

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

May 21, 2024

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled meeting of the Junction City Commission was held on Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 with Mayor Pat Landes presiding.

The following members of the Commission were present: Pat Landes, Ronna Larson, Jeff Underhill, Al Gordon and Richard Pinaire. Staff present was: City Manager Dinkel, City Clerk Melton, and City Attorney Stites.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gwendolyn Jones, 1010 West 8th Street, Junction City, Kansas requested an update on the crosswalk for bicentennial manor and tree branches falling on cars who is responsible.

Vivian Blaisdell, 1010 West 8th Street, Junction City, Kansas spoke on concerns with the bush on 8th & Eisenhower Street with it creating a blind spot and it should be cut down.

Thelma Guice, 319 West 16th Street, Junction City, Kansas spoke on concerns with a blight report she received.

Shawn Chauncey, 2728 Samantha Drive, Junction City, Kansas asked for an update on the lift station progress on Samantha Drive.

Martine Chery-Hilaire, 1704 Lydia Lane, Junction City, Kansas spoke on her appreciation for the Proclamation declaring May as Haitian American Month. Also brought awareness to the First Thousand Members Club. Inviting the community to the Harmony Fest on August 24, 2024

Jana Williams, Flint Hills Regional Council, Manhattan, Kansas spoke on the grants that have been awarded and provided an overview of the mission of the Flint Hills Regional Council.

Douglass Mann, 11101 Cedar Cove, Milford, Kansas gave details on the rezoning of 1510 Rucker Road, Junction City, Kansas allowing for an RV Park.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Underhill moved, seconded by Commissioner Larson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Pinaire & Gordon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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- a. Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance A-10 dated – May 7th, 2024 – May 22nd, 2024, in the amount of \$962,707.95 and pre-approval for items listed below in the amount \$6,397.02.

Verizon \$6,397.02.

- b. Consideration of April 2024 ambulance contractual obligation adjustments for \$12,047.60 & bad debt adjustments for \$12,082.82.
- c. Consideration of City Commission Minutes from the May 7th, 2024 Meeting.
- d. Consideration of the request to apply for the 2024 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant (JAG).

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

There was a presentation on Freedom Fest by Nate Butler.

There was a presentation by the Geary County Food Pantry regarding their planned new facility at the Northwest Corner of 7th Street & Clay Street Brad Carlton presented. Commissioner Underhill moved to approve the donation of \$50,000.00 and also waiving the building permit and inspection fees, seconded by Commissioner Gordon. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Pinaire, & Gordon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Proclamation declaring June 15th, 2024 Juneteenth in the City of Junction City by Mayor Landes presented to the Juneteenth Committee.

Proclamation declaring May as Haitian American Heritage Month in the City of Junction City by Mayor Landes presented to Martine Chery-Hilaire and her family.

NEW BUSINESS

The Brownsfield Grant Writing Services Proposal was pulled from the agenda.

The Award of Bid for the 2024 Water System Improvements to J & K Contracting, LC in the amount of \$1,022,515.00 was presented. Public Works Director Ibarra and City Manager Dinkel gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Gordon moved to approve the Award of Bid for the 2024 Water System Improvements to J & K Contracting, LC in the amount not to exceed \$1,022,515.00, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Pinaire, & Gordon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Change Order #1 for the 2023 Alley Repairs to Stallbaumer Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$8,587.56 was presented. Public Works Director Ibarra gave
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details and answered questions. Commissioner Pinaire moved to approve the Change Order #1 for the 2023 Alley Repairs to Stallbaumer Contracting, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$8,587.56, seconded by Commissioner Underhill. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Pinaire, & Gordon. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. S-3292, rezone from Mobile Home District to General Commercial District at 1510 Rucker Road was presented. City Manager Dinkel and Douglass Mann gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Gordon moved to approve S-3292, rezone from Mobile Home District to General Commercial District at 1510 Rucker Road, seconded by Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Pinaire, & Gordon. Nays: Underhill. Motion carried.

Resolution No. R-3095, authorizing IRB Series 2018 was presented. City Attorney Stites gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Larson moved to approve Resolution No. R-3095, authorizing IRB Series 2018, seconded Commissioner Pinaire. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Gordon, & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. S-3293, authorizing acquisition of a temporary construction easement at 1014 South Spring Valley Road was presented. City Attorney Stites gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Larson moved to approve Ordinance No. S-3293, authorizing acquisition of a temporary construction easement at 1014 South Spring Valley Road, seconded Commissioner Underhill. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Gordon, Underhill & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. S-3294, authorizing acquisition of a permanent drainage easement at 1014 South Spring Valley Road was presented. City Attorney Stites gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Larson moved to approve Ordinance No. S-3294, authorizing acquisition of a permanent drainage easement at 1014 South Spring Valley Road, seconded Commissioner Gordon. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Gordon, Underhill & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There was discussion on the KHITC Resolution. City Attorney Stites gave details and answered questions.

There was a discussion of the ARPA Funds. City Manager Dinkel gave details and answered questions.

There was a discussion on the 2025 City Budget. City Manager Dinkel gave details and answered questions.

The request to select an Executive Recruitment firm for a City Manager was presented. City Manager Dinkel gave details and answered questions. Commissioner Underhill moved to approve the selection of GPS as the executive recruitment firm in the amount not to exceed \$19,500.00, seconded

Pinaire Commissioner Larson. Ayes: Landes, Larson, *y Gordon* Underhill, & ~~Pinaire~~. Nays: ~~Gordon~~. 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 9:41 p.m. Ayes: Landes, Larson, Underhill, Gordon & Pinaire. Nays: None. Motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS 4TH DAY OF JUNE AS THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE JUNCTION CITY COMMISSION MINUTES FOR MAY 21ST, 2024.

Tammy Melton

Tammy Melton, City Clerk

Rat Landes

Rat Landes, Mayor

