

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Room at City Hall conducting the meeting by live streaming with Zoom on Wednesday, November 24, 2021 with Mayor Johnson presiding and Commissioners Moffatt and Nichol present.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Business Item 4D: Consider Incubator Lease with The Neodesha Derrick News. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

Commission and Administrator Reports were heard.

Public Comments were invited and heard.

Commissioner Nichol moved to approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of the minutes from the November 10, 2021 Commission Meeting; minutes from the November 16, 2021 Special Call Meeting; Appropriation (2021) 20; Raw Water Project Bond Appropriation 96; and Gas Line Project Appropriation 33. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried.

Administrator Truelove addressed the Commission regarding the consideration of budget amendments for 2021. Due to an extraordinary fiscal year, and the major expenses caused by the February extreme weather event, Staff finds it necessary to execute budget amendments for 2021. This budget amendment process will provide authority for the unforeseen expenses that occurred this year. Discussion held. No action taken.

Administrator Truelove addressed the Commission regarding the approval of publication for the 2021 budget amendments, and set a public hearing date for December 15, 2021 to be held at a Special Call Meeting. Discussion held.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to approve the publication of the 2021 budget amendment, and set December 15, 2021 at 12:00 noon for a budget public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

Administrator Truelove addressed the Commission regarding a change order for the Gas Line Project related to NPL Construction. This change order reduces the number of days assessed (by providing additional contract days), and allows for the inclusion of certain cement projects under the project. Discussion held.

Commissioner Nichol moved to approve Change Order No. 5 for the gas line project as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried.

Administrator Truelove addressed the Commission regarding the need for The Neodesha Derrick News to use an incubator space owned by the City as a temporary office. Discussion held.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to approve Staff to prepare a lease with The Neodesha Derrick News for the incubator building located in the 400 block of Main Street. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

At 2:40 p.m. Commissioner Nichol requested a 10-minute recess. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried. The live streamed Zoom meeting was then placed on hold with audio, video and recording paused.

At 2:50 p.m. the regular meeting of the Governing Body reconvened in the Commission Room at City Hall. The live streamed Zoom meeting then resumed with audio, video and recording.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to recess to an Executive Session including the Governing Body, City Administrator, Assistant Public Works Director Jeremy Johnson, 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 3:10 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried. The live streamed Zoom meeting was then placed on hold with audio, video and recording ceased.

At 3:10 p.m. the regular meeting of the Governing Body reconvened in the Commission Room at City Hall. The live streamed Zoom meeting then resumed with audio, video and recording. No action taken.

Commissioner Nichol moved to accept the resignation of Public Works Director Chris Jabben effective immediately. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moffatt moved to promote Jeremy Johnson to Public Works Director effective immediately. Seconded by Commissioner Nichol. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Governing Body will be held at City Hall on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

At 3:14 p.m. Commissioner Nichol moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Moffatt. Motion carried.

/s/ Devin Johnson

Devin Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Stephanie Fyfe

Stephanie Fyfe, City Clerk