REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014
6:30 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor David George presiding.

Present:
MAYOR DAVID GEORGE
COMMISSIONER DON EDWARDS
COMMISSIONER JIM FALKNER
COMMISSIONER MARCUS KASTLER
COMMISSIONER CHRIS WILLIAMS

City Staff in attendance were:
CITY MANAGER GARY BRADLEY
CITY CLERK CINDY PRICE
FINANCE DIRECTOR STEPHANIE RICHARDSON
CITY ATTORNEY PAUL KRITZ
IT DIRECTOR CHRIS FELIX
FIRE CHIEF JAMES GRIMMETT
POLICE CHIEF TONY CELESTE
ELECTRIC UTILITY DIRECTOR GENE RATZLAFF

A. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor David George

B. INVOCATION – Pastor Steven Griffith, St. James United Methodist Church

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

D. REVIEW OF AGENDA

E. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Regular City Commission Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, February 25, 2014
2. 2014 Appropriation Ordinance No. AO-14-04 – $2,254,847.97

MOTION: Move to approve the consent agenda presented including the $37,000 final payment for the stadium turf replacement project.

ACTION: MOTION: EDWARDS SECOND: FALKNER
ALL AYE

<u>REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS</u>

F. PUBLIC HEARING(s), SPECIAL PRESENTATION(s), & PROCLAMATION(s).

1. Presentation by AmeriCorps
   - Representatives from AmeriCorps explained programs they are offering through the Boys & Girls Club.

G. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The public is free to comment on items not listed on the agenda. Public participation is welcome and encouraged for all items on the agenda as the topics are discussed.

- Shelley Paasch, Downtown Coffeyville, reported on the membership drive underway, the volunteer appreciation which is April 10, the Design Team is working on the Old Jail in Death Alley and two e-community loans have been approved.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action to appoint one person to the Citizens Advisory Board serving to July 1, 2016.

   Applicant: Nellie Briggans

   MOTION: Move to appoint Nellie Briggans to the Citizens Advisory Board serving to July 1, 2016.

   ACTION: MOTION: FALKNER SECOND: KASTLER
   ALL AYE

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation on consolidated 911 dispatch for Montgomery County.
   - Police Chief Tony Celeste made a presentation on the Consolidated 911 Project which the Montgomery County Commission is interested in pursuing. In 2013, the Coffeyville Police Department received 18,541 calls; received $98,209.79 in funding for the Public Service Answering Point and incurred $300,670 in expenses. The concerns with the present system are all cell phone calls currently go to Independence and are then transferred to Coffeyville if they require emergency services to be dispatched from here; Coffeyville has 4 certified dispatchers which means non-certified dispatchers (patrol officers) are dispatching 20% of the time; there is only one dispatcher on duty at one time and dispatch areas are overlapped. Commissioner Williams stated he is concerned about radio systems not talking to each other resulting in dead spots. Montgomery County Commissioner Leon Rau stated consolidation will address the dead spots; he also indicated there should be a financial savings by setting up one system rather than four systems as we now have. Commissioners expressed an interest in continuing to be involved in the project.

2. Presentation on outdoor warning siren system.
   - Police Chief Tony Celeste made a presentation stating there are currently ten storm sirens in Coffeyville; they have no battery backup; they are controlled through a phone line and there is only one control point. The current system is 50 years old; no longer manufactured and obtaining parts for maintenance may become an issue. The cost for the phone lines to operate the system is $13,000 annually. Seven companies responded to a request for proposals for an outdoor warning siren system with 16 proposals received. Information on the proposals was provided for Commissioners to review.

3. Water supply capacity development survey – information only.

4. Discussion on correspondence from Coffeyville Journal.
   - Commissioner Don Edwards stated he has reached an agreement with Darrell Sumner to purchase the Coffeyville Journal. In order for it to be viable, the business and the building need to be separated; therefore, he was proposing the City purchase the building for the County's appraised value of $163,000. The City could utilize the building as office space when City Hall is vacated for renovations. He stated if someone doesn't step up, we will lose the newspaper; this proposal will help preserve both the building and the newspaper. He also indicated he would resign as commissioner immediately upon the closing of the sale. Commissioner Williams asked if the purchase of the business is contingent upon the sale of the building; Edwards stated it was. Falkner asked about the costs to renovate. Commissioners requested the City obtain an

independent appraisal of the property and staff look at the building to determine what the costs would be to rehab and any environmental or structural issues.

5. Comments from Commissioners and Staff
   - Commissioner Falkner stated he has been contacted by a resident concern about the amount of coal dust south of Eldridge and asked staff to look into it.
   - Commissioner Kastler stated he is interested in organizing a Coffeyville Youth Commission.
   - Commissioner Edwards asked what the cost would be to do a feasibility study regarding a railroad over/underpass on South Walnut.
   - City Manager Gary Bradley reported the cost benefit analysis for the Holiday Inn Express has been received; recommended we hire bond counsel to proceed with issuing the industrial revenue bonds. He is currently working on quiet zones throughout the city. He reported the Chamber is putting in a new digital sign at 11th & Walnut and recommended the City change the brick pillars to match the other three entrance signs; Commissioners agreed.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION(s)

1. Acquisition of real property

MOTION: Move to adjourn to executive session for the discussion of the acquisition of real property to reconvene on or before 9:15 p.m.

ACTION: MOTION: EDWARDS SECOND: FALKNER
ALL AYE

Time the meeting was adjourned: 9:10 p.m.

The Mayor stated there was no action to be taken as a result of the executive session.

K. GENERAL STAFF, COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS AND MINUTES

1. Sales tax report
2. Police Department report
3. Library minutes

L. ADJOURN

MOTION: Move to adjourn.

ACTION: MOTION: FALKNER SECOND: EDWARDS
ALL AYE

Time the meeting was adjourned: 9:10 p.m.

Date the minutes were approved: _____

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Cindy Price, City Clerk