

**Joint City/County Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, May 8, 2017**  
**City Hall Commission Chambers**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Meeting # 5066**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**COUNTY COMMISSION ROLL CALL:** Commissioners Chris Boys and Ken Snook.  
Commissioner Shawn Tasset was reported absent.

**CITY COMMISSION ROLL CALL:** Mayor Rick Sowers, Commissioners Brian Delzeit, Joyce Warshaw, Jan Scoggins and Kent Small

Various reports were given regarding the Sales Tax Projects.

- Cheyenne Schellhamer, Facilities Director of the Longbranch Lagoon, reported that there were 18 days until the opening of the Water Park. New for season pass holders will be a party on the Friday before the public opening on Memorial Day weekend. Another new feature of the park will be frequent visits at birthday parties and other events is the mascot, Marshall. He was in attendance at the meeting for everyone to meet. There are new aerobics and exercise classes. Jr. Life guarding is also in place for those under 14 not yet eligible to be a life guard.
- Chris Ragland gave a report on the United Wireless Arena and Boot Hill Casino and Resort Conference Center. To date there has been 98 event days at the Conference Center and 81 event days at the arena. This includes set up and tear down days. The events at both places have had an economic impact in the community of approximately \$4.4 M. This year in the arena has been Hairball, 3 major basketball tournaments, the Globetrotters, Newsboys, Kenny Rogers, Los Tigres Del Norte, and the Dodge City Law football games. Upcoming events include the Loud Mouth Comedy Tour, Tim Hawkins, Ron White and Kansas. An event is added on the first weekend of Dodge City Days. Additionally, \$141,000 has been spent on marketing, Naming Rights for United Wireless Arena was renewed and the Naming Rights for the Boot Hill Casino and Resort Conference Center was secured. Chris talked about the reach effort that they were able to look at, particularly for the Kenny Rogers show because several credit card sales were made.
- Molly Madsen, Tournament Director, talked about the tournaments held to date at Legends Park. To date 2 baseball tournaments have been held and one postponed because of the weather. There is a new logo for Legends Park. There is new tournament software and an app that is popular and has made it easier for teams to sign up and instantly see what is happening with the tournaments.
- Tommy Estes from Dodge City Raceway Park was unable to attend, but Melissa McCoy passed out rack cards with the 2017 Racing Season dates.

An update regarding the STAR Bond project was given by City Manager, Cherise Tieben. She stated that the City has been working on a STAR bond project on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. She has been working with the County on parts of the project and the cooperation has been good. Consultants have put in a tremendous amount of time.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

1. Monday, August 14, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – Joint Commission Meeting – Rose Room, Ford County Government Center.

2. Monday, November 13, 2017 6:00 p.m. – Joint Commission Meeting – City Commissioners Chambers City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

County Action: Commissioner Chris Boys moved to adjourn the County Commission meeting. Commissioner Ken Snook seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

City Action: Commissioner Brian Delzeit moved to recess into executive session pursuant to the “confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties and preliminary discussion prior to acquisition of real estate” exception found in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4)+(6). The justification for closing the meeting is to protect the privacies of the entities to be discussed. The executive session will include the City Manager, Assistant to the City Manager and the Finance Director. The open meeting will resume in the City Commission Chamber in 40 minutes at 7:25 p.m. The Commission will not take action upon returning to open session and prior to adjournment. Commissioner Kent Smoll seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The regular session reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

Commissioner Kent Smoll moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jan Scoggins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Nannette Pogue