

# **CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

City Hall Commission Chambers  
806 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Dodge City, KS

Monday, November 18, 2024

7:00 p.m.

MEETING # 5295

## **CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL** Mayor Chuck Taylor, Commissioners Jeff Reinert, Rick Sowers, Michael Burns, Daniel Pogue.

**INVOCATION BY** Pastor Mason Smith of the First Church of God

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Chuck Taylor moved to amend the agenda adding the Safety Spotlight Award to the Visitors Section. Commissioner Daniel Pogue made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Safety Spotlight Award. Commissioner Jeff Reinert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 - 0.

## **PETITIONS & PROCLAMATIONS**

**VISITORS** (Limit of five minutes per individual and fifteen minutes per topic. Final action may be deferred until the next City Commission meeting unless an emergency situation does exist).

Eliel Marin was recognized for the safety spotlight award. Director of Administration, Ryan Reid, spoke on behalf of the recognition. The Safety Spotlight award is given to city employees that make a safer and productive work environment for everyone in the workplace. Public Works Director, Corey Keller, Director of Public Works wanted to thank Eliel and recognized him for his service as the airport manager who administers the airport safety program. Corey presented Eliel with a certificate and gift card. Congratulations to Eliel.

Larry & Lizanne Sugart owners of Boot Hill Antiques asked the city for assistance for their small business which is down by 60% due to the construction. They have been affected by the construction going on downtown during the shopping time at Christmas season .

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approval of City Commission Meeting Minutes, November 4, 2024.
2. Appropriation, Ordinance No.24, November 18, 2024.
3. Cereal Malt Beverage License:
  - a. Restaurant Monja Blanca LLC, 1208 E Wyatt Earp Blvd.
  - b. Dodge City Community College, 2501 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

(on file in City Clerk's Office)

4. Approve Payment for Temporary Construction and Permanent Easements for Gunsmoke/Comanche Street Trail Extension.

Commissioner Michael Burns made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Commissioner Rick Sowers seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 - 0.

## **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No 2024-22:** A Resolution authorizing payment of 2024 year end retention stipend to qualified employees was approved on a motion by Commissioner Rick Sowers. Commissioner Jeff Reinert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 – 0.

**Resolution No. 2024-23:** A Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Dodge City, Kansas adopting a Title VI Policy was approved on a motion by Commissioner Michael Burns. Commissioner Daniel Pogue seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 - 0.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Discussions Relating to the Acquisition of Real Property.

Mayor Taylor moved to recess into executive session. At 7:25 pm. Commissioner Jeff Reinert moved to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to the exception found in K.S. A. 75-4319(b)(6). The justification to closing the meeting is to hold preliminary discussion for acquisition of real property. The open meeting will resume in 15 minutes at 7:35 pm. The meeting will include Commissioners, Chuck Taylor, Jeff Reinert, Rick Sowers, Michael Burns, Daniel Pogue, City Manager, Nick Hernandez, City Attorney, Brad Ralph. Commissioner Michael Burns seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Commission may take action upon returning to open session and prior to adjournment.

Commissioner Rick Sowers moved to close the executive session. Commissioner Chuck Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The open meeting reconvened to regular session at 7:38 pm.

City Manager, Nick Hernandez asked the commission for open discussion and for approval to purchase of 619 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from DW Skyrise in the amount of \$480,000 and to authorize Attorney Brad Ralph to finalize the agreement with DW Skyrise and allow the Mayor to execute a real estate purchase. There was discussion on the building. This was brought to the commission for approval in September 2024 and was tabled at the time. Commissioner Rick Sowers made a motion to approve the purchase and to authorize city attorney Brad Ralph to finalize the agreement with DW Skyrise. Commissioner Jeff Reinert seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 – 0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Commissioner Michael Burns made a motion to approve Amendment #4 to the Jacobs Agreement of Operation, Maintenance and Services for Operation for the calendar year 2025 in the amount of \$3,025,180.21. Commissioner Daniel Pogue seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 - 0.
2. Commissioner Daniel Pogue moved to approve the bid from DTD Construction in the amount of \$186,289.32 for the necessary repairs/reconstruction of Legend's Park Softball Complex parking lot. Commissioner Michael Burns seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 - 0.
3. Commissioner Rick Sowers made a motion to approve the Plat for Summerlon Addition Phase VIII. Commissioner Michael Burns seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 - 0.
4. Commissioner Michael Burns made a motion to approve the proposal from Geotechnical Intertec Corporation in the amount of \$190,657 for a geotechnical evaluation of the Anaerobic Cell No.4 to determine the cause of the failure at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Commissioner Rick Sowers seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 - 0.
5. Commissioner Rick Sowers made a motion to approve the Submission of Applications for the 5311 Public Transportation Local Match Financial Commitment Grant Letters. 566,12 Commissioner Daniel Pogue seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 - 0.

**OTHER BUSINESS****STAFF REPORTS****EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Chuck Taylor moved to recess into executive session.

At 8:25pm Commissioner Jeff Reinert moved to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to the personnel matters of Non-Elected Personnel exception found in K.S. A. 75-4319(b)(1). The justification to closing the meeting is to protect the privacy of the individual to be discussed. The meeting open meeting will resume in 10 minutes at 8:35 pm. The meeting will include Commissioners, Chuck Taylor, Jeff Reinert, Rick Sowers, Michael Burns, Daniel Pogue, City Attorney, Paige Gilmore. Commissioner Rick Sowers seconded the motion. The commission will take action upon returning to open session and prior to adjournment. Motion carried 4 – 0 with Burns away at the time of the vote. Commissioner Rick Sowers moves to extend the executive session for 15 minutes more to 8:50 pm. Commissioner Michael Burns seconds.

The open meeting reconvened to regular session at 8:50 pm.

Commissioner Michael Burns made a motion to renew the employment agreement with Nicholas Hernandez, City Manager with the City of Dodge City by awarding a 3% merit raise to take effect at the next pay period and continuing until the next employment agreement a onetime cash bonus of \$15,000. Commissioner Daniel Pogue seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 – 0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Rick Sowers made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Jeff Reinert the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk