

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE
GOVERNING BODY
OF THE
CITY OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS
May 24th, 2011

A Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners was held at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 24th, 2011, in the City Commission Room, located in the Law Enforcement Center, 201 North Pine, with Mayor Marty Beezley presiding and the following members present: Rudy Draper, Michael Gray, John Ketterman, and Patrick O'Bryan.

Mayor Beezley provided the invocation.

Mayor Beezley led the flag salute.

Mayor Beezley extended her condolences to the business owners of the two business that were destroyed (Beitzinger's Hardware and Bud's Jewelry) this past weekend during the downtown fire. Interim City Manager John VanGorden thanked the Pittsburg Fire Department, Pittsburg Police Department, Pittsburg Public Works Department, Pittsburg Public Utilities Department, Crawford County Baker Fire, Crawford County EMS, and all other agencies who assisted during the fire. Fire Chief Scott Crain provided an overview of the fire, including the use of the new fire truck that was received by the City just days prior to the fire. Chief Crain stated that the Fire Marshall determined that the fire started near the back door of Beitzinger's Hardware.

Mayor Beezley expressed sympathy for the victims of the May 23rd, 2011, Joplin tornado. Interim City Manager John VanGorden indicated that the City has been sending Police and Fire personnel to Joplin daily to assist with the tornado rescue and recovery. Fire Chief Crain reported on the efforts of the firefighters in Joplin. Director of Public Utilities John Bailey stated that he has City crews prepared to assist Joplin with the repair of waterline issues created by the tornado should they be needed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 10th, 2011 - On motion of Ketterman, seconded by Gray, the Governing Body approved the minutes of the May 10th, 2011, City Commission Meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. G-1144 – On motion of Ketterman, seconded by Gray, the Governing Body approved Ordinance No. G-1144 amending Section 78-116 of the Pittsburg City Code to prohibit parking on both sides of East 23rd Street from Broadway Street to Michigan Street and on the east side of Elm Street from Ford Avenue to Hudson Street, on first reading. Motion carried.

VACATION ORDER – On motion of Ketterman, seconded by Gray, the Governing Body approved an Order vacating the Western 12 feet of the North Smelter Street right-of-way, from 5th Street to 6th Street, adjoining Lots 1 thru 6, Block 9, Pittsburg Town Company 2nd Addition to the City of Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas. (Request of VanBecelaere Machine Shop). Motion carried.

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NO FEE LEASE – FAA – On motion of Ketterman, seconded by Gray, the Governing Body approved a no fee lease to provide the FAA with 21 square feet of space in the Administration Building at the Atkinson Municipal Airport to store Radio Communications Outlet (RCO) equipment for a 5-year term beginning October 1, 2011, and authorized the Mayor to sign the lease on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

VAN BECELAERE MACHINE SHOP PARKING AREA – On motion of Ketterman, seconded by Gray, the Governing Body approved the use of \$12,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund to overlay a 40' X 100' parking area west of the main entrance of VanBecelaere Machine located at 504 North Grand. Motion carried.

MILLER'S IMAGING EXPANSION – On motion of Ketterman, seconded by Gray, the Governing Body approved the use of \$100,000 the Revolving Loan Fund to improve infrastructure and utility necessary for a \$4 million Millers expansion. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT – LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES – On motion of Ketterman, seconded by Gray, the Governing Body approved the reappointment of Brad Hodson and Astrid Zagorski to second four-year terms effective immediately and to expire April 30, 2015, and the appointment of Babs Tims to fill an unexpired term effective immediately and to expire April 30, 2013, as members of the Pittsburg Public Library Board of Trustees. Motion carried.

DISPOSITION OF BIDS – WATER TREATMENT PLANT CHEMICALS – On motion of Ketterman, seconded by Gray, the Governing Body approved low bids meeting specifications for the annual purchase of chemicals for use at the Water Treatment Plant as follows: Liquid Chlorine to Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., of Springfield, Missouri, for \$29.50 per 100 lbs.; Sodium Fluorosilicate to Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., of Springfield, Missouri, for \$45.45 per 100 lbs.; Lime (Calcium Oxide) to U.S. Lime Company-St. Clair, of Dallas, Texas, for \$153.00 per ton; Ferric Sulfate to Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., of Springfield, Missouri, for \$29.25 per 100 lbs.; Liquid Carbon Dioxide to Airgas Midsouth, of Pittsburg, Kansas, for \$128.00 per ton; Aluminum Sulfate to Univar USA, of Springfield, Missouri, for \$37.00 per 100 lbs.; and Liquid Polymeric Phosphate to G.S. Robins & Company, of Kansas City, Kansas, for \$57.50 per 100 lbs.; and authorized the issuance of the necessary purchase orders. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK POLICY REVISIONS – On motion of Ketterman, seconded by Gray, the Governing Body approved revisions to Employee Handbook Policy 202 regarding Recruitment and Policy 203 regarding Pre-Employment, and authorized the Mayor to sign the revised policies on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

Following approval of the items on the consent agenda, Commissioner O'Bryan requested the definition of "relatives" be included in the Recruitment Policy.

