

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE
GOVERNING BODY
OF THE
CITY OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS
January 24th, 2012

A Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners was held at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 24th, 2012, 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.

K.O. Noonoo of the Pittsburg Presbyterian Church provided the invocation.

Mayor Beezley led the flag salute.

Mayor Beezley and members of the Pittsburg Police Department including Police Chief Mendy Hulvey accepted the AAA Traffic Safety Award presented by Mr. Jim Hanni.

PUBLIC INPUT -

Larry Fields, 970 South 240th, requested the City Commission reconsider their earlier decision to donate the #1023 Engine to the Heart of the Heartlands. He suggested the Heart of the Heartlands be involved and the train possibly moved to the trailhead at 11th and Broadway.

John Chambers, Heart of the Heartlands, indicated that the locomotive can no longer remain on the base at Schlanger Park, as the base is deteriorating. Mr. Chambers expressed his concern for the long term care of the engine if it were to remain in Pittsburg.

Mr. Fields suggested the hotel tax be increased to subsidize the repairs and maintenance of the engine. He indicated the engine belongs to the citizens of the City of Pittsburg and not the citizens of Carona.

Larry Spahn, Heart of the Heartlands, shared photos depicting extensive rust damage to the engine. Mr. Spahn indicated that the Heart of the Heartlands has experience and funding to repair and maintain the engine in Carona. He stated that the Heart of the Heartlands is not able to maintain the engine while it is located in Pittsburg.

Connie McGeorge, 2301 North Rouse, stated that the citizens of Pittsburg deserve to have the train in Pittsburg.

Steve Garner, 1603 West 20th, stated that he supported the comments made by Mr. Fields. He questioned how vigorous the campaign was to keep the engine in Pittsburg. He also questioned if proper protocol was followed when dispensing of City property.

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Mayor Beezley thanked everyone for their comments. She indicated that maintaining the engine has become a bourdon on the City. Mayor Beezley stated that the decision to donate the engine to the Heart of the Heartlands remains as was decided in December of 2011.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 10th, 2012 - On motion of Draper, seconded by Ketterman, the Governing Body approved the minutes of the January 10th, 2012, City Commission Meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

DISPOSITION OF BIDS – PARKS AND RECREATION TEE SHIRTS – On motion of Draper, seconded by Ketterman, the Governing Body approved the low bid submitted by New Hope Custom Printing for the purchase of tee shirts used by the Parks & Recreation Department for programs and events. Motion carried.

PITSCO FIRE FIGHTING CONTRACT – On motion of Draper, seconded by Ketterman, the Governing Body approved the annual Fire Fighting Contract for Pitsco's facility located at 2106 West 4th Street for the annual payment of \$4,106.00, and authorized the Mayor to sign the contract on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

DANCE HALL LICENSE – FACES BAR – On motion of Draper, seconded by Ketterman, the Governing Body approved the request submitted by Jamie Sponsel to renew the Dance Hall License for Faces Bar, 202 North Locust, and authorized the City Clerk to issue the license. Motion carried.

WEB QA CONTRACT – On motion of Draper, seconded by Ketterman, the Governing Body renewed the contract with WebQA for the ShopsQA Directory from June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013 for a cost of \$155 per month. Motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER AND FINAL PAYMENT – AIRPORT TAXIWAY PROJECT – On motion of Draper, seconded by Ketterman, the Governing Body approved Change Order No. 1 reflecting an increase of \$13,273.37 making a new contract construction amount of \$179,164.17 and final payment in the amount of \$21,837.24 to APAC-Missouri, Inc., of Springfield, Missouri, for improvements to the taxiways at the Atkinson Municipal Airport. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – On motion of Draper, seconded by Ketterman, the Governing Body approved the Appropriation Ordinance for the period ending January 24th, 2012, 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.

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REVOLVING LOAN FUND – WARE – On motion of Beezley, seconded by O'Bryan, the Governing Body approved a Revolving Loan Fund Application submitted by Ron and Dora Ware for a \$25,000 forgivable loan to assist with infrastructure improvements required to enter into a five year lease with Volvo Rents. Motion carried.

CONDITIONAL USE REQUEST – On motion of O'Bryan, seconded by Draper, the Governing Body approved the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to grant the request submitted by Ilario Andrades for a Conditional Use under the provisions of Article 30 of the Pittsburg Zoning Ordinance to allow a church to locate in an existing building located at 1617 North Walnut. Motion carried.

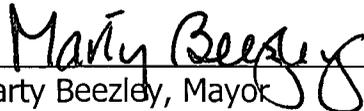
RESOLUTION FOR HOUSING TAX CREDITS – On motion of Gray, seconded by Ketterman, the Governing Body approved the request submitted by Red-Wood Development, Inc. for support for their development of a 36-unit senior housing complex to be located in the 2700 Block of North Walnut, with a Letter of Support and a Resolution of Support, therefore, allowing them to file a housing tax credit application with the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, and authorized the Mayor to sign the Letter of Support and Resolution of Support on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

RADIO TOWER LEASE AND AGREEMENT – On motion of Ketterman, seconded by Draper, the Governing Body approved the request submitted by Verizon to construct a new freestanding tower at 1st and Locust and to enter into a new 10-year lease with the City of Pittsburg, and directed the City Attorney to prepare the necessary lease agreement. Motion carried.

NON-AGENDA REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS - Mayor Beezley and Commissioner Ketterman thanked the City staff and other individuals involved in the preparation and execution of the Parade of Champions held on January 21st, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of O'Bryan, seconded by Draper, the Governing Body adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m. Motion carried.


Marty Beezley, Mayor




Tammy Nagel, City Clerk