

SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2012

7:00p.m.

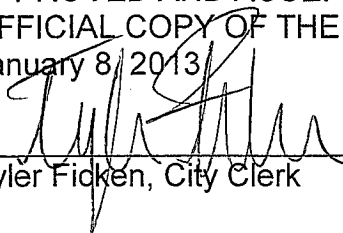
7:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

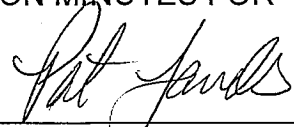
Mayor Landes stated that the items being discussed are currently in the planning and development stages and approval would allow for better planning and local control of how funds are spent. Commissioner Johnson asked if the City may remove itself from the program in the future. Stephanie Watts MPO Transportation Planner stated that if Junction City removed itself, Manhattan would need to re-designate the boundaries of the MPO. Mrs. Watts stated that the benefit of an MPO include forecasting future needs for improvement, and determining how those improvements work with other communities. Finance Director Beatty stated that participating in the MPO provides an advantage for funding from the State. Mrs. Watts stated that KDOT understands that projects originating from an MPO have already had much of the planning aspects completed, and that is advantageous toward receiving funding. Commissioner Taylor asked if organizations within the MPO would compete for funding. Mrs. Watts stated that in this smaller MPO (population under 200,000) entities would keep their own funding for projects and would not compete. Commissioner Taylor asked if the money still may not be used after three years if not used. Mrs. Watts stated that the time frame is still true. Commissioner Sands asked about funds not used by other MPOs, and whether this MPO could benefit financially. Mrs. Watts stated that unused funds from other MPO could be used for planning costs but not project costs. Mrs. Watts stated that Manhattan will be considering the designation agreement at their meeting on January 22, 2013. Commissioner Johnson stated that Geary County should consider paying for the planning costs since all County residents will be benefited. City Manager Vernon asked that questions regarding the MPO be asked prior to the January 15, 2013 meeting where Junction City will be considering the designation agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Aska to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Ayes: Aska, Johnson, Landes, Sands, Taylor. Nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 15th DAY OF JANUARY AS THE
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January 8, 2013


Tyler Ficken, City Clerk


Pat Landes, Mayor

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