

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Commission Room at City Hall practicing social distancing at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 with Mayor Johnson presiding and Commissioners Moffatt and Nichol present.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Item 4D: KDHE Monitoring Well Access Agreement and 4E: Annual Gas Presentation. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

Commission and Administrator Reports were heard.

Community Development Director report was heard.

Public Comments were invited and heard.

Commissioner Nichol moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from the November 25, 2020 meeting; Appropriation (2020) 23; Raw Water Project Bond Appropriation No. 82 and Gas Line Project Appropriation No. 19. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried.

Administrator Truelove addressed the Commission regarding Ordinance 1740 providing authority for the structures located at 906 Church be demolished and the property made safe. Discussion held.

ORDINANCE NO. 1740

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS STRUCTURES LOCATED ON, LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOTS TWENTY-ONE (21) AND TWENTY-TWO (22), BLOCK SIX (6) FORD'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF NEODESHA, WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 906 CHURCH, NEODESHA, KANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING OF THE COSTS OF SUCH REMOVAL BY THE SALE OF SALVAGE FROM SUCH STRUCTURES, IF ANY, AND/OR FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY, AND THE LEVYING OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST THE LOTS ON WHICH SUCH STRUCTURE IS LOCATED.

(a complete copy of this Ordinance can be viewed in the City Clerk's office)

Commissioner Moffatt moved to adopt Ordinance 1740, directing the removal of certain dangerous and unsafe structures at 906 Church. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

Administrator Truelove addressed the Commission regarding the approval of Notice to Proceed for Tri-Star Utilities, Inc, for the lift station and sewer line improvements. Discussion held.

Commissioner Nichol moved to approve the Notice to Proceed for Tri-Star Utilities, for the lift Station and sewer line improvements. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried.

Administrator Truelove addressed the Commission regarding an addendum to the Water Plant Farm Lease Agreement with Zack Mahaffey, reducing the acreage that was approved under the original lease, from 60 acres to 54 acres. Discussion held.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to approve the farm lease addendum to the Water Plant Farm Lease with Zack Mahaffey. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

Administrator Truelove addressed the Commission regarding a request from KDHE to approve an access agreement for the placement of new monitoring wells in the South 4th Street area. Discussion held.

Commissioner Nichol moved to approve the KDHE monitoring well access agreement as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried.

Brent Wheeler, Public Works Director, conducted a presentation on the City's natural gas system. This presentation is required to be conducted on an annual basis, and is a Kansas Corporation Commission requirement for natural gas utilities. No action taken.

Administrator Truelove addressed the Commission regarding the purchase of City-owned property located near Neodesha Plastics on Tank Street. Mitchell Peitz of Neodesha Plastics was present for the discussion that was held. No action taken.

Administrator Truelove addressed the Commission regarding a holiday bonus for City employees. Discussion held.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to approve a holiday bonus of \$250 for all full-time employees and \$150 for all part-time employees by way of direct deposit. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to recess to an Executive Session including the Governing Body, City Administrator and the City Clerk in the Commission Room to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception KSA 75-4319(b)(1) because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 3:30 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

At 3:30 p.m. the regular meeting of the Governing Body reconvened in the Commission Room. No action taken.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to extend the Executive Session including the Governing Body, City Administrator and the City Clerk in the Commission Room to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception KSA 75-4319(b)(1) because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 3:45 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

At 3:45 p.m. the regular meeting of the Governing Body reconvened in the Commission Room. No action taken.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to extend the Executive Session including the Governing Body, City Administrator, City Clerk and Fire Chief Duane Banzet in the Commission Room to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception KSA 75-4319(b)(1) because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 4:10 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

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At 4:10 p.m. the regular meeting of the Governing Body reconvened in the Commission Room. No action taken.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to extend the Executive Session including the Governing Body, City Administrator, City Clerk and Fire Chief Duane Banzet in the Commission Room to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception KSA 75-4319(b)(1) because if this matter were discussed in open session it might invade the privacy of those discussed. The open meeting will resume in the Commission Room at 4:20 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

At 4:20 p.m. the regular meeting of the Governing Body reconvened in the great room at City Hall. No action taken.

The next regular meeting of the Governing Body will be held in the great room at City Hall on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

At 4:25 p.m. Commissioner Nichol moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

/s/ Devin Johnson

Devin Johnson, Mayor

/s/ Stephanie Fyfe

Stephanie Fyfe, City Clerk