

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.

Motion by Council member Murdock to add a New Business Item a. Consider City Hall Security Improvements and move the remaining items down; second by Daniels.

All Council approved by "ayes."

Motion carried.

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 May 21, 2020.
 - b. Approve Pay Ordinance No. 879.

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.

2. Call to Public:

Because members of the public cannot attend council meetings at this time, the public comment portion of the agenda is temporarily suspended.

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business:

- a. Presentation on the City Hall security improvements. Administrator Brungardt said the architects are present this evening. Mr. Andy Meyer, of Gastinger Walker Architects of Kansas City, MO, introduced himself and thanked the Council for the opportunity to submit the plans. He provided the project details concerning the security upgrades for City Hall. He introduced Keith Bowman. Council member Daniels asked about a security card scan for entering the secured area. A security system has been included to monitor up to 18 devices and provides a 'panic' button to notify 911. Mayor Walker asked if the cost estimate fits the budget. Mr. Meyer said if the plans are approved, they will put the plans out to bid. Mr. Meyer commented on the Emergency Storm Shelter Door. There will be new transaction windows for payment taking. Administrator Brungardt commented on the level of security that will change the interior of City Hall. He asked if Council members have a comfort level of the plan, and if so, then Staff can go ahead with putting the plan out for bid. Council member Daniels said if City Hall had these measures in place, then City Hall could have been open during the COVID-19. Administrator Brungardt commented that he will check into this. Council member Honomichl and the architects discussed the security in the secured area. Mr. Bowman talked about the access control panel and the ways to program the system for locking doors and security.

Council member Ritter said he thinks it is designed very well and public buildings are going this way for security. He likes the remote buttons and the accessibility. Council member Daniels had no further questions. Council member Murdock said she likes the system and commented on the accessibility of the public coming in to see City Staff. Council member Lane asked if there is backup power for the electrical system. Mr. Bowman said the doors are 'fail secure' and there is battery backup for the system.

- b. Consider 2021 Policing Contract with Johnson County Sheriff's Office. City Administrator Brungardt explained the contract and the pricing increase of 4.7%. The scope of services and terms of the contract are identical to the past several years.

Motion by Council member Daniels to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for law enforcement services for 2021 with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office; second by Lane.

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

Motion carried.

- c. Consider Ordinance Restricting Commercial Truck Parking on Residential Streets. Attorney Reavey said this ordinance is self-explanatory and most communities do not allow the regular parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas. The City has received some complaints about semi-trucks being parked on residential streets. Discussion on why this ordinance is being enacted. Council member Honomichl asked if neighboring communities have been talked to or the ordinance modeled after another community that has had this type of ordinance in place. Attorney Reavey stated the City's Standard Traffic Ordinance has the definitions defined as well as unloading details. Council member Honomichl said we do need the ordinance and it is appropriate. No further Council comments.

Motion by Council member Murdock to approve Ordinance No. 2493 Amending the City Code to Restrict Parking of Large Trucks in Residential Areas of the City; second by Ritter.

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

Motion carried.

- d. Consider Committee Recommendation for Consultant Selection for the Roundabout Design. Administrator Brungardt said there is funds in this year's CIP for the design of the roundabout project. He defined the project and the basis of qualifications. There were eight (8) responses to the Request for Qualifications that was sent out in March. He said the selection committee recommends hiring Affinis Corporation based on their recent relevant experience with other roundabout projects in Johnson County, and their knowledge of the project. Administrator Brungardt said if the Council is in favor, Staff will proceed.

Motion by Council member Honomichl to accept the selection committee's recommendation of Affinis Corporation for the roundabout project and authorize the City Administrator to begin negotiations for a contract; second by Lane

All Council approved by "ayes."

Motion carried.

