

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS
September 10, 2024

A Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners was held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10th, 2024, in the City Commission Room, located in the Law Enforcement Center, 201 North Pine, with Mayor Stu Hite presiding and the following members present: Cheryl Brooks, Dawn McNay, and Chuck Munsell. Commissioner Ron Seglie participated in the meeting by phone.

Mayor Hite led the flag salute.

INVOCATION – Reverend Mark Chambers, on behalf of the First United Methodist Church, provided an invocation.

PITTSBURG POSITIVE – Mayor Hite recognized Brooke Powell and the Safehouse Team for the positive impact they make on the community.

PROCLAMATION – Mayor Hite proclaimed September 17 through 23, 2024, as Constitution Week in Pittsburg.

PUBLIC INPUT -

HOMELESSNESS - Roger Lomshek, 1147 South 220th Street, expressed concern regarding homeless individuals in the community. Mr. Lomshek provided members of the Governing Body with a "Pittsburg Homeless Safe Community Proposal".

HOMELESSNESS – John Lair, North Joplin Street, encouraged the Governing Body to adopt Ordinance G-1366 regarding the removal of shopping carts from businesses, and G-1367 regarding the removal of the contents of solid waste containers. Mr. Lair recommended the City's current ordinances be enforced.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On motion of Munsell, seconded by McNay, the Governing Body approved the August 27, 2024, City Commission Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – On motion of Munsell, seconded by McNay, the Governing Body approved the Appropriation Ordinance for the period ending September 10, 2024, subject to the release of HUD expenditures when funds are received with the following roll call vote: Yea: Brooks, Hite, McNay, Munsell and Seglie. Motion carried.

OSOFINO, LLC – RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL EXTENSION - On motion of Munsell, seconded by McNay, the Governing Body approved the recommendation of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) to grant a six-month extension to the Right of First Refusal with Osofino, LLC, for the 15 acres immediately north of APEX Stages in the City's Airport Industrial Park, and authorized the Mayor to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED 2025 REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE – Following a Public Hearing, on motion of McNay, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body approved exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) for the 2025 Budget and adopted Resolution No. 1283 regarding the Governing Body’s intent to levy a property tax exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate, and authorized the Mayor to sign the Resolution on behalf of the City. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Yea: Brooks, Hite, McNay, Munsell, and Seglie.

The following individuals participated in the Public Hearing by providing input and asking questions:

Roger Lomshek, 1147 South 220th Street
David Stevens, 3104 Pinnacle Lane
Bryan Hanson, Crawford County resident
Carol Hammerbacher

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET – Following a Public Hearing, on motion of Munsell, seconded by McNay, the Governing Body approved the 2025 Budget as submitted and authorized the Mayor and City Commissioners to sign the State Budget Certificate Form on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

Commissioner Munsell requested a report showing expenses paid by the City to repair vandalism to the restrooms in the City Parks for the period of January 1, 2024, to the present.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - CRAWFORD COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH – The presentation by representatives of Crawford County Mental Health regarding the services available at the newly-constructed Addiction Treatment Center, located at 3103 North Michigan, was cancelled.

KANNARR EYE CARE PROJECT – On motion of Munsell, seconded by Brooks, the Governing Body approved the recommendation of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) to grant the request submitted by Kannarr Eye Care for an allocation equal to 10% of the total project cost associated with the renovation of the property located at 101 North Broadway, with the City's investment, funded through the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), not to exceed \$65,000. Motion carried.

LORENZ HAUS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT – On motion of McNay, seconded by Brooks, the Governing Body approved the recommendation of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) to grant the request submitted by Lorenz Haus Development, LLC, to modify their incentive package for the renovation of the property located at 211 North Broadway, with the City’s investment to increase from a not to exceed amount of \$67,500, to a not to exceed amount of \$140,000. Motion carried with Seglie voting in opposition.

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ORDINANCE NO. G-1366 – On motion of Brooks, seconded by Munsell, the Governing Body adopted Ordinance No. G-1366 creating Section 54-77 of the Pittsburg City Code to prohibit the removal and possession of shopping carts removed from the premises of local business establishments without prior written authorization, and setting penalties for such unauthorized removal, and authorized the Mayor to sign the Ordinance on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. G-1367 – On motion of Brooks, seconded by Munsell, the Governing Body adopted Ordinance No. G-1367 amending Section 70-32 of the Pittsburg City Code to make it unlawful to remove recycling material and to inhabit, enter, search through or remove any portion of the contents of a solid waste container without the prior written authorization of the person or entity owning or leasing said container, and setting penalties for such unauthorized actions, and authorized the Mayor to sign the Ordinance on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

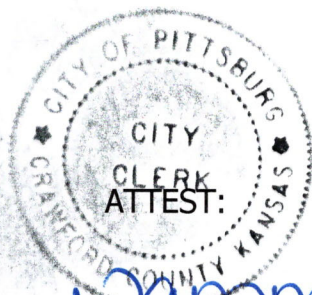
NON-AGENDA REPORTS & REQUESTS –

CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE – PITT HOOKAH LOUNGE - On motion of McNay, seconded by Brooks, the Governing Body approved the application submitted by Raj Patel for a 2024 Cereal Malt Beverage License for Pitt Hookah Lounge, 2707 "C" North Broadway, and authorized the City Clerk to issue the license. Motion carried.

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC INPUT – Additional discussion was held regarding homeless individuals and the organizations that provide services to the homeless. Mr. Hall indicated that he would review the "Pittsburg Homeless Safe Community Proposal" provided by Mr. Lomshek.

PITTSBURG POSITIVE – Mayor Hite recognized Phil Scott for the positivity he brings to the community.

ADJOURNMENT - On motion of McNay, seconded by Brooks, the Governing Body adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried.





Stu Hite, Mayor



Tammy Nagel, City Clerk