

## MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order with Roll Call by Mayor Rick Walker.

Roll Call:	Lane	Present	Ritter	Present
	Daniels	Present	Murdock	Present
	Honomichl	Present		

Mayor Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance. Citizens signed the book on page 82.

Consent Agenda Items will be acted upon by one motion unless a Council member requests an item be removed for discussion and separate action.

1. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approve Minutes of the Council Meeting on January 2, 2020.
  - b. Approve Pay Ordinance No. 870.

Motion by Council member Murdock to approve the Consent Agenda; second by Ritter.

Roll Call:	Lane	Yes	Ritter	Yes
	Daniels	Yes	Murdock	Yes
	Honomichl	Yes		

Motion carried.

NOTE: Council member Ritter recused himself from the Council Chamber at the time.

- 1.5 Approve Pay Ordinance No. 870-a.

Motion by Council member Murdock to approve Pay Ordinance No. 870-a; second by Honomichl.

Roll Call:	Lane	Yes	Ritter	Recused
	Daniels	Yes	Murdock	Yes
	Honomichl	Yes		

Motion carried.

NOTE: Council member Ritter was recalled to the Council Chamber.

2. Call to Public:

“Members of the public are welcome to use this time to comment about any matter relating to City business not listed on this Agenda. The comments that are discussed under Call to Public may or may not be acted upon by the Council during this meeting. **There is a four-minute time limit.** Please stand and wait to be recognized by the Mayor. You must state your name and address.”

No one was present.

3. Old Business: None

#### 4. New Business:

- a. Discuss Strategic Plan Update. Administrator Brungardt said the Plan calls for yearly updates in the first quarter of each year, in conjunction with the yearly CIP update and prior to the annual budgeting process. He said he has taken the 2019 CIP and accepted the red-lines from the 2019 Plan which are now included in the 2020 Plan in order to see the progression of each project. He explained the initiatives, objectives, priorities, and date changes. Much progress has been made during this past year. He commented on the goals and the achievements as well as provided a narrative of the completion, progress, and the updates. Administrator Brungardt said he and Council members Honomichl and Murdock are working on the Economic Incentive Policy Plan to respond to potential development opportunities. He also would like to add in the redevelopment plan of the former City shop buildings.

Council member Murdock asked about the fiber expansion to the underserved areas in the City. She asked if Council would like to expand the service to cover all 'gap areas' within the City in all areas. She wants to ensure all the businesses within De Soto have access to the fiber network. Discussion ensued among Council members and Staff regarding internet. Council requested Staff update the City website with all utility providers and numbers.

Council member Honomichl and Council member Murdock asked about the discussions from the Council retreat were included or updated in this plan. Administrator Brungardt will review the retreat notes and revise any items not included in the current plan.

Council member Honomichl commented on public improvements specific to the downtown area plan. He would like to pick up those ideas and entertain some discussion.

Council members said they would like to continue with an annual Council retreat.

- b. Discuss CIP Update: Administrator Brungardt stated in November Council discussed implementing a public engagement process for the 2020 CIP update. Since it has only been two years since the first iteration of the CIP, including extensive public engagement, Council elected to forego another overhaul of this plan in favor of the usual update process. The current five-year CIP, covering 2020-2024 is contained within the 2020 budget document. Administrator Brungardt provided exhibit documents and a master list of all suggested CIP projects that have been considered for funding and those that were not funded. He commented on the funding sources and the revenues.

Council members and Administrator Brungardt commented on the sales tax revenues. Council member Ritter asked about the Miller Park drainage. Council member Honomichl asked about sewer extension projects and a master plan of infrastructure costs for developable properties. Discussion ensued. Council member Honomichl asked about the Lexington Avenue Pedestrian Crossing Improvements that is projected for 2021. Lighting is one of the improvements as well as night-time lighting along Lexington Avenue. Commerce Drive is another area to be considered for lighting. Council member Honomichl said he would like to include a downtown plan and begin to tackle some corner treatments in the downtown area. A discussion ensued among Council members to put the downtown streetscape plan back in the CIP for consideration and future planning.

#### 5. Executive Session: Land Acquisition.

Motion by Council member Murdock to recess into Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. for five minutes to discuss land acquisition pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6), with the open meeting resuming in the City Council Chamber at 7:58 p.m.); second by Honomichl.

All Council approved by "ayes."

Motion carried.

Members of the Council returned to the Council Chamber from Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

6. Advisory Reports:

- a. City Administrator, Mike Brungardt, said the Martin-Marietta quarry conditional use permit is expiring in February. Staff has been in contact with Johnson County regarding the contract and the quarry's responsibility to assist in 95<sup>th</sup> Street road maintenance. The quarry has agreed to provide an annual road maintenance fee to the City.

Staff has been working on the Summer Concert Series and are checking on the bands and working toward a concert event in the downtown area. Ideas are to have an opening act and then the main band opens at 8 p.m. If Council members have an interest in the process, please let Administrator Brungardt know to be included in the meetings. Discussion on bands and some opening bands from the surrounding areas.

- b. City Attorney, Patrick Reavey, no report.
- c. City Planner, Brad Weisenburger, was not present.
- d. City Clerk, Lana McPherson, said De Soto and the photo of the Big Boy steam engine taken by Council member Daniels were included in her *IIMC News Digest* article this month. She reminded Council of the annual Chamber Dinner on Friday evening, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

7. Council & Mayor Comments:

Council member Lane asked about the Rural Water 7 discussions. Administrator Brungardt said he has a meeting coming up next week.

Council member Ritter had no further comments.

Council member Daniels asked about the status with RG Fiber. Administrator Brungardt said all the conduit is in and tied together and underground. They are testing this week. Their next deadline is January 18, 2020. The liquidated damages for the conduit will be ending.

Council member Daniels said last year the discrimination ordinance should have had much more discussion time among Council members. He said he is not against the ordinance, but more discussion was requested and ignored for political reasons. The leadership style was disappointing. Discussion is one agenda item and passage of an agenda item is another matter. Council members Daniels stated he was highly disappointed in the manner in which this was handled and the deafness in not listening to the Council's request for discussion. He feels this act has sacrificed the trust among Council members.

No comments from Council members Murdock and Honomichl.

No further business was brought for discussion.

Motion by Council member Murdock to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.; second by Honomichl.

All Council approved by "ayes."

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

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Lana R. McPherson, MMC, City Clerk