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# CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 15, 2003

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Junction City City Commission was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2003 with Mayor David Bossemeyer presiding.

The following members of the Commission were present: Kay Blanken, David Bossemeyer, Richard Pinaire, Reynard Wright, Mick Wunder. Staff present: City Manager Rodney D. Barnes, City Attorney Charles Zimmerman, City Engineer Thomas E. Neal and Acting City Clerk Tricia Gowen.

## CALL TO ORDER

- a. Moment of Silence.
- b. Pledge of Allegiance.
- c. The consideration of appropriation ordinance A-17, dated April 4, 2003 in the amount of \$5,694.40 to Ben Kitchens Painting.  
Commissioner Blanken moved, seconded by Commissioner Wunder to approve appropriation ordinance A-17 dated April 4, 2003 in the amount of \$5,694.40 to Ben Kitchens Painting. Ayes: Blanken, Bossemeyer, Wright, Wunder. Nays: None. Abstain: Pinaire. Motion carried.
- d. The consideration of appropriation ordinance A-18, dated April 4, 2003 in the amount of \$129.65 to B & K Enterprises. Commissioner Wunder moved, seconded by Commissioner Wright to approve appropriation ordinance A-18, dated April 4, 2003 in the amount of \$129.65 to B & K Enterprises. Ayes: Bossemeyer, Pinaire, Wright, Wunder. Nays: None. Abstain: Blanken. Motion carried.
- e. The consideration of pay estimate #2 to Barber Construction for the convention center site improvements in the amount of \$33,300.00. Commissioner Blanken moved, seconded by Commissioner Wunder to approve pay estimate #2 to Barber Construction in the amount of \$33,300.00. Ayes: Blanken, Bossemeyer, Wright, Wunder. Nays: Pinaire. Motion carried.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Pinaire moved, seconded by Commissioner Wunder to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Blanken, Bossemeyer, Pinaire, Wright, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of Commission Minutes of April 1, 2003 Commission Meeting.
- b. Approval of Payroll Ordinance P-7, dated April 4, 2003 in the amount of \$156,760.83, Appropriation Ordinance A-16, dated April 10, 2003 in the amount of \$91,063.97 and Appropriation Ordinance A-19 dated April 11, 2003 in the amount of \$107,458.89.
- c. Monthly Reports:
  - 1. Engineering/Inspection
  - 2. Fire/EMS Department
  - 3. Personnel/EEO
  - 4. Police Department
  - 5. Project Status Report
  - 6. Water Administration

- 7. U. S. Filter
  - Wastewater Treatment Facilities
  - Water Treatment Plant
  - Public Works

- d. The consideration of Ordinance S2686 rezoning 700 N. Jefferson (Municipal Building) from Multiple-family residential (RM) to Central Commercial (CC). 2nd & Final Reading.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

- a. The consideration of appointment of Steven Jones to the Junction City Public Housing Authority to fill the unexpired term of Teresa Rogers. The term will run from April 15, 2003 through February 23, 2006. Commissioner Pinaire moved, seconded by Commissioner Blanken to table the consideration of appointment of Steven Jones to the Junction City Public Housing Authority. Ayes: Blanken, Bossemeyer, Pinaire, Wright, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Mayor Bossemeyer proclaimed May 3 as Poppy Day. Representatives from the American Legion Auxiliary accepted.
- b. Presentation to U. S. Filter for receiving the Kansas Water Environmental Association award for Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Year Class 4 Award. Dennis Taggart and Harry Benioux accepted.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

### **YOUTH COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Jason Butler reported to the City Commission that Natasha Lewis has been presented with a scholarship. The Youth Commission wants to support the troops in Iraq therefore they are joining with FILA to hold a free car wash for any military members and their dependents. The car wash will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 p.m. The Youth Commission has been invited to assist with the Cabela's fishing tournament in June. They will have a Youth Commission booth and hope to have good PR at the event.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. The reconsideration of demolition of property located at 116 S. Washington. Commissioner Pinaire moved, seconded by Commissioner Wunder to remove the property located at 116 S. Washington from the demolition list and give the owner six (6) months to repair the property. Ayes: Bossemeyer, Blanken, Pinaire, Wright, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. Oath of Office and Election of Mayor

Mayor Bossemeyer turned the gavel over to the City Manager. City Manager Rod Barnes presented plaques to outgoing Mayor Bossemeyer, Richard Pinaire and Reynard Wright. Administrative Services Director Tricia Gowen swore in Terry Heldstab, Ken Talley and Jack Taylor.

Commissioner Blanken nominated Commissioner Wunder for Mayor. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Talley. Commissioner Taylor moved to close the nominations. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Talley, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

b. Election of Vice-Mayor

Mayor Wunder asked for nominations for the office of Vice-Mayor.

Commissioner Heldstab nominated Commissioner Talley for Vice-Mayor. Nomination was seconded by Commissioner Blanken. Commissioner Taylor moved to close the nominations. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Talley, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

c. Appointment of Commissioners to City Boards/Commissions

Mayor Wunder made the following appointments for City Commission representation to the various City Boards.

