

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

October 5, 2004

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Junction City City Commission was held on Tuesday, October 5, 2004 with Mayor Wunder presiding.

The following members of the Commission were present: Kay Blanken, Terry Heldstab, Ken Talley, Jack Taylor, Mick Wunder: The staff present were: City Manager Rod Barnes, City Attorney Charles Zimmerman, City Engineer Greg Adams and City Clerk Colleen Woodruff.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of Commission Minutes of September 21, 2004 City Commission Meeting.
- b. Approval of Appropriation Ordinance A 38 dated September 23, 2004 in the amount of \$2,316,641.98, appropriation ordinance A39 dated September 30, 2004 in the amount of \$118,628.55 and Payroll P-20 dated October 1, 2004 in the amount of \$159,972.24.
- c. The consideration of a grant application for a 2004 Federal Emergency Management Association grant for Fire Prevention and Safety in the amount of \$87,010. (The City's 10% match \$8,701 would come from the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund).
- d. The consideration of Resolution R1908 authorizing the City of Junction City to purchase property located at 1502 North Monroe for \$2,500.00. The property will be used for the Self Help Housing program.

- e. The consideration of payment estimate #1 to J & K Contracting, L.C. for the Upland Mutual/Lacy Drive Sewer Extension in the amount of \$24,955.00.
- f. The consideration of change order #3 for Wheatland Hills Unit No. 3 for adding quantities for construction of infrastructure improvements (street, water, and sewer) for the Malstead Addition.
- g. The consideration of award of bid for a HOME grant to repair property located at 410 S. Adams to the low bidder, Craig Wolfe Painting in the amount of \$17,728.00.
- h. The consideration of approval authorizing the City of Junction City to purchase property located at 219 E. 17th in the amount of \$3,000.00. The property will be used for Self Help Housing program.
- i. The consideration of agreement to acquire an easement from LBD Properties Inc. for the Hunter's Ridge water and sewer lines.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Wunder proclaimed the week of October 3 as NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK and presented a proclamation to Fire Chief Mike Ryan.

YOUTH COMMISSION COMMENTS

Mayor Mick Wunder swore in the three new members of the Youth Commission: Robin Henderson, Maura Weary and Kyle Glasser. Angel Romero stated that they still had one position to fill. He also stated that he was impressed by the interest by the youth in community that applied to serve on the Commission.

CONSIDERATION TO REMOVE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FROM THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The citizens that had requested the removal of the memorial were not in attendance.

ORDINANCE G-795-COLLECTION FEES FOR THE REPRODUCTION OF HEALTHCARE RECORDS BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (FIRST READING)

Ordinance G-795 pertaining to collection fees for the reproduction of healthcare records by the Fire Department was presented for consideration on first reading.

ORDINANCE G-795

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 100.400 OF TITLE I OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF JUNCTION CITY, 1994 TO PERMIT THE COLLECTION OF APPROPRIATE FEES FOR THE REPRODUCTION OF HEALTHCARE RECORDS BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF JUNCTION CITY.

City Manager Barnes stated that the Fire Department receives numerous requests from insurance companies for copies of fire reports. The changes to the current ordinance would mirror the charges for the police department. In addition the Fire Department receives requests from law offices for medical records regarding their clients. These reports require quite a lot of time and research to prepare for the law offices due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Another change is to add a \$15.00 research fee for this kind of activity.

Commissioner Talley moved, seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve Ordinance G-975 on first reading. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Talley, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Mayor Wunder opened the meeting for general discussion.

Desiree Andrews, 1505 W 16th addressed the Commission on the removal of the ten commandments. She stated that the City had received it as a gift 46 years ago. She stated that if an organization wanted to present

a gift of a Buddha or other religious material, then the Commission could make a decision to place it on city property.

Steve Kovich, 7820 Canyon Road stated that in The Supreme Court Building in Washington DC, the ten commandments are on the doors leading into the building.

Pastor Thomas, First Baptist Church, 1327 Shamrock stated that the memorial was not endorsing any certain religion. The commandments were what the country was founded upon.

Jerry Easterling, 1216 Highland stated that the Commission had a tough decision. He also stated that the Buddha religion would not demand that something be done.

Sheila Burdette, 517 Wheatland stated retaining the monument should be put to a vote of the citizens of Junction City,

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mayor Wunder opened the meeting for Commissioner comments.

Commissioner Blanken sated that she felt that the ten commandments were ten simple rules that everyone could live by.

Commissioner Taylor stated that his decision on the commandment issue would be ruled by the laws of the constitution.

Commissioner Heldstab supported keeping the ten commandment memorial where it is.

Vice Mayor Talley stated that he had the opportunity of attending the League of Kansas Municipalities meeting and that he was proud to represent the City of Junction City. He also stated that the City is far ahead of many communities.

Mayor Wunder stated that the leadership of Junction City will have to lead by example. He stated that he didn't want this issue to divide the city.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Wunder opened the meeting for staff comments.

City Manager Barnes stated that there would be a work session at noon on Wednesday, October 6 to discuss the Grant Avenue Streetscape Project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

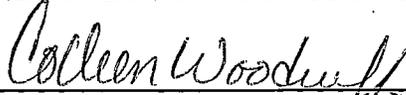
Commissioner Talley moved, seconded by Commissioner Heldstab to adjourn into executive session at 7:35 p.m. to reconvene at 7:55 p.m. to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts and individual proprietorships. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Talley, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried. Included in the executive session were the City Manager, City Attorney, EDC Director and Retail Specialist.

Commissioner Blanken moved, seconded by Commissioner Heldstab to reconvene into regular session at 7:55 p.m. having taken no action nor made any decisions while in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Talley moved, seconded by Commissioner Blanken to adjourn 7:56 p.m. p.m. Ayes: Blanken, Heldstab, Talley, Taylor, Wunder. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 20 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2004 AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 5, 2004.



Colleen Woodruff, City Clerk



Mick Wunder, Mayor