

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS
August 8, 2023

A Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners was held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, in the City Commission Room, located in the Law Enforcement Center, 201 North Pine, with Mayor Ron Seglie presiding and the following members present: Cheryl Brooks and Chuck Munsell. Commissioners Stu Hite and Dawn McNay were absent.

Mayor Seglie led the flag salute.

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

PUBLIC INPUT –

John Lair expressed concern regarding homeless individuals in town. He encouraged the Governing Body to adopt Ordinances to better address homelessness.

Kevin O'Connell expressed concern regarding homeless individuals in town. He also encouraged the Governing Body to adopt Ordinances to better address homelessness.

Nichole Hamblin expressed concern regarding homeless individuals in town. She requested the SeeClickFix app be modified to allow citizens to easier report issues related to homelessness.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On motion of Brooks, seconded by Munsell, the Governing Body approved the July 25, 2023, City Commission Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried. Absent: Hite and McNay.

ORDINANCE NO. S-1096 – On motion of Brooks, seconded by Munsell, the Governing Body approved Ordinance No. S-1096, levying a special assessment against the lots or parcels of land on which existed weeds or obnoxious vegetable growth, to pay the cost of cutting or removing said growth, and authorized the Mayor to sign the Ordinance on behalf of the City. Motion carried. Absent: Hite and McNay.

ORDINANCE NO. S-1097 – On motion of Brooks, seconded by Munsell, the Governing Body approved Ordinance No. S-1097, levying a special assessment against the lots or parcels of land on which refuse matter was located, to pay the cost of making the premises safe and hygienic, and authorized the Mayor to sign the Ordinance on behalf of the City. Motion carried. Absent: Hite and McNay.

DANCE HALL LICENSE – On motion of Brooks, seconded by Munsell, the Governing Body approved the application submitted by Mike Sittner to renew the Dance Hall License for 505, located at 505 North Broadway, and authorized the City Clerk to issue the license. Motion carried. Absent: Hite and McNay.

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APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – On motion of Brooks, seconded by Munsell, the Governing Body approved the Appropriation Ordinance for the period ending August 8, 2023, subject to the release of HUD expenditures when funds are received. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Yea: Brooks, Munsell and Seglie. Motion carried. Absent: Hite and McNay.

ORDINANCE NO. S-1098 – On motion of Brooks, seconded by Munsell, the Governing Body approved Ordinance No. S-1098, levying a special assessment against the lots or parcels of land on which a public nuisance was located, to pay the cost of abating the nuisance, and authorized the Mayor to sign the Ordinance on behalf of the City. Motion carried. Absent: Hite and McNay.

NON-AGENDA REPORTS AND REQUESTS: NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL – Kim Froman, Director of Community Development and Housing announced that applications are available for individuals interested in being appointed to the Neighborhood Advisory Council. Commissioner Munsell requested that homelessness be added to the list of topics to be considered by members of the Neighborhood Advisory Council.

HOMELESSNESS – Seglie requested the City Attorney review all current Ordinances that apply to homelessness, vagrancy and solicitation in Pittsburg, to help determine if new ordinances need to be adopted. Seglie further requested the City Manager and City Staff gather input from entities regarding homelessness and to determine if funding is available to help solve homelessness issues in Pittsburg. Munsell asked to have The Lord's Diner return to serving food from their physical location, or at the Police Department parking lot, rather than the mobile unit that visits the Wesley House location.

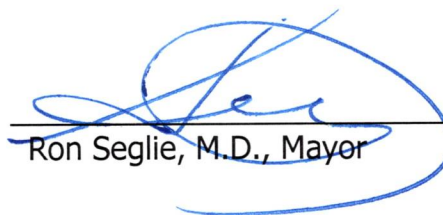
TURKEY TROT – Munsell moved to approve the Turkey Trot event. Following discussion, Munsell withdrew his motion, as it was noted that City staff members are working with Turkey Trot organizers to finalize plans for the event.

HOMELESSNESS - Kevin O'Connell echoed Nichole Hamblin's request to modify the SeeClickFix app to allow citizens to easier report issues related to homelessness.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Brooks, seconded by Munsell, the Governing Body adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m. Motion carried. Absent: Hite and McNay.




Tammy Nagel, City Clerk


Ron Seglie, M.D., Mayor