

MINUTES

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

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

Mayor Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 June 18, 2020.
 - b. Approve Pay Ordinance No. 881.
 - c. Approve Temporary Use Permit for MS 150.
 - d. Authorize Mayor to Sign Alarm Monitoring and Maintenance Agreements.

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

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

Motion carried.

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 appeared.

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business:

- a. Consider Contract for Engineering Services for the 91st Street Roundabout Project with

Affinis Corporation. Administrator Brungardt said the selection committee's recommendation to select Affinis Corporation to perform roundabout project design. He explained the scope of the services and the engineering and surveying needed to complete the project. There are several meetings that will be scheduled with the citizens and the consultant and Council so that everyone understands the project through public engagement. Administrator Brungardt said Mike McKenna and Chris Farney of Affinis are online in the virtual meeting this evening to answer any questions of Council. Staff recommends approval of the scope and fee of this project.

Council member Murdock said the scheduling of the meetings during this pandemic with public engagement could be a concern. However, we could also use virtual meetings. Mayor Walker also said the public engagement during a COVID environment.

Mr. McKenna thanked the Council for selecting Affinis. He said they just participated in a public meeting last evening in an online virtual meeting. The questions of the public usually come through during the meeting through the 'chat' feature of the online meeting.

Council member Ritter said he is supportive. Council member Honomichl asked about the public engagement process. He also said our community has concerns relative to the driver safety of high school students and there is also a certain number of people in the community who prefer a signal over the roundabout. Council member Honomichl asked if traffic safety data could be shared by Affinis through the public engagement process. Mr. McKenna said there are less accidents with the roundabout versus the signaling. A roundabout reduces the T-bone crashes from left-hand turns. Council member Honomichl asked about the off-site improvements and circulation in the southwest corner of the area where the businesses are.

Administrator Brungardt said Affinis did show the restriction of a far entrance drive as a possible 'out' only driveway. He said the preliminary design and discussion with those business owners during the process.

Council member Lane asked if there is a way to see the presentation video prior to the public meeting with the citizens to be prepared for any questions from the community. Discussion ensued between Mr. McKenna, Council member Lane and Administrator Brungardt.

Motion by Council member Honomichl to approve the scope and fee proposal from Affinis in the amount of \$149,950 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for services; second by Lane.

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

Motion carried.

- b. Consider Park Board Recommendation for Public Survey Relating to the March 2020 Bond Referendum. Administrator Brungardt said since the narrow defeat of the bond referendum in March, the Park Board would like to know what the voters are thinking as to the public priorities moving forward. The Park Board would like to send out a survey to find out if there was anything specific about the referendum that was unpopular, and to get feedback on the public's priorities moving forward. The Park Board would like to distribute a survey in July to the community through social media and other means.

Council member Murdock said she is good to go with it. Council member Lane said he would like to get the survey out. Council member Ritter said he is good with the survey. Council member Honomichl said we do need a survey and find out what people are thinking. He asked Administrator Brungardt is Whitney has reviewed the survey and what will her role

be in measuring the survey questions and results. Administrator Brungardt said Whitney actually wrote the questions and will be very involved.

Mayor Walker said the first two questions might need to be turned around. Administrator Brungardt said that could be done. He is ready to proceed with the survey.

5. Executive Session: N/A

6. Advisory Reports:

- a. City Administrator, Mike Brungardt, said the big news of the day is the Governor's face mask mandate. The BOCC called a special meeting today and in the end the Johnson County Commissioners approved to uphold the face mask mandate. Staff has been made aware of the new mandate and City employees have been apprised of the rules as they pertain to each department and their employees. He said athletes are exempt during the practices and games where distancing can be maintained. These guidelines could change at any time.

Administrator Brungardt said the sand pit application in Leavenworth County is now scheduled for public hearing on July 15th. He will be attending that meeting.

The bridge closing is tentatively set around the end of August for two to three months from information we've heard from the county.

- b. City Attorney, Patrick Reavey, said he has been working with Anne Sigman on the property.
- c. City Planner, Brad Weisenburger, said the UBAS project should finish on Monday and then striping should follow. The RFQ for the sidewalk 2020 project will come in on July 15th. The Council members are welcome to serve on that selection committee. Mayor Walker asked for volunteers. Council member Lane said he could be available. Council members and Mayor said they are comfortable with staff making the decision. Planning Director Weisenburger said there is work being done on 85th Street and he wanted to apprise Council of the projects going on around town during the next couple of weeks. He said the lime pods at the Sunflower water plant are filling up and Staff is working with SRL on a disposal site.

Administrator Brungardt and Council member Murdock commented on the new building.

- d. City Clerk, Lana McPherson, no comments.

7. Council & Mayor Comments:

Council member Murdock said the temporary markings on Lexington make no sense at all. Planning Director Weisenburger said he has contacted the contractor to get it corrected. Council member Murdock said the property around Jakes' needs to be finished. There is no reason this hasn't been finished. There are construction materials laying around, the retaining wall hasn't been done, and she said these things don't influence the building itself, but the temporary occupancy permit

Council member Murdock said she was asked to share with Council about a "Friends of the Kaw" project on Friday, July 24th, at 1:30 p.m. at the De Soto Boat Ramp. This group is doing a full 130-miles of the Kansas River. This group will be talking about De Soto and promoting the city as it is along the Kansas River Trail. Discussion between Council member Lane and Murdock on the life preserver project.

Council member Lane said he had several calls and mowing on Cedar Creek and wanted to thank the crew for doing a good job.

Council member Ritter asked if Council member Murdock was asking for the City to provide lunch for the Kansas River group. Council member Murdock said they would like people to be at the Boat Ramp that day.

Council member Honomichl commended Administrator Brungardt on how quickly he got the email out to employees and Council. He said he had talked to Sara Ritter, Chamber Exec, on where the Chamber would stand in support of the mask requirement to the end of keeping businesses open. The businesses in De Soto did support the mask mandate.

Mayor Walker said, "let's wear the masks".

Motion by Council member Murdock to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.; second by Honomichl.

All Council approved by "ayes."

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Lana R. McPherson, MMC, City Clerk