

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

August 19, 2014

7:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Junction City Commission was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 with Mayor Michael Ryan presiding.

The following members of the Commission were present: Cecil Aska, Pat Landes, Mick McCallister, Michael Ryan, and Jim Sands. Staff present was: Interim City Manager Beatty, City Attorney Logan, and City Clerk Ficken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Ruiz of 1906 McFarland apologized for statements made at the last meeting. Mr. Ruiz provided information on his renewable energy project.

Jim Schmidt of Double KS Farms is a partner in a cover crop research project, and he would like to graze cattle on the Elmdale property which he has leased from the City. The Commission stated that the item be placed on the next agenda.

Deb Johnston of 1320 McFarland stated that she was hoping for across the board cuts. She asked if the wireless utility franchise agreement would result in a cost to existing utilities. Interim City Manager Beatty replied no. Mrs. Johnson stated that the franchise fees are basically a kickback to the City.

Commissioner Landes stated that he should not have voted on the subordination agreement with Millennium Bank at the last Commission meeting; he forgot about an investment in that bank. His vote did not impact the outcome of the decision.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-15 dated--July 30th-August 12th 2014 in the amount of \$901,942.23. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner McCallister to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of the August 5, 2014 City Commission Minutes. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner McCallister to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Sundown Salute Letter of Understanding. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner McCallister to approve the consent agenda

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as presented. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none.
Motion carried.

Consideration of the declaration of a Fire Department pumper apparatus as surplus and approval of the sale of the apparatus. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner McCallister to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of July 2014 ambulance contractual obligation adjustments and bad debt adjustments. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner McCallister to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Consideration of an appointment to the Junction City Housing Authority Board.
Removed from Agenda

PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing on the 2015 Budget. Mayor Ryan opened the public hearing. Scott Johnson of 702 Stoneridge Dr. stated that there were only two people at the County budget hearing. He stated that there a lot of vacant properties, and cuts are needed. The county is looking at a 7 mill increase. People need to spend money in Junction City, and not go to Manhattan to spite the City. Deb Johnston stated that soldiers are being told to live on post. Let the Applebee's go where it wants; it is for the soldiers. Mayor Ryan closed the public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of the 2015 Budget. Commissioner McCallister stated that there was a lot of work on the budget this year. The City is holding the line and finding the nickels and dimes. With the budget, the City has been on a path to have a better and more clear budget; the line is in the sand. Mayor Ryan stated that the City has done a good job on the budget. Commissioner Aska stated that it is good that the City can hold the line given the circumstances; good services are being provided. Commissioner Sands stated that he understands the County's frustration on the funding of the Health Department, but it is a County responsibility. Commissioner Landes stated that he would like to see the mill levy lower this year. Commissioner Landes stated that the County needs to consider what the City pays for employee health insurance. The City has found funding for streets. Commissioner Aska stated that the County needs to look deeper at their budget. Commissioner Sands stated that profits are doing well at Spin City and the Golf Course. Commissioner McCallister pointed to overtime as a bid ticket item; he understands that sometimes people are sick, and training is needed, but

it is a trend he will be watching. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner McCallister to approve the 2015 budget as presented. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of approval of G-1151 Incorporating by reference the "Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities," Edition of 2014. Commissioner Landes moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to approve Ordinance G-1151. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance G-1152 amending the provisions of the City Code governing right of way management by adding a new section 595.631 governing placement or maintenance of wireless communications facilities in the public right of way. Commissioner McCallister moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to approve Ordinance G-1152. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance G-1153 a Franchise Ordinance granting to IdeaTek Telecom, LLC a franchise to construct, operate and maintain a local exchange service and infrastructure facilities for the provision of wireless telecommunications services. City Attorney Logan stated that in addition to the franchise fee of 5%, there will be a charge of \$1,000 per unit installed up to 40 units total. Commissioner Landes asked what the 5% franchise fee would amount to. City Attorney Logan state that it is an unknown. Commissioner McCallister moved, seconded by Commissioner Sands to approve Ordinance G-1153. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration and Approval of Award of Bid - Police Department Headquarters Re-roof Project. Commissioner Aska moved, seconded by Commissioner Landes to approve award of bid for the Police Department Headquarters Re-roof project to Bloyer & Sons Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$49,865.00. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Consideration of contract with Cheney Construction for the 701 N. Jefferson renovation & expansion project. Commissioner Aska stated that given the discussion at the last meeting regarding the time performance of Cheney Construction, \$100 per day liquidated damages seems low. City Attorney Logan and Mr. McMillan provided that the project specifications provided that amount, and it cannot be changed at this time. Commissioner Landes asked if Cheney Construction is a licensed contractor with the City. Bruce McMillan replied that if they are not, they will be. Commissioner McCallister inquired as to whether site borings were taken. Mr. McMillan replied yes, and the footings will be 36 inches below grade. Commissioner Landes stated that he is concerned about the final product given the amount of the low bid. Commissioner Sands moved, seconded by Commissioner Aska to approve contract with Cheney Construction for the 701 N. Jefferson renovation & expansion project in an amount not to exceed \$919,382.00. Ayes: Aska, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: Landes. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Sands stated that the float your boat event was great. Commissioners Sands reminded people that they can write letters to the Army reminding them of the importance of Ft. Riley to the region and Junction City. There will be a military outlet grand reopening.

Commissioner McCallister stated that the county mill levy is concerning; it is difficult to cut services. Commissioner McCallister is pleased to have the staff that is with the City. He stated that he would like to see a County Administrator.

Commissioner Landes stated that the Army needs to be contacted; sample letters can be provided. The Army needs to hear from us. Commissioner Landes asked if voting responsibilities would be reviewed. City Attorney Logan replied yes.

Mayor Ryan thanked the City staff for the work on the budget, and the accomplishment of \$600,000 additional in street improvements.

STAFF COMMENTS

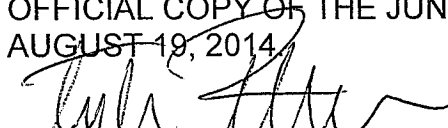
Mrs. Beatty stated that she will be in conversation with S&P, and she will be working with Jeff White.

City Attorney Logan reviewed voting procedure and an affirmative obligation to vote with the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Landes moved, seconded by Commissioner McCallister to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. Ayes: Aska, Landes, McCallister, Ryan, Sands. Nays: none. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 2ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR AUGUST 19, 2014.


Tyler Ficken, City Clerk


Michael J. Ryan, Mayor