

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS
January 23, 2024

A Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners was held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024, in the City Commission Room, located in the Law Enforcement Center, 201 North Pine, with Mayor Stu Hite presiding and the following members present: Cheryl Brooks, Dawn McNay, Chuck Munsell, and Ron Seglie.

Mayor Hite led the flag salute.

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

PUBLIC INPUT –

The following individuals spoke in support of Medicaid expansion in Kansas:

Janice Arthur, Pittsburg, Kansas
Bert Patrick, Pittsburg, Kansas
Harriet Bachner, Pittsburg, Kansas
Jim Brumfield, Pittsburg, Kansas
Melissa Rhodes, Arma, Kansas

Commissioner Brooks questioned the procedure that was followed during the January 9th, 2024, vote for the appointment of the President of the Board.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD – On motion of Seglie, seconded by Hite, the Governing Body chose to revote on the appointment of the President of the Board. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD – Brooks motioned, seconded by Munsell, to elect Commissioner Munsell as the President of the Board of Commissioners. The motion failed, with Brooks and Munsell voting in favor of the motion, and Hite, McNay and Seglie voting in opposition to the motion. Seglie motioned, seconded by Hite, to elect Commissioner McNay as the President of the Board of Commissioners. The motion carried with Hite, McNay and Seglie voting in favor of the motion, and Brooks and Munsell voting in opposition to the motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – On motion of McNay, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body approved the January 9, 2024, City Commission Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

RENN WATER SERVICE – On motion of McNay, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body approved the application submitted by Steven and Amy Renn for water service outside the corporate City limits to property located at 554 East 520th Avenue. Motion carried.

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LAND BANK BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS – On motion of McNay, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body appointed Brannon Green to a first three-year term as an at-large member of the Land Bank Board of Trustees; changed Bryce Anderson's area of representation from at-large to financial, and appointed Mr. Anderson to a second three-year term as a member of the Land Bank Board of Trustees, with both appointments effective immediately and to conclude on December 31, 2026. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – On motion of McNay, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body approved the Appropriation Ordinance for the period ending January 23, 2024, subject to the release of HUD expenditures when funds are received with the following roll call vote: Yea: Brooks, Hite, McNay, Munsell and Seglie. Motion carried.

LEAFY GREEN FARMS PROJECT – On motion of Munsell, seconded by McNay, the Governing Body approved the recommendation of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) to grant the request submitted by Leafy Green Farms to reimburse Leafy Green Farms an amount equal to 10% of the total project cost associated with the construction of a Sustainable Nutrition Center, with the City's investment funded through the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), earmarked specifically for infrastructure improvements, to be paid upon completion of the project and not to exceed \$159,485. Motion carried.

REAL ESTATE SALES CONTRACT – BONZO – On motion of Munsell, seconded by Hite, the Governing Body approved the sale of approximately 5.85 acres of real estate to Dustin Bonzo and Ellen Bonzo, for the total purchase price of \$29,000, and authorized the Mayor to sign the Real Estate Sales Contract on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1275 – On motion of McNay, seconded by Seglie, the Governing Body approved Resolution No. 1275, declaring the building located at 211 North Broadway, as blighted with respect to the Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and authorized the Mayor to sign the Resolution on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

AQUATIC CENTER SLIDES – On motion of Seglie, seconded by McNay, the Governing Body waived the City's bid policy and entered into an agreement with Rain Drop, Inc., in the amount of \$45,000.45, to refurbish the Aquatic Center flume and family wave slides, and authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Motion carried.

NON-AGENDA REPORTS & REQUESTS:

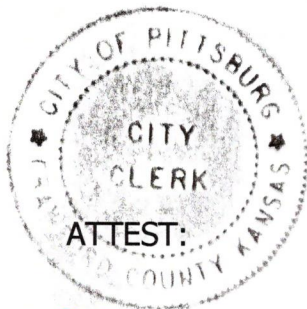
STAFF RECOGNITION – City Manager Daron Hall and Commissioner Munsell recognized the City employees that worked outside during the recent frigid temperatures.

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MEDICAID EXPANSION – It was the consensus of the Governing Body to send a letter to State Legislators requesting the issue of Medicaid expansion be brought to the floor for discussion and a vote. The proposed letter will be included on the February 13th, 2024, City Commission Meeting agenda for consideration.

PITTSBURG POSITIVE – Mayor Hite stated that information provided by Wesley House indicates that in 2022, 37 individuals in Pittsburg exited from homelessness to housing. In 2023