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APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – On motion of Ketterman, seconded by Gray, the Governing Body approved the Appropriation Ordinance for the period ending May 25th, 2011, subject to the release of HUD expenditures when funds are received, with the following roll call vote: Yea: Beezley, Draper, Gray, Ketterman, and O’Bryan. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. S-990 – On motion of O’Bryan, seconded by Draper, the Governing Body approved Ordinance No. S-990, amending Ordinance No. S-989, fixing the salary and compensation of the officers and employees of the City of Pittsburg, Kansas, on first reading. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ketterman expressed concern about the increase in the grade of the Assistant Director of Public Utilities position and the Public Relations Officer position, as this would not be received well by City employees who have not received a pay increase in two years. Director of Human Resources Megan Fry explained that the positions are included in the Ordinance for planning purposes only and that there are not plans in the immediate future to fill the positions.

WATCO HANGAR LOAN – On motion of O’Bryan, seconded by Draper, the Governing Body approved a revised request by Watco Companies for a \$693,274.65 Revolving Loan Fund loan at 3% interest to construct a hangar at Atkinson Municipal Airport which will then be sold back to the City of Pittsburg and leased to Watco Companies for 15 years. Motion carried with Commissioner Gray abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

PITTSBURG FARMERS’ MARKET LOAN – On motion of O’Bryan, seconded by Gray, the Governing Body approved the recommendation of the Economic Development Advisory Committee's to approve a forgivable loan from the Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$41,000 at 3% interest annually to the Pittsburg Farmers' Market provided they apply for an 86 CDBG State approval first. Motion carried.

2010 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) - Karen Linn of Berberich Trahan & Company, the City's auditing firm, presented a review of the 2010 audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

HEALTH INSURANCE TRENDS AND OPTIONS - Bob Charlesworth, with Charlesworth and Associates, presented information on health insurance trends and options.

FACADE GRANT VARIANCE REQUEST – On motion of O’Bryan, seconded by Ketterman, the Governing Body approved the recommendation of the Economic Development Advisory Committee to grant a Facade Grant Variance request submitted by John Kutz to be allowed to apply for a third facade grant within the year 2011. Motion carried.

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SHOP QA – On motion of Gray, seconded by Draper, the Governing Body authorized staff to enter into a three year agreement with WebQA to become a pilot city for their ShopQA product at a monthly cost of \$150 and a one-time set up fee of \$1,000, approved the contract as to form allowing the City Attorney to make needed changes and authorized the Mayor to sign the contract document on behalf of the City once it is deemed satisfactory by the City Attorney. Motion carried with Beezley voting in opposition.

Mayor Beezley expressed concern regarding the amount of City staff time that would be needed for this project.

AIRSPACE HAZARD GRANT – On motion of O'Bryan, seconded by Ketterman, the Governing Body approved a grant award by the KDOT Division of Aviation to provide airspace protection planning for the Atkinson Municipal Airport, based on a 95% State/5% Local funding split with the City's share being \$1,800, and authorized staff to solicit proposals to hire a consultant for the project. Motion carried.

DISPOSITION OF BIDS - ATKINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - REPAIR TAXIWAYS – On motion of Ketterman, seconded by Gray, the Governing Body awarded the bid for the repair of the taxiways at Atkinson Municipal Airport to APAC-Missouri, Inc., of Springfield, Missouri, based on their low bid of \$165,890.80, and authorized the Mayor to execute the contract documents once they are prepared. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1112 – On motion of O'Bryan, seconded by Beezley, the Governing Body approved Resolution No. 1112, authorizing and providing for the public sale of Temporary Notes, Series 2011A of The City of Pittsburg, Kansas, setting forth the details of said sale; and providing for the giving of notice thereof, and authorized the Mayor to sign the Resolution on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

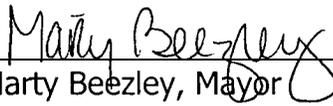
NON-AGENDA REPORTS AND REQUESTS –

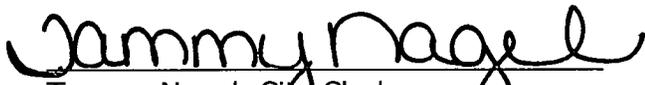
Mayor Beezley stated that she has received several phone calls regarding storm shelters in the City. Mayor Beezley also stated that some churches in town are willing to open their basements to citizens during severe weather as long as they could receive a notice from the City that severe weather is imminent. Fire Chief Scott Crain indicated that he is in the process of investigating funds for a possible storm shelter.

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ADJOURNMENT: On motion of O'Bryan, seconded by Beezley, the Governing Body adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried.




Marty Beezley, Mayor


Tammy Nagel, City Clerk