

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS
August 9, 2022

A Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners was held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, in the City Commission Room, located in the Law Enforcement Center, 201 North Pine, with Mayor Cheryl Brooks presiding and the following members present: Stu Hite, Dawn McNay, Chuck Munsell, and Ron Seglie.

Mayor Brooks led the flag salute.

INVOCATION – Pete Mayo, on behalf of Ascension Via Christi Health, provided an invocation.

PUBLIC INPUT -

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT – Pete Mayo asked how the Emergency Solutions Grant funds to be received from the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation will be utilized.

LITTLE BALKANS FESTIVAL - Little Balkans Festival President Angela Meyer, 1315 North Broadway, provided information regarding the upcoming Little Balkans Festival to be held in Pittsburg from August 29, 2022, through September 4, 2022.

BITNER ADDITION TRAFFIC – Tom Westhoff, 1305 Bitner Terrace, expressed concern regarding the increased traffic in the Bitner Addition in relation to the Quincy Street Improvement Project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On motion of Munsell, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body approved the July 26, 2022, City Commission Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

DANCE HALL LICENSE – 5th STREET BAR & GRILL – On motion of Munsell, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body approved the application submitted by Kyle Mullen for a Dance Hall License for 5th Street Bar & Grill, located at 111 and 113 West 5th Street, and authorized the City Clerk to issue the license. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY DECLARATION – On motion of Brooks, seconded by Munsell, the Governing Body approved the request of Fire Department staff to declare 9 sections of soft suction hose, 3 Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) packs, 1 Stokes basket, 1 hydraulic rescue tool set, 1 air bag control kit, 2 sets of rescue jacks and 3 fog nozzles as surplus, and authorized staff to donate the items to local volunteer fire departments. Motion carried.

Mayor Brooks suggested the surplus equipment be donated to the Crawford County Firefighters Association for distribution to local fire departments in need. Mayor Brooks recommended the Crawford County Firefighters Association provide a report to the Pittsburg City Commission explaining which departments received the equipment.

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EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT ACCEPTANCE – On motion of McNay, seconded by Hite, the Governing Body approved staff recommendation to accept an Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) in the amount of \$107,837 to support homeless services within our community, for the grant period of July 1st, 2022 through June 30th, 2023, and authorized the Mayor to sign the appropriate documents on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

Mayor Brooks wished Housing Manager Megan Keener a Happy Birthday.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – On motion of McNay, seconded by Hite, the Governing Body approved the Appropriation Ordinance for the period ending August 9, 2022, subject to the release of HUD expenditures when funds are received with the following roll call vote: Yea: Hite, McNay, Munsell and Seglie. Motion carried, with Brooks abstaining.

2023 REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND 2023 BUDGET - City Manager Daron Hall and Director of Finance Larissa Bowman answered questions regarding the City's intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate for the 2023 budget and the 2023 budget for adoption. It was announced that Public Hearings will be held on September 13, 2022, as prescribed by law, to be held in the City Commission Room, located in the Law Enforcement Center at 201 North Pine, at 5:30 p.m., regarding the intent to levy a property tax exceeding the revenue neutral rate for the 2023 budget and the adoption of the 2023 budget.

VARIANCE - SCHROEDER - 2306 MARETTA DRIVE – On motion of Munsell, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body approved the recommendation of the Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals to grant the request submitted by Douglas Schroeder to allow a garage over 900 sq. ft. to be constructed at 2306 Marettta Drive. Motion carried.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT - OXLAJ - 1609 NORTH WALNUT – On motion of McNay, seconded by Munsell, the Governing Body approved the recommendation of the Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals to approve a Conditional Use Permit request submitted by Alberto Oxlaaj to allow a church to operate at 1609 North Walnut. Motion carried.

MID-CITY RENAISSANCE AREA ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CONTRACT – On motion of McNay, seconded by Hite, the Governing Body approved a contract between the City of Pittsburg and SCS Engineers, in which SCS Engineers will provide assessment and analytical services that will assist in defining the environmental conditions in the Mid-City Renaissance Area, and authorized the Mayor to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

NON-AGENDA REPORTS & REQUESTS –

BITNER ADDITION TRAFFIC – Director of Public Works and Public Utilities Matt Bacon provided information regarding traffic control that is being utilized during the Quincy Street Improvements Project. Mr. Bacon stated that he will coordinate with the project contractor to provide signed detour routes to better direct traffic.

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FREE KING HIGHWAY – Mr. Bacon indicated that the broken waterline on Free King Highway has been repaired. Free King Highway should be reopened for traffic on Wednesday, August 10th, 2022.

4th STREET OVERPASS – Commissioner Munsell asked the status of the 4th Street Overpass. Mr. Bacon indicated that the construction is nearing completion.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION – Mayor Brooks recognized City employees for their hard work, especially during the recent extreme temperatures.

WATERMAIN LEAKS – Commissioner Munsell asked if the City got close to asking citizens to conserve water during the recent large watermain break. City Manager Daron Hall stated that the City was not close to asking citizens to conserve water or initiating a boil order.

ILLEGAL PARKING - Commissioner Seglie thanked the Pittsburg Police Department for developing a parking violation warning system.

WATERMAIN REPAIR – Mr. Bacon recommended citizens who have been without water, due to the recent watermain break, leave their kitchen faucet in the open position to alleviate air in the system.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of McNay, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried.

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ATTEST:

Tammy Nagel
Tammy Nagel, City Clerk

