all voting "Aye."

Motion was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Gares to approve Upcoming CY 2021 Fire Contract for Fire District 7 in the amount of \$10,783.84. Motion carried with all voting "Aye."

Motion was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Gares to approve Upcoming CY 2021 Fire Contract for Lyon Township in the amount of \$20,436.59. Motion carried with all voting "Aye."

Motion was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Gares to approve Upcoming CY 2021 Fire Contract for Union Township in the amount of \$2,504.72. Motion carried with all voting "Aye."

Motion was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Gares to table discussion of the purchase of a storm siren system until the City receives final cost amounts to be discussed further at the next City Commission Meeting February 4, 2020. Motion carried with all voting "Aye."

Discussion was had with Fire Chief Melcher presenting cooperation with Dickinson County in acquiring safety equipment for cities in the county.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gares, seconded by Commissioner Donahue to approve change to City Manager advertising of salary up to \$90,000 and add in Homestead Village to the second paragraph. Motion carried with Commissioner Bell and Mayor Urbanek voting "Nay." All others voting "Aye".

Discussion was had about the proposed Vacant Building Ordinance. The meeting with business owners has been delayed. The DKEDC will work with the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce to set up the meeting at a later time. Motion was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Gares to table the discussion until after this meeting. Motion carried, all voting "Aye."

Discussion was had of a project list. Regarding the city lakes, it was discussed whether to upgrade the current campsites and add new campsites. Chuck Scott from the DKEDC and various city department heads will meet to discuss these developments. The Water and Sewer Plant Projects are moving along

with progress. Buck Driggs will be here next meeting to update. Need to check on progress of the Broadway Project. Commissioner Gares requested an update on the Sewer Plant from Dennis Albrecht.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Hartman to adjourn. Motion carried, all voting "Aye."

Also, present: Carl Urbanek, Janet Wade, Gloria Boomer, Cynthia Naylor, Scott Melcher, Brian Hornaday, Vance Donahue, Leslie Mayes, Ingrid Herwick, Catherine Stinnett, Gabriele Simmons, Tandi Reiff, Dan McDonald, Christina McDonald, Rick Dalton, Pam Dalton and J.R. Sparke-Herington Times.

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Marcus Hawkes, City Clerk