

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

A Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners was held at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 24th, 2012, in the City Commission Room, located in the Law Enforcement Center, 201 North Pine, with Mayor John Ketterman presiding and the following members present: Marty Beezley, Rudy Draper, Michael Gray and Patrick O'Bryan.

Jim Sukraw of the First Church of the Nazarene provided the invocation.

Mayor Ketterman led the flag salute.

PROCLAMATION – AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT - Mayor Ketterman read a proclamation recognizing the progress that has been made under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 10th, 2012 – On motion of Beezley, seconded by Draper, the Governing Body approved the minutes of the July 10th, 2012, City Commission Meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. S-997 – On motion of Beezley, seconded by Draper, the Governing Body approved Ordinance No. S-997, levying a special assessment against the lots or parcels of land on which a public nuisance was located, to pay the cost of abating the nuisance, on first reading. Motion carried.

Commissioner Beezley expressed her displeasure of seeing repeat offenders on the assessment ordinances from year to year. She further expressed displeasure that some of the individuals on the assessment ordinances are also listed on the City's appropriation ordinance receiving some sort of payment from the City. Commissioner Beezley requested staff to ensure that the price the City charges property owners is not less than the property owner could hire the work done for with a private contractor.

Mayor Ketterman requested staff to visit with Crawford County representatives to provide a detailed report when payment is remitted to the City to include which addresses are included in the payment.

Mayor Ketterman further requested staff to investigate how many years a property owner must be delinquent in the payment of property tax before the property is placed for sale at a sheriffs sale.

Commissioner Patrick O'Bryan inquired if the City could bill the property owners direct for the removal of obnoxious vegetation, dangerous structures, or refuse. Director of Public Works William A. Beasley stated that the City does bill the property owner for the abatement of nuisances and that when the owners do not pay the bills, the costs are placed on the assessment ordinances.

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Commissioner O'Bryan questioned if the property owners could be cited in small claims court. City Manager Daron Hall indicated that the City is currently in the process of investigating other methods to obtain payment from the property owners, including citing the property owners in municipal court.

ORDINANCE ON. S-998 – On motion of Beezley, seconded by Draper, the Governing Body approved Ordinance No. S-998, levying a special assessment against the lots or parcels of land on which refuse matter was located to pay the cost of making the premises safe and hygienic, on first reading. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. S-999 – On motion of Beezley, seconded by Draper, the Governing Body approved Ordinance No. S-999, levying a special assessment against the lots or parcels of land on which existed weeds or obnoxious vegetable growth to pay the costs of cutting or removing said growth, on first reading. Motion carried.

SECTION 3 PLAN – On motion of Beezley, seconded by Draper, the Governing Body approved the Section 3 Plan and Signature Documents for the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation Home Program and authorized City Manager Daron Hall to sign the appropriate documents on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – On motion of Beezley, seconded by Draper, the Governing Body approved the Appropriation Ordinance for the period ending July 24th, 2012, subject to the release of HUD expenditures when funds are received, with the following roll call vote: Yea: Beezley, Draper, Ketterman and O'Bryan. Motion carried.

2013 BUDGET REQUESTS - Representatives from the Joplin Regional Prosperity Initiative (JRPI), Pittsburg State University Prevention and Wellness, Community Mental Health Center of Crawford County, SEK-CAP, Inc., Pittsburg Community Theatre, and Pawprints on the Heartland provided presentations regarding their 2013 budget requests.

Joplin Regional Prosperity Initiative (JRPI) President Rob O'Brian requested \$20,000 to be used to help fund Market Street Services in regional strategic planning efforts, supporting and retaining existing businesses, obtaining demographic and labor market information, job creation and workforce development.

J.T. Knoll, on behalf of Pittsburg State University Prevention and Wellness, requested \$3,000 to be used for SafeRide, alcohol-free programming, prevention strategies and healthy choice making pertaining to alcohol and drug use and abuse.

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2013 BUDGET REQUESTS (continued)

Becky Gray, on behalf of SEK-CAP, Inc. requested \$50,000 to be used for the operation of the CHOICES Emergency Shelter for homeless families and children. City Manager Daron Hall requested Ms. Gray provide a list of items that could be accomplished with an allotment in an amount less than \$50,000.

Pawprints on the Heartland representative Leslie Harris requested \$3,000 for the operation and administration of the stray cat trap, neuter, release program.

Pittsburg Community Theatre representative Joella Reid requested \$12,200 to be provided in in-kind services including office space, costume storage, prop storage, rehearsal and performance space.

2012 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT APPLICATION – Following a presentation by Becky Gray, on behalf of SEK-CAP, Inc., on motion of Beezley, seconded by O'Bryan, the Governing Body agreed to sponsor the 2012 Emergency Solutions Grant to be submitted to the State of Kansas Housing Resource Corporation. Motion carried.

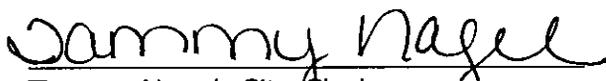
NON-AGENDA REPORTS & REQUESTS:

REPAIRS TO ATKINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT – On motion of Beezley, seconded by Gray, the Governing Body approved the expenditure of \$10,000 from the Jobs Bill Fund to cover the deductible for the insurance claim to repair wind damage at the Atkinson Municipal Airport that occurred on July 7th, 2012. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Beezley, seconded by Gray, the Governing Body adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried.


John Ketterman, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tammy Nagel, City Clerk

