

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on the 1st day of March, 2004 at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ray Hovestadt who presided.

A roll call disclosed the following present: Councilmembers Croucher, Fry, Nichols and Sanders; City Attorney Godderz, Superintendent Rickel, Police Chief Shaffer and City Clerk Holloway

Visitors: Bill and Kathryn Kraus, Della Denny, Kathelene Michaels, Linda Fagan, Emerson Hayden, John Pickett, Glen Masters, Mike Fagan, Bill Coursen, Ray Heinsohn, John and Jan Hudson, Ron Shaffer, Heidi Vandevord, Gretchen Vandevord, Heidi Stromgren, Dean and Carolyn Strohm, Kayla Banzhaf, Rebecca Vandevord, Anna Barlow, Candace Quaney, Daniel Fox, Ken Dubois, Brenda Dorr, Scott Masters, Virgil and Betty Patrick, Lecia Fox, Sheila Curtis, Kim Tyson, Monte Ramskill, Debbie Seastrom, Shirley Seastrom, Gary Rieck, Leland Boyce

A motion was offered by Councilmember Sanders to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2004. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Claims Ordinance No. 2022, an ordinance making appropriation for the payment of certain claims was introduced, said claims being in the amounts as follows: General \$842.36; Police \$707.17; Animal Control \$39.25; Street \$527.29; Park \$41.98; Pool \$4.10; Special Highway \$1,473.20; Utility Account \$219.33; Electric \$2,516.54; Water \$954.94; Gas \$984.66; Sewer \$1,322.02; Solid Waste \$6,260.00. A motion was offered by Councilmember Sanders to approve Ordinance No. 2022. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Croucher to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Bill Kraus spoke for a contingent of citizens requesting that the Council reconsider their motion at the Council meeting on February 17, 2004 regarding pavement markings and median islands on Santa Fe Avenue. Following discussion between the Council and citizens, a motion was offered by Councilmember Sanders to rescind the action from the last meeting to allow time to explore painting lane markings and installing traffic signs and to notify KDOT to not go forward with the bid letting for the pavement markings and islands on KDOT project 31-70 K-8402-01 until the Council has an opportunity to talk further with them and the citizens of the community. Seconded by Councilmember Nichols and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Mr. Kraus thanked the Council for the action and all visitors exited the meeting with the exception of Emerson Hayden, Leland Boyce and Scott Masters.

Mayor Hovestadt recommended the appointment of Steve Dodson to the Library Board to fulfill the unexpired term to April 1, 2005 of Gerald McClure. A motion was offered by Councilmember Sanders to accept the Mayor's recommendation. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

As a requirement of the Community Development Block Grant, the City must adopt a Code of Ethics setting forth Policy, Responsibilities of Public Office, Dedicated Service, Fair and Equal Treatment and Conflicts of Interest. A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to adopt the Code of Ethics as reviewed by Council. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Nichols to enter into a 3-year contract beginning May 1, 2004 with the State of Kansas Health Care System covering permanent part-time employees working more than 1000 hours per year and full-time employees working more than 2000 hours per year and their eligible dependents. Seconded by Councilmember Sanders and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to recess to Executive Session at 8:03 P.M. for a period of 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Leland Boyce was asked into the Session. Seconded by Councilmember Sanders and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0. Council returned to regular meeting at 8:18 P.M.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to increase the salary of Gerald Britschge by \$1.25 per hour, power plant operators are to receive on-call pay from 12 Midnight to 7:00 A.M. at the rate of \$1.00 per hour and the power plant will begin operation of 2 shifts from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. to 12:30 A.M. Seconded by Councilmember Sanders and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Sanders to renew the Service Contract for the telemetry system at the water plant with MicroComm for another year at a cost of \$1,500.00. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Following discussion with Leland Boyce regarding a heat exchanger cleaner, a motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to give the authorization to purchase the cleaner at a cost of \$2,093.00 from Goodway Technologies Corporation. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Croucher that the City-County "Connecting Links" maintenance agreement be returned to the County unsigned for the reason that the amount is not sufficient to maintain this connecting link. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Sanders that Ray Hovestadt be appointed as the Governing Body Member of the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency Board of Directors for a two year term beginning May 1, 2004. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to recess to Executive Session at 8:29 P.M. for a period of 10 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client matters. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0. Council returned to regular meeting at 8:39 P.M.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Nichols to set a Special Meeting for Friday, March 5, 2004 at 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of interviewing applicants for the position of City Administrator. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Reports were heard from department heads, Council and Mayor. At this time, a motion was offered by Councilmember Nichols to increase the salary of Larry Cline by \$.55 per hour. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Councilmember Croucher. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Cheryl Holloway, City Clerk