

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE  
GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
CITY OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS  
September 12, 2023

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A Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners was held at 5:50 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 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: Stu Hite, Dawn McNay and Chuck Munsell. Commissioner Cheryl Brooks participated in the meeting by phone.

Mayor Seglie led the flag salute.

INVOCATION – Reverend Mark Chambers, on behalf of the First United Methodist Church, provided an invocation.

PUBLIC INPUT – HOMELESSNESS - Bryan Hanson, owner of McCarthy's Pub, spoke regarding issues at his business that involved homeless individuals.

PROCLAMATION – Mayor Seglie proclaimed September 17<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, as Constitution Week in Pittsburg.

PUBLIC INPUT -

HOMELESSNESS - Kevin O'Connell, 1602 North Grand, expressed concern regarding homelessness and the City's newly adopted Ordinance pertaining to camping.

WESLEY HOUSE - Gail Deatherage, 330 East 126 Highway, explained the mission of the Wesley House and provided information on the services provided by the Wesley House.

HOMELESSNESS – Cynthia Best, 107 West Forest, expressed concern regarding homelessness and issues that have occurred in her neighborhood.

HOMELESSNESS - Monica Murnan, 1313 Mallory Court, encouraged the Governing Body to work toward a solution to homelessness that is both humane and legal.

HOMELESSNESS - Commissioner Munsell stated that the entire community needs to be involved in a solution to the issue of homelessness.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On motion of McNay, seconded by Hite, the Governing Body approved the August 22, 2023, City Commission Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES VOTING DELEGATES – On motion of McNay, seconded by Hite, the Governing Body appointed Ron Seglie, Cheryl Brooks, Chuck Munsell, and Daron Hall as voting delegates, and Jay Byers and Tammy Nagel as alternate voting delegates to represent the City of Pittsburg at the League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Meeting scheduled for October 7 through 9, 2023, in Wichita, Kansas. Motion carried.



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EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT ACCEPTANCE – On motion of McNay, seconded by Hite, the Governing Body accepted an Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) in the amount of \$97,054.06 to support homeless services within our community, for the grant period of July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, and authorized the Mayor to sign the appropriate documents on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – On motion of McNay, seconded by Hite, the Governing Body approved the Appropriation Ordinance for the period ending September 12, 2023, subject to the release of HUD expenditures when funds are received. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Yea: Brooks, Hite, McNay, Munsell and Seglie.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED 2024 REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE – Following a Public Hearing, on motion of Hite, seconded by McNay, the Governing Body approved exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) for the 2024 Budget and to adopt Resolution No. 1270 regarding the Governing Body's intent to levy a property tax exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate, and authorized the Mayor to sign the Resolution on behalf of the City. Motion carried with the following roll call vote: Yea: Brooks, Hite, McNay, Munsell and Seglie.

Carol Hammerbacher, 405 West Euclid, cautioned the Governing Body against raising property taxes to a level that would discourage individuals from moving to Pittsburg.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET – Following a Public Hearing, on motion of McNay, seconded by Hite, the Governing Body approved the 2024 Budget as submitted and authorized the Mayor and City Commissioners to sign the State Budget Certificate Form on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST – On motion of McNay, seconded by Hite, the Governing Body approved the recommendation of the Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals to grant a Conditional Use Permit request submitted by Ali Smith to allow chickens as Emotional Support Animals at 402 Suncrest Drive under the provisions of Article 30 of the Pittsburg Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried with Brooks voting in opposition.

#### NON-AGENDA REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

BUDGET – City Manager Daron Hall acknowledged Interim Finance Director Allison Ramsey and the Finance Department for their work in preparing the City's 2024 Budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - On motion of Brooks, seconded by Munsell, the Governing Body recessed into Executive Session for thirty minutes for discussion regarding confidential data relating to the financial affairs of a corporation pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4), to discuss the Jolly Fox Brewery, LLC, with the meeting to resume in the Commission Room in thirty minutes. Motion carried.

The Governing Body recessed into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

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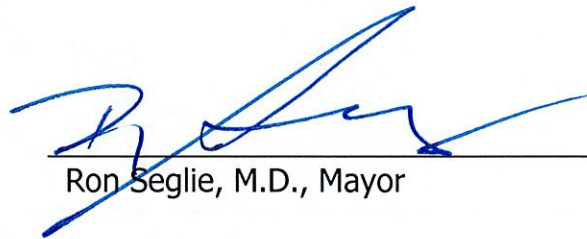
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The Governing Body reconvened into Regular Session at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Seglie announced that no decisions were made and no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

JOLLY FOX BREWERY, LLC – Director of Economic Development Blake Benson announced that the management for the Jolly Fox Brewery, LLC, has indicated that they have every intention to repay their loan to the City.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Hite, seconded by Munsell, the Governing Body adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried.

  
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Ron Seglie, M.D., Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Tammy Nagel, City Clerk