

## **MINUTES OF THE MISSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JUNE 17, 2015**

The Mission City Council met in regular session at Mission City Hall on Wednesday, June 17, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schowengerdt. The following councilmembers were present: Jennifer Cowdry, Suzie Gibbs, Debbie Kring, Amy Miller, Pat Quinn, Arcie Rothrock, and David Shepard. ABSENT: Jason Vaughn.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Introduction of Jenny Smith, Recreation Supervisor**

Ms. Humerickhouse introduced Jenny Smith, Recreation Supervisor, who comes to Mission from Johnson County Parks & Recreation. She has a great deal of experience in recreation management and was recently recognized as the KRPA Young Professional of the Year. Ms. Smith was welcomed to Mission.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Moved by Gibbs, seconded by Kring** to approve the Consent Agenda, items 3a through 3d.

- 3a. Minutes of the May 20, 2015 City Council Meeting
- 3b. Acceptance of 2014 Audit
- 3c. Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with Johnson County for CDBG and Home Investment Partnerships Programs
- 3d. Resolution Designating Surplus Property

Voting AYE: Cowdry, Gibbs, Kring, Miller, Quinn, Rothrock, Shepard. **Motion carried.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

#### **Ordinance Redistricting Mission Ward Boundaries**

Councilmember Rothrock stated that since 2012, the City has had on-going discussions regarding the realignment of existing ward boundaries to bring each ward's population within acceptable deviation limits. In January, Mayor Schowengerdt appointed a Redistricting Committee to review the current wards and recommend new ward boundaries. The committee unanimously recommended these proposed revisions, which were then accepted by the City Council. The only wards affected by these proposed changes are Ward I and Ward II. Additionally, two public hearings were held

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for the public to provide input on the proposed new boundaries. This ordinance officially adopts the new ward boundaries for the City of Mission.

**Moved by Rothrock, seconded by Quinn** to adopt an ordinance amending the ward boundaries of the City of Mission, Kansas, amending Chapter 110, Article II, Section 110.030, of the Code of the City of Mission, Kansas. There was no discussion on this item. Voting AYE: Cowdry, Gibbs, Kring, Miller, Quinn, Rothrock, Shepard. **Motion carried.**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

#### **Safe Routes to School KDOT Submittal**

Councilmember Quinn stated that the City has been awarded \$20,000 in Federal funding to perform a Safe Routes to School Phase I Study, which would examine how students travel to four nearby schools. This study would measure vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian counts, and would ultimately provide a plan that shows opportunities to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety for students traveling to these schools. The city would spend up to \$5,000 (20%) of the matching Federal funds for this study. A completed Phase I study will provide additional information to use when developing future street and sidewalk projects, and potentially assist with obtaining Federal funds for future construction of local bicycle and pedestrian projects. This is the first of two KDOT forms that will need to be approved by Council for this project.

**Moved by Quinn, seconded by Miller** to approve the submittal of KDOT Form 1312, committing the City's local matching funds for a grant to perform a Safe Routes to School Phase I Study in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Frank Bruce, Mission resident, questioned whether the Cedar Street entrance to Highlands Elementary School is still available. He stated that children should be encouraged to use that entrance from the neighborhood rather than Roe, and should always be encouraged to use the sidewalks.

Voting AYE: Cowdry, Gibbs, Kring, Miller, Quinn, Rothrock, Shepard. **Motion carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Kring provided information on a recent incident in Ward 3 where a downed power line electrified a fence and caused damage to several houses. She encouraged residents to give a key to their home to a neighbor when they are away so if there is an emergency they are able to get into the home. One resident in this incident was out of town and the damage to his home was not immediately identified.

Councilmember Quinn stated that there will be a Ward 1 Meet and Greet on Sunday,

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June 28th in Waterworks Park, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. He asked that all “spread the word” and encouraged Ward 1 residents to attend.

Scouts in the audience who were attending the meeting as they work to receive their Communications merit badge were recognized.

Councilmember Gibbs announced that Hersh and Ray Casey will be retiring and closing Casey Brothers Sinclair on Johnson Drive. There will be a party to honor them on Saturday, June 27th from 10:00 - 12:00 noon, with presentations at 11:00 a.m. Casey Brothers Sinclair has been in business for 56 years. All were encouraged to attend.

Councilmember Gibbs thanked Public Works for their work on Pearl Harbor Park and stated that it looks beautiful.

Councilmember Gibbs announced that the Mission Magazine is in the mail and features an article on the Dog Days of Summer and the many dogs that accompany their owners to work.

Councilmember Kring reminded all of the Mission Summer Family Picnic, which will be held on Saturday, July 11th at Broadmoor Park from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Councilmember Miller praised the farmers market, noting the wonderful items available and enthusiastic vendors.

Councilmember Miller thanked Mr. Cole for working to repair the sound system in council chambers.

Councilmember Miller noted the “fabulous” downtown district brochures that were recently printed, and thanked Kevin Fullerton, Springboard Creative, for his efforts on these.

### **MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Schowengerdt stated that he recently played in the Northeast Johnson County Golf Tournament with Mission’s team - Christy Humerickhouse, John Belger, and Ben Hadley. He stated that it was a wonderful event and thanked the Chamber.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Ms. Smith stated that a recent KC Star 913 article on Mission’s downtown and market

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has been provided to Council. This is great publicity for the Farmers Market.

She stated that the downtown district brochures mentioned by Councilmember Miller are the result of the Johnson Drive Parking Task Force and that a "map only" will also be printed for distribution. These brochures have been given to businesses for distribution and are also available at City Hall and the Community Center. She again thanked Mr. Fullerton for his work on this brochure, as well as the marketing materials for the Mission Farm and Flower Market.

Ms. Smith announced that the NE Johnson County Chamber will be hosting a Legislative Forum on Saturday, June 20th at the Community Center, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

We will not have a City Council Worksession on June 24th, but a budget worksession has been scheduled for July 1st following the committee meetings.

The first Family Free Night at the Mission Family Aquatic Center will be held on Friday evening, June 19th.

Mayor Schowengerdt stated that he recently had a resident thank the City for the pedestrian crossing lights installed on Johnson Drive.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Miller, seconded by Kring** to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. All present voted AYE. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Martha M. Sumrall, City Clerk.

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Steve Schowengerdt, Mayor

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