1. City/County Board of Health-Commissioner Blanken.
2. Economic Development Commission-Commissioner Heldstab.
3. Parks and Recreation Commission-Commissioner Taylor.

d. Commission appoints official City newspaper (Daily Union)

Commissioner Talley moved, seconded by Commissioner Heldstab to designate the Junction City Daily Union as the official City newspaper. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Talley, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

e. Drawing for areas of representation: Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, Southeast. The drawing was as follows:

Commissioner Taylor	NW
Commissioner Heldstab	NE
Commissioner Blanken	SW
Commissioner Talley	SE

f. The consideration of a request to apply for a bulletproof vest grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance office in Washington D. C. in the amount of \$41,676.46. The grant requires the City to pay 50%. The City's portion would be taken from the uniform line item. Commissioner Blanken moved, seconded by Commissioner Heldstab to approve

the request to apply for the bulletproof vest grant in the amount of \$41,676.46. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Talley, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- g. The consideration of a request to hire Burns & McDonnell Engineers to complete a water plant chemical treatment study at a cost of \$39,350.00. Commissioner Talley moved, seconded by Commissioner Heldstab to approve the request to hire Burns & McDonnell Engineers to complete a water plant chemical treatment study in the amount of \$39,350.00. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Tally, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- h. The consideration of request for neighborhood revitalization applications as follows:
  1. Geary Grain, Joe Hund, 304½ East 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Commissioner Blanken moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the request for the neighborhood revitalization application for 304½ East 13<sup>th</sup> Street to rehab an existing structure and the addition of a new building in the amount of approximately \$225,000.00. (Construction to begin immediately upon approval.) The qualifying tax rebate on the improvements made to the property of 95% for years 1-3; 80% year 4; 70% year 5; 60% year 6; 50% year 7; 40% year 8; 30% year 9; and 20% year 10. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Talley, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.
  2. James & Linda Alexander, 112 & 116 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Commissioner Talley moved, seconded by Commissioner Heldstab to approve the request for the neighborhood revitalization application for 112 & 116 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street. The qualifying tax rebate on the improvements made to the property of 95% for years 1-3; 80% year 4; 70% year 5; 60% year 6; 50% year 7; 40% year 8; 30% year 9; and 20% year 10. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Talley, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Mayor Wunder opened the meeting for general discussion.

There was no general discussion.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Mayor Wunder opened the meeting for Commissioner comments.

Commissioner Blanken thanked the public for attending the support rally on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> for the military troops. Also, KUDOS to the CVB, the Rotary Club and all those involved in organizing the rally.

Commissioner Taylor discussed the problems of stray animals. He also commented on how nice Eisenhower Drive looked with the landscaping that Faith Tabernacle had completed.

Commissioner Talley also thanked the organizations involved in coordinating the support rally. He discussed the on-going problem at the salvage yard on east 8<sup>th</sup> Street and the cars at the old Montgomery Wards parking lot.

Commissioner Heldstab thanked the organizations involved in coordinating the support rally.

Mayor Wunder thanked Commissioner Blanken for her involvement in the support rally along with the other organizations that coordinated the rally. He thanked the other three candidates for running in the campaign for Commissioner. He also thanked the families of the three new Commissioners. Mayor Wunder asked the new Commissioners to do two things: 1) Meet with the City Manager to discuss their priorities for the 2004 budget and 2) Contact Chief Story (Police Department), Acting Chief Ryan (Fire Department) and Clarence Thomas (Parks & Recreation) to spend some time in the departments getting to know the operations. He thanked the Commission for their confidence in voting him as Mayor. Mayor Wunder directed the City Manager and the Economic Development Director to send letters to the business owners in town that have vacant buildings to clean up their properties and try to get them rented. The Mayor also requested that the Inspection Department send a letter to the owner of the salvage yard on east 8<sup>th</sup> Street stating that he needs to get the yard cleaned up. If he fails to comply, inspectors will inspect the yard on a daily basis.

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Mayor Wunder opened the meeting for staff comments.

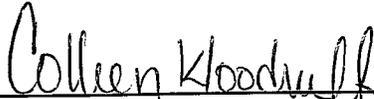
The City Manager congratulated Dennis Taggart and the U. S. Filter employees for receiving the KWEA award. He reminded the Commission that there will be a Commissioner Retreat on Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25. Bernie Hayden will facilitate the retreat. The Budget Task Force will present their final report to the Commission at the May 6th City Commission meeting. The monthly City/County Joint meeting will be held Monday, April 28th at 4 p.m. at the County building. The Community Involvement Unit and Captain William Rich have done an excellent job in organizing our Adopt-A-Company project. There will be a cookout for the families of the company we have adopted on Sunday, April 27th from 2 to 5 p.m. at Playground Park on 5th Street. The City Manager informed the Commission that a request has come from Mark Edwards who represents Roland Glessner, that Mr. Glessner would like a special work session regarding the riverfront property. Mr. Glessner would like to have the work session before the tax sale which will occur on April 29, 2003. The Commission agreed upon having a work session on Tuesday, April 22, 2003 at 5 p.m. to discuss this issue. The Mayor requested that the City Manager give a copy of Mr. Glessner's proposal to the Commission as soon as possible. The work session will be open to the public.

The City Engineer cautioned everyone that the traffic lights are now in place at McFarland Road and Highway 77. At this time the lights are in a flashing mode. On Thursday, April 17th at approximately 2:00 p.m., the traffic lights will be fully functioning on the red/green/yellow mode.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Wunder moved, seconded by Commissioner Blanken to adjourn at 8: 20 p.m. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Talley, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2003, AS THE  
OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY CITY COMMISSION MINUTES  
FOR APRIL 15, 2003.

  
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Colleen Woodruff, City Clerk

  
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Mick Wunder, Mayor