

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS
July 31, 2012

A Special Session of the Board of Commissioners was held at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31st, 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, Michael Gray, and Patrick O'Bryan. Commissioner Rudy Draper was absent.

BUDGET DISCUSSION – City Manager Daron Hall reviewed the process that was used to determine budget allocations.

City Manager Hall explained his recommendations for funding outside agencies as follows:

- Alliance for Technology Commercialization - \$0 (\$40,774 requested)
- Joplin Regional Prosperity Initiative - To be determined (\$20,000 requested)
- Pittsburg Area Chamber - \$63,000 (\$63,000 requested)
- SEK-CAP, Inc. - \$0 (\$50,000 requested)
- Homer Cole Center - \$9,000 (\$9,000 requested)
- Paw Prints - \$0 (\$3,000 requested)
- Pittsburg Beautiful - \$2,000 (\$2,000 requested)
- Pittsburg Community Theatre - \$12,200 in-Kind (\$12,200 requested)
- Community Mental Health - \$50,000 (\$50,000 requested)
- PSU Prevention & Wellness - \$3,000 (\$3,000 requested)

Commissioner Draper joined the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Mayor Ketterman thanked staff for their work in preparing the 2013 budget.

Mayor Ketterman indicated that he agreed with not funding the Alliance for Technology Commercialization and re-evaluating funding to the Joplin Regional Prosperity Initiative. He further indicated that he would like to keep the funding of the other outside organizations at the level they were funded last year with no increase.

Commissioners Beezley and Gray stated that they concur with the funding allocations to outside agencies as recommended by City Manager Hall. Commissioner Gray stressed that the City not funding an organization, does not mean the City does not support the organization.

Commissioner O'Bryan stated that he concurs with the funding decision made regarding the Alliance for Technology Commercialization. Commissioner O'Bryan indicated the he probably would not have increased funding to the Homer Cole Center over the \$7,650 received in 2012.

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Mayor Ketterman and Commissioner O'Bryan stated that they would like to see the Paw Prints organization funded to assist with controlling the cat overpopulation problem in Pittsburg. Commissioner Beezley stated that Paw Prints has received a large grant to assist with controlling the cat overpopulation.

Commissioner Draper stated that he concurs with the funding allocations to outside agencies as recommended by City Manager Hall.

FUNDING TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES - On motion of Gray, seconded by Beezley, the Governing Body approved funding to outside agencies as recommended by City Manager Hall to include \$63,000 to the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce, \$9,000 to the Homer Cole Center, \$2,000 to Pittsburg Beautiful, \$12,200 in-kind services to the Pittsburg Community Theatre, \$50,000 to Community Mental Health and \$3,000 to PSU Prevention and Wellness. Motion carried with Mayor Ketterman voting in opposition.

Mayor Ketterman stated that he would like to see employee raises given in the same amount to all employees. Commissioner Gray indicated that he would like to see the raises be given to employees based on performance. Commissioner O'Bryan stated that raises should be based on performance and not a flat amount for each employee. City Manager Hall stated that all employees will be thoroughly evaluated at the end of the year.

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION - On motion of O'Bryan, seconded by Gray, the Governing Body approved 2% to be budgeted for employee raises, to be distributed based on employee performance, with the additional 1% to be applied to health insurance premiums. Motion carried with Mayor Ketterman voting in opposition.

Director of Finance and Administration Jon Garrison stated that a Public Hearing will be held regarding the budget during the August 14th, 2012, City Commission meeting at which time the budget will be formally adopted.

Commissioner Gray requested additional information be provided in the future to Commissioners including an analysis as to how budget decisions were made and why funds were spent the way they were.

Commissioner Beezley announced that the budget was approved without raising the mill levy.

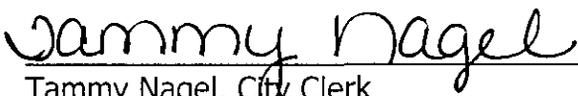
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ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Gray, seconded by O'Bryan, the Governing Body adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.



John Ketterman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tammy Nagel, City Clerk

