

MINUTES OF THE MISSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING, NOVEMBER 8, 2017

The Mission City Council met in regular session at Mission City Hall on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schowengerdt. The following councilmembers were present: Ron Appletoft, Tom Geraghty, Suzie Gibbs, Kristin Inman, Debbie Kring, Pat Quinn, Arcie Rothrock, Nick Schlossmacher.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Cindy Haskell, Silver Sneakers Program

Ms. Humerickhouse recognized Cindy Haskell, Community Center Fitness Instructor, who has taught a variety of classes for the past 10 years. Ms. Haskell was recently recognized by the Silver Sneakers Program as one of the top 10 instructors in the nation and was selected from over 1,000 nominations. All thanked Ms. Haskell for her hard work and dedication to serving others.

Police Department Special Presentations

Chief Hadley stated that the department is currently participating in “No Shave November/December” and has raised \$1,000 to benefit the food pantry at Rushton Elementary.

Chief Hadley introduced Capt. Kevin Self who was recently promoted from Sergeant to Captain. He provided information on the selection process. Capt. Self introduced his wife Lisa who assisted with his pinning, and other members of his family in attendance. All congratulated Capt. Self on his promotion.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Quinn, seconded by Kring to approve the Consent Agenda, item 3a and 3b.

- 3a. Minutes of the October 18, 2017 City Council Meeting
- 3b. Dedication of Johnson Drive Right-of-Way, Mission Trails

Voting AYE: Appletoft, Geraghty, Gibbs, Inman, Kring, Quinn, Rothrock, Schlossmacher.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Employee Benefit Renewals

Councilmember Schlossmacher stated that staff has been working with the City's benefit broker, Lockton Benefit Company, and other plan providers over the past several months to organize, evaluate, negotiate and recommend an employee benefits program for 2018 that is supportive of the employees, while also being fiscally sound for the City. The 2018 employee benefits program will include the following:

- Contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City to offer both the BlueSelect Plus and Preferred Blue Care plans with the benefits outlined in the memo at the current cost sharing ratio of 80% City paid and 20% employee paid.
- Funding of a wellness program.
- Renewal of dental insurance with Delta Dental of Kansas with no increase in premium rates.
- Maintain the current dental insurance premium structure of 80% paid by the City and 20% paid by the employees.
- Renewal of vision insurance with Eyemed with 100% of the premium paid by the City.
- Continue to provide a Section 125 Flexible Spending Account through Basic.
- Maintain basic Group-Term Life/AD&D benefits through The Standard.
- Maintain access to voluntary life insurance benefits through The Standard with all premiums paid 100% by participating employees.
- Maintain access to voluntary supplemental insurance benefits through AFLAC with all premiums paid 100% by participating employees.
- Fund the KPERS and KP&F retirement plans in accordance with State mandated rates.
- Maintain the quarterly contribution of 2% of total earnings in the Principal Plan for non-KP&F employees, with no optional matching benefit.

The total estimated benefits costs for 2018 are \$2,015,823.

Moved by Schlossmacher, seconded by Kring to authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to execute any and all documents necessary to approve contracts for the City of Mission's 2018 employee health and welfare benefits program. There was no discussion on this item. Voting AYE: Appletoft, Geraghty, Gibbs, Inman, Kring, Quinn, Rothrock, Schlossmacher. **Motion carried.**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Inman did not have a report.

COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Gibbs reported that the newest edition of the Mission Magazine is now available. The UPLIFT truck will be at the Community Center on Thursday, November 17th for our annual clothing/blanket drive. She stated that this programs assists the homeless in the metro area, and that they are also in need of candles, matches, books, pillows, etc. The Handlebar Happy Hour will be on November 17th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Bar and donated bikes will be used for the Holiday Adoption Program. We are also working with St. Michael's Church to collect white socks for the homeless. On November 20th, we will be assembling Thanksgiving Baskets for 75 families - all were invited to help. Tags for Christmas gifts for the Holiday Adoption Program are on the trees at the Community Center. This program will adopt approximately 55 families this year. All were encouraged to help with this program.

Mayor Schowengerdt thanked Councilmember Gibbs for her leadership of this program, which began years ago with just eight families for Thanksgiving Baskets. He stated that we all appreciate her work and he knows that the many families touched by this program do also.

Councilmember Kring stated that she and Councilmember Schlossmacher will be attending the NLC City Summit in Charlotte, NC next week. They both serve on committees and will be bringing back ideas to share. Councilmember Kring serves on the Energy, Environment and National Resources Committee and Councilmember Schlossmacher serves on the Information, Technology and Communication Committee. Councilmember Schlossmacher stated that they are working to keep local control of placement (building site) for cell towers/communications equipment, and ensuring municipal bonds remain tax exempt. Councilmember Kring stated that Mission's sustainability efforts serve as a model for other cities and that she has an opportunity to share or initiatives with other leaders through the EENR Committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Schowengerdt recognized Scouts from Scout Troop 3184 attending the meeting.

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Mayor Schowengerdt congratulated those that were recently elected in the municipal elections. Councilmember Appletoft will begin serving as Mayor at the January 8, 2018 Special City Council Meeting. Also sworn in at that meeting will be councilmembers Hilary Thomas representing Ward I, Arcie Rothrock representing Ward II, Debbie Kring representing Ward III, and Sollie Flora representing Ward IV. He noted that Councilmember Kring will be serving her 7th term as a councilmember.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Smith reminded all that our December committee meetings will be held on the 13th and she anticipates very long agendas. There will be a City Council Worksession on November 29th at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Quinn, seconded by Geraghty to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. All present voted AYE. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Martha Sumrall, City Clerk.

Steve Schowengerdt, Mayor

Martha M. Sumrall, City Clerk