- e. Consider Options for 83rd Street Bridge Sidewalk Barricades. Planning Director Brad Weisenburger said Staff has looked in to replacing the jersey barriers on 83rd Street at Kill Creek Bridge to match the Type 1 barriers along Lexington Avenue below the railroad overpass. He explained the discussions Staff has had with two suppliers of jersey barriers and the pricing for the barriers. Council member Murdock said she doesn't see a justification to spend the money on different barriers. Discussion ensued regarding the chain link fencing that will need to be installed. She said the striping needs to be added back on the roadway. Council member Daniels said finishing the end will make it better and he doesn't see any justification for spending more money. Council member Ritter said he doesn't want to spend the additional money. Council member Honomichl said it is always going to look temporary, but the end treatment definitely needs to be done. Council member Lane agreed. Mayor Walker said the end barriers must be on a paved surface, and not on the grass. Discussion on bidding the chain link fencing at a lower height on the roadway side.

Motion by Council member Murdock to reject the single bid from RF Beachner; second by Daniels.

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

Motion carried.

- f. Discuss De Soto's Reopening Plan Recommendations. Administrator Brungardt said the Kansas plan has changed several times and the Ad Astra Reopening Plan has expired. There are no state requirements to limit any activities, and Johnson County did not adopt any regulations although strongly recommends following the Ad Astra Reopening Plan. Staff recommendations haven't changed and recommend following the phasing as the State makes announcements for the phases. The City is currently in Phase 2. Administrator Brungardt recommends keeping the current plan in place, which is the State's Ad Astra plan, and follow that plan phasing. This plan only affects the City's functions and not other businesses in town. City Hall will remain closed until the State announces the next phase, which could be as early as June 8th, or later, depending on the State's announcement on Friday, June 5th. He further explained the meetings and the virtual meetings held until Phase 3 is implemented. All furloughed employees returned to work on June 1st. Some employees are still working from home.

The Parks & Recreation Department is hoping to start baseball and softball practicing June

22nd, with games starting July 6th, implementing an 8-game season rather than a 12-game series. Administrator Brungardt commented on the opening of the Senior Center and Community Center to be in Phase 3. The Parks and Playgrounds will open in Phase 3.

Council member Honomichl stated when the meetings do reopen to the public, he is in favor of keeping the virtual meetings. He said De Soto is doing a great job with the GoToMeeting and YouTube and he encourages Staff to continue with this. It is a great outreach for the community, and he would like to continue doing the meetings virtually for those who can't attend the meetings otherwise.

Administrator Brungardt said there are a lot of procedures and criteria for opening the pool. The recommendation is not to open the pool until the State goes to Phase 4 of the plan. It will take about 20 days to be ready to open the pool and have lifeguards trained and aware of the safety precautions and procedures. There are guidelines that need to be followed from the CDC, the Kansas Recreation & Park Association guidelines, and the National Recreation and Parks Guidelines. Administrator Brungardt provided the suggestions that were discussed by Staff and the Park Board. Entrance would be to memberships only of De Soto citizens and no daily gate sales. There would be limited capacity of 200 people per each two and a half (2½) hour session.

Council member Murdock asked Jay Garvin why other cities are not opening their pools. Mr. Garvin said following the guidelines, the social distancing, the availability of training staff, and some due to financial reasons. The City has enough returning lifeguards currently to open the pool. He discussed the pin number method members use and Staff will be the only person to enter the pins and verify the member in the computer data. Council member Murdock asked if other pools are taking temperatures. Discussion ensued that there is a COVID waiver form that each person must sign.

Council member Daniels said he has had more contacts on opening the pool than he has had on any other matter since he's been on Council. He asked about the Ad Astra plan recommendation and asked Administrator Brungardt about the Phase 4 opening. He likes the plan that has been put together. He doesn't see a reason in waiting for the Phase 4 date rather than the Phase 3 date for opening since there are no mandates in place now.

Council member Ritter said if we are going to open the pool, and it can be opened in Phase 3, then he says we should go ahead and get moving to get it open in Phase 3. Discussion on the membership requirements being c.

