

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009
5:15 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners met in Special Session at 5:15 p.m. with Mayor Virgil O. Horn, Jr., presiding.

Those in attendance were:

COMMISSIONER RICHARD GONZALES
COMMISSIONER ALEC HENDRYX
COMMISSIONER PAM JONES
COMMISSIONER RJ WARREN

City Staff in attendance were:

CITY MANAGER JEFF MORRIS
CITY CLERK CINDY PRICE
CITY ATTORNEY PAUL KRITZ
FINANCE DIRECTOR STEPHANIE RICHARDSON
DEPUTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JIM BRADSHAW
IT MANAGER CHRIS FELIX
POLICE CHIEF JOE HUMBLE
POLICE COMMANDER MIKE BROWN

Call to Order – Mayor Horn

1. Resolution No. R-09-80 – A Resolution to submit a COPS Hiring Recovery Program Application.
 - Police Commander Mike Brown addressed the Commission stating the City is applying for a COPS Hiring Recovery Program grant which is being funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This grant provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire career law enforcement officers in an effort to create and preserve jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts. The grant covers 100% of the approved entry-level salary and fringe benefits of each newly hired/or rehired, full-time sworn career law enforcement officer for three years. The city must agree to retain these positions for at least 12 months after the federal funding has ended. Brown stated these officers would enhance the community policing within the department by increasing the man hours available for such operations as the Special Community Reaction and Management Team. This team is utilized to specifically target problem areas or issues such as high drug traffic areas, underage drinking hotspots/establishments, high crime areas or as a special detail to saturate an area that has been experiencing a rash of burglaries or other types of crimes.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution No. R-09-80 for adoption.

ACTION: THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GONZALES AND SECONDED BY MAYOR HORN. ROLL CALL VOTE – ALL AYE

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2. Resolution No. R-09-81 – A Resolution to purchase a mower trailer from Miller Time Mfg for the Public Service Department.

■ Deputy Public Works Director Jim Bradshaw addressed the Commission stating the Commission recently approved the purchase of a wide area mower to be utilized in the parks and on city right of way. This trailer will allow the mowing crew to take two mowers to each job site.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution No. R-09-81 for adoption.

ACTION: THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GONZALES AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HENDRYX. ROLL CALL VOTE – ALL AYE

3. Resolution No. R-09-82 – A Resolution to create a Housing Authority.

■ City Manager Jeff Morris addressed the Commission stating staff has been working with the planning consultants, Ochsner, Hare & Hare and the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation to develop a plan broad enough to address the many housing challenges in Coffeyville. A Public Housing authority will be able to assist with new housing development, provide access to funds and assist with some stalled housing projects. Municipalities may establish housing authorities by resolution according to Kansas Statutes. They are governed by a five-member commission appointed by the City Commission. Once the housing authority is created, the next step will be to advertise for the commissioners.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution No. R-09-82 for adoption.

ACTION: THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR HORN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES. ROLL CALL VOTE – ALL AYE EXCEPT COMMISSIONER WARREN WHO VOTED NO. FOLLOWING FURTHER DISCUSSION, COMMISSIONER WARREN REQUESTED TO CHANGE HIS VOTE TO AYE.

4. Adjourn

MOTION: Move to adjourn.

ACTION: THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR HORN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JONES. ROLL CALL VOTE – ALL AYE

TIME THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED: 5:45 p.m.

Date the minutes were approved _____

Cindy Price, City Clerk