

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

November 21, 2023

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Junction City Commission was held on Tuesday, November 21st, 2023 with Mayor Pat Landes presiding.

The following members of the Commission were present: Pat Landes, Ronna Larson, Jeff Underhill, Bob Story, and Matthew Bea. Staff present was: City Manager Dinkel, City Clerk Melton, Finance Director Miller, and City Attorney Stites.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Antonio Timms, 2003 Quail Run, Junction City, Kansas spoke on concerns with the Courtyard Marriott reservation, communication, and management issues with it being our only event space in Junction City.

Larry Ruiz, 1906 McFarland Road, Junction City, Kansas spoke on future plans for Junction City.

Chris Upham, Old Highway 40 PO Box 134, Junction City, KS spoke on concerns with the Interchange MOU.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Underhill moved, seconded by Commissioner Larson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Story, and Bea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

- a. Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-23 dated – November 7th, 2023 – November 17th, 2023, in the amount of \$1,486,370.29 and pre-approval for items listed below in the amount \$1,071,673.72.

Athco \$16,250.50, Columbia Capital Management \$9,330.00, Emilyn Smiley \$28.00, Joshua Douglass \$3,229.16, Kansas Dept of Transportation \$192,000.00, Kaw Valley Engineering, INC \$149,151.40, Municipal Emergency Services \$823.06, Pitney Bowes Purchase Power \$3,000.00, Underground Vaults & Storage \$185.00, & Veolia Water North America \$697,676.60.

- b. Consideration of the City Commission Minutes for the November 7th, 2023 Meeting.

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- c. Consideration of the Hometown Christmas Special Event Permit Application.
- d. Consideration of the Wine & Wassail Walk Special Event Permit Application.
- e. Consideration of the Request for a Permanent Storm Sewer Easement from Gunderson for Utility Improvements.
- f. Consideration of the Request for an Easement from Gunderson for Utility Improvements.
- g. Consideration of the Request for a Permanent Storm Sewer Easement from Carrigan for Utility Improvements
- h. Consideration of the Request for an Easement from Hurley for Utility Improvements.
- i. Consideration of the Request for an Easement from Hurley for Utility Improvements.
- j. Consideration of the Release of Lien for 311 West Walnut Street.
- k. Consideration of the Release of Liens for Unpaid Weed Removal at 2707 Kathie Drive & 2711 Kathie Drive.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There was a Puttin' on the Glitz Presentation by Tracy Geisler, Executive Director of the Geary Community Healthcare Foundation.

There was a Presentation of a Memorial to Kansas for Service members who passed away in the service of our Country at Heritage Park by Will Ravenstein, American Legion Riders Chapter 45. Commissioner Larson moved to approve the Memorial to Kansas for Service members who passed away in the service of our Country to be placed at Heritage Park as well as providing lighting and a pathway, seconded by Commissioner Underhill. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Story, and Bea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Community Health Educator Request Presentation by Mary Jo Fleming, Geary County Health Director & Jenni Ebert, Community Health Educator.

Presentation by Fresh Start Emergency Shelter, Inc. by Debbie & Ed Savage.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. R-3073, Adopt & Allocate Funds for an Outdoor Fitness Court as Part of the 2024 National Fitness Campaign was presented. Parks & Recreation Director Gray and Allen Dinkel gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Larson moved to approve Resolution No. R-3073, Adopt & Allocate Funds for an Outdoor Fitness Court as Part of the 2024 National Fitness Campaign, seconded by Commissioner Story. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Story, and Bea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Change Order No. 6 for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements Phase Project was presented. Don Lindeman with HDR Engineering gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Underhill moved to approve Change Order No. 6 for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements Phase Project, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Story, and Bea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Award of Bid for the Demolition of 1436 Rucker Road, being a dangerous & unsafe structure to Glessner Dirt Contracting in the amount of \$3,250.00 was presented. Fire Chief Lankas gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Underhill moved to approve the Award of Bid for the Demolition of 1436 Rucker Road, being a dangerous & unsafe structure to Glessner Dirt Contracting in the amount not to exceed \$3,250.00, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Story, and Bea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Memorandum of Understanding for the Initial Interstate 70 & Taylor Road Interchange was presented. City Attorney Stites gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Underhill moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Initial Interstate 70 & Taylor Road Interchange, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Story, and Bea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Change Order #2 for the 2023 Water System Improvements in the amount of \$79,909.00 to J & K Contracting, L.C. was presented. Public Works Director Ibarra gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Story moved to approve Change Order #2 for the 2023 Water System Improvements in the amount not to exceed \$79,909.00 to J & K Contracting, L.C., seconded by Commissioner Underhill. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Story, and Bea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Request to Purchase Two Insite Flows devices from Nomic Networks was presented. IT Director Germann gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Underhill moved to approve the Request to Purchase Two Insite Flows devices from Nomic Networks, seconded by Commissioner Story. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Story, and Bea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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The Agreement with Bio-Key to provide Multi-Factor Authentication Services & Equipment to the City was presented. IT Director Germann gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Story moved to approve the Agreement with Bio-Key to provide Multi-Factor Authentication Services & Equipment to the City, seconded by Commissioner Underhill. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Story, and Bea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Verizon Wireless Spruce Street Water Tower Lease Agreement was presented. City Manager Dinkel & Public Works Director Ibarra gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Underhill moved to deny the Verizon Wireless Spruce Street Water Tower Lease Agreement Amendment, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Story, and Bea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There was Discussion on Requesting Land Bank Lots for a Future Park & Fire Station. City Manager Dinkel gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Underhill moved to approve the Request for Land Bank Lots for a Future Park & Fire Station, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Story, and Bea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Request to Set a Public Hearing for the was presented. Finance Director Miller gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Underhill moved to approve the Request to Set a Public Hearing for December 19th, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Story, and Bea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege Regarding Agreements with Geary County was held. Commissioner Underhill moved that the Commission recess for an executive session for 15 minutes at 8:27 p.m. to include the City Manager, City Attorney, Fire Chief and the City Finance Director to consult with the City Attorney regarding agreements with Geary County. The justification for the executive session is provided by KSA 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting is to resume in this room at 8:43 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Story, and Bea. Nays: None. Motion carried. Commissioner Underhill moved to return from Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege Regarding Agreements with Geary County where no actions were taken or decisions made, seconded by Commissioner Story. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Story, and Bea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Commissioner Underhill moved to request that the City Attorney draft a demand letter to Geary County requesting that they pay their \$802,566.26 bill for EMS Services by December 5th, 2023 or the City will have to consider suspending

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EMS Services to outside the City limits, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Story, and Bea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

MAYOR, COMMISSIONER & STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor, Commissioners and Staff provided reports on Committees and Community Events.

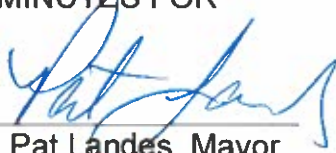
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Underhill moved, seconded by Commissioner Larson to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Story, and Bea. Nays: None. Motion carried.

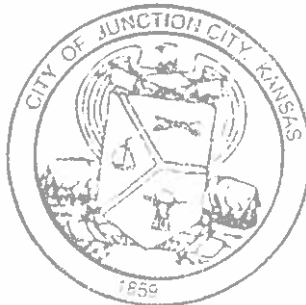
APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 21ST, 2023.



Tammy Melton, City Clerk



Pat Landes, Mayor



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