

CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

City Hall Commission Chambers

Monday, February 3, 2014

7:00 p.m.

MEETING #4947

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Mayor Kent Smoll, Commissioners, Brian Delzeit, Joyce Warshaw, Rick Sowers, and Jim Lembright.

INVOCATION by Philip Scott of First Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Kent Smoll opened the Public Hearing on the Close out of CDBG Housing Grant. Vernon Bogart, Taxpayer and Voter asked the Commissioners to look into what went wrong with the grant. Faye Trent responded. Brian Delzeit also responded. Mayor Kent Smoll closed the Public Hearing, Mayor Smoll moved to accept the closeout of the CDBG Housing Grant and de-obligate the funds. Commissioner Rick Sowers seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

PETITIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Kent Smoll read the Boy Scout Week Proclamation. Marge Blatner commented.

Mayor Kent Smoll read the Proclamation for Girl Scout Cookie Month.

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).

Kathy Ramsour, Principal of Northwest Elementary School asked the Commission to consider a sidewalk from 6th Avenue to 14th Avenue for the safety of children walking to and home from school. Commissioner Jim Lembright and Commissioner Delzeit asked questions. City Manager Cherise Tieben commented.

Roger Proffitt, Foundation Director for Dodge City Community College, is requesting a letter of support for a Tax Credit Grant through the State of Kansas. City Commission directed staff to draft a letter of support for the application.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of City Commission Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2014
2. Appropriation Ordinance No. 3, February 3, 2014;
3. Kathy Denhart Transportation Consulting Contract Renewal.

Commissioner Brian Delzeit moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented; Commissioner Joyce Warshaw seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2014-01: A Resolution declaring the eligibility of the City of Dodge City to submit an Application to the Kansas Department of Transportation for the use of Transportation Alternative Funds set forth by the Federal Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Depot Project in Dodge City and authorizing the City Manager to sign the application and to approve the Matching Funds in the amount of \$333,960.00 was approved by Commissioner Jim Lembright, seconded by Commissioner Rick Sowers. The Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2014-02: A Resolution of the City of Dodge City, Kansas Determining that the City is Considering Establishing A Rural Housing Incentive District within the City and Adopting a Plan for the Development of Housing and Public Facilities in Such Proposed District; Establishing the Date and Time of a Public Hearing on Such Matter, and Providing for the Giving of Notice of Such Public Hearing (Prairie Pointe) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Rick Sowers, seconded by Commissioner Joyce Warshaw. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2014-03: A Resolution of the City of Dodge City, Kansas Determining that the City is Considering Establishing A Rural Housing Incentive District within the City and Adopting a Plan for the Development of Housing and Public Facilities in Such Proposed District; Establishing the Date and Time of a Public Hearing on Such Matter, and Providing for the Giving of Notice of Such Public Hearing (Summerlon V) was approved on a motion by Commissioner Rick Sowers, seconded by Commissioner Joyce Warshaw. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Manager, Cherise Tieben presented comments that she has received regarding the Highway 50 Construction project. Staff would recommend that the City Commission share with the Department of Transportation to continue with a 60' median on the highway between the overpass and Cimarron. The consensus of the City Commission is to support the 60' median recommendation of KDOT, but if that is not what KDOT decides, the Commission supports that

the road project moves forward and is not delayed. In addition, the City Commission directed staff to draft a letter relaying that recommendation to KDOT.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Jim Lembright moved to appoint the following citizens to Boards and Commissions as recommended by Mayor Kent Smoll. Commissioner Joyce Warshaw seconded the motion.

Airport Advisory Board – Steve Durrant, Paul Yaroslaski, Jeff Hutton;
Building Board of Appeals - Alex Chavez, Esteban Gallegos, Ryan Scott, and Charles Sellens;
Convention & Visitors Bureau – for Hospitality, Kim Cunningham; at large Kim Unruh;
Cultural Relations Advisory Board – Mary Marquez representing United Way, Greta Clark representing DCCC, Lawrence Romero representing Cargill, Sergio Holguin representing Chamber of Commerce, Oliver Bland at-large;
Dodge City Planning Commission – Jeff Turner, Bill Pennington;
Golf Advisory Board – Bob Carlson;
Historic Landmark Commission – Terry Lee, Kathie Bell;
Housing Authority Board – Sara Doll-Heeke;
Library Board – Beth Love, Hailey Zimmerman;
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – Gretchen Torrez, Mike Mariche;
Recycling Advisory Board – Kathy Redman, Ron Hamm, Jon Scheffing, Luke Schulte;
Santa Fe Trail Community Corrections – Melissa Rodriguez
Shade Tree Commission – Bernie Weller, Frank Rose, Lyle Smith.

OTHER BUSINESS

City Manager, Cherise Tieben:

- Thanked the City Commission for their time and efforts on the tough decisions which currently is the KDOT Highway 50 project as it relates to the Point of Rocks;
- Thanked all of the volunteers who serve on the Boards and Commissions. We couldn't do our jobs without your input and support;
- Due to weather concerns, the Trail Street bid opening has been delayed until Thursday
- My travel plans for attending City Hall Day in Topeka tomorrow is up in the air because of weather concerns;
- Chamber Banquet – February 22;
- Dodge City Night – March 10;
- Washington, D.C. legislative delegation trip March 22-25;

- Regarding the CDBG Grant – Jane Longmeyer worked very hard on the grant, worked with homeowners, etc. In addition Kevin Israel, Connie Marquez and Melissa McCoy with the City, and Elva Dominquez with Mexican American Ministries also worked very hard;
- If the Farm Bill passes the U.S. Senate tomorrow, the rural housing piece that is included in the legislation will make a huge impact in communities in Western Kansas as well as some other communities in Kansas.

Melissa McCoy:

- Updated the City Commission on the recent CFAB meeting.

Rick Sowers:

- Wanted the City Commission to think about parameters for a Water Park.

Director of Public Information, Jane Longmeyer:

- The Kansas Mission of Mercy will be conducting their Free Dental Clinic on February 28 and March 1. Members of the Kansas Dental Foundation and volunteers were in Dodge City last Friday to insure everything runs smoothly. She wants to make sure residents know that the clinic is free and is on a first come, first serve basis and is not based on income. The goal is for the 150 dentists to see 1,000 patients per day.

Commissioner, Brian Delzeit:

- As a realtor, he wanted to share with residents a couple of tips regarding the snow – move the snow away from your house to keep water out of your basement. Also using salt on your porches will deteriorate the concrete. There are alternate products to use or sweep the salt away as soon as possible.

Commissioner, Joyce Warshaw:

- Because of the cold weather, parents make sure you have warm clothing and coats on your children

Commissioner, Rick Sowers:

- Talked about the KDOT project and said that the Southwest Kansas Coalition supported the 4 lane project between Dodge City and Cimarron and presented it as the top priority.

Mayor, Kent Smoll:

- Commissioner Warshaw and I accepted an award from CASA at their fundraiser held Saturday night.
- Remind everyone to check on their neighbors and their pets during the cold weather.
- Thanked Cherise for her efforts on the rural housing piece in the Farm Bill.
- Shop local and shop often.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rick Sowers moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Joyce Warshaw seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

Attest:

Nannette Pogue, City Clerk