Council member Honomichl said he echoes making the membership inclusive in some way. He said he's only received one comment about opening the pool. He said it is the public's choice as to whether or not they go to the pool. He said there needs to be a date set so the public is aware, pending any unforeseen circumstances. He said it would be awesome to have it open before the 4th of July weekend.

Council member Lane agreed with the membership pricing and he is agreeing to open the pool by July 1st.

Mayor Walker said if the staffing is available, and parents are comfortable with this, the pool could be opened. He said there needs to be a monitor for the social distancing. He said just go ahead and start filling the pool so that we can open the pool as soon as it is ready to go. A discussion ensued between Mayor Walker and Jay Garvin on the timeframe to open the pool. Council agreed to set the date to open the pool on June 29th. Discussion on increased training of the heightened disinfection and cleaning protocols. Staff will work on pricing for the membership. Discussion ensued on the prorated membership and COVID fund options.

Administrator Brungardt commented on the Summer Concert Series being canceled. Staff met with the De Soto Days committee and gave them the list of the bands that were going to participate in the concert series.

Administrator Brungardt recommends the cancellation of the 4th of July event. Staff talked to the De Soto Days committee about having the fireworks event at the end of their festival. They don't have a schedule yet and will respond back to Staff.

- g. Approve Fireworks Sales Permit Applications for 2020. Administrator Brungardt said Building Official Steve Chick, Sr. provided a report that three (3) applications were processed for 2020. City Attorney Reavey has reviewed the applications for insurance requirements. The District Fire Chief and Building Official Check have reviewed the site conditions and tent permits for compliance with City Codes. Discussion ensued among Council and Staff.

Motion by Council member Honomichl to table the permits to the next Council meeting; second by Murdock.

All Council approved by "ayes."

Motion carried.

5. Executive Session: N/A

6. Advisory Reports:

- a. City Administrator, Mike Brungardt, said the week of June 22nd, there will be some smoke testing of the pump station in DeMeadows. Notifications will be provided to the residents.
- b. City Attorney, Patrick Reavey, no report.
- c. City Planner, Brad Weisenburger, no report.
- d. City Clerk, Lana McPherson, stated she has processed three (3) mobile food vendor applications and permits this past week: Frenzel's BBQ, Kona Ice, and Chick-Fil-A.

7. Council & Mayor Comments:

Council member Lane had no further comments.

Council member Murdock said Jakes' Fireworks is still not finished. She said she is very uncomfortable with that whole situation. It has been a year and nothing has been done. She wants to ensure that there is no occupancy permit given to them until everything has been completed. She wants there to be no exceptions given to them when they come knocking on the door asking for an extension. She said she feels bad for the Methodist Church who is planning to sell fireworks, but there is no reason for this property to be open. Discussion on the parking and if cars are parked on both sides of the street there is no way a fire truck or EMS could get down the street. Mayor Walker said Staff needs to remind Jakes' there will be no TCO given until all the work is completed. Permits are good for six months and this one has been extended an additional six months. Discussion that there is a permit deadline.

Council member Daniels said the Johnson Co Commissioners did approve a bid this week for the bridge repairs for the Wyandotte Street bridge over the Kansas River.

Council member Ritter said he talked with Administrator Brungardt about the fire hydrant by Burger King. He said the main cap needs to be checked for correct height. One of the businesses said the new striping that went down 91st Street is a solid white line and citizens are

commenting on it. Discussion ensued that there is a turn lane and also a double yellow line that people are crossing to get into Casey's.

Council member Honomichl had no further comments.

Mayor Walker commented on the \$116 Million through the CARES Act that the County has. The County has alluded to the cities that they should seek funding from the state. Then, the State has said the cities should seek funding from the counties who received the money through the CARES Act. Mayor Walker has been talking to the County and working with them to share the money with the cities on COVID related costs.

No further business was brought before the Council.

Motion by Council member Murdock to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.; second by Honomichl.

All Council approved by "ayes."

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Lana R. McPherson, MMC, City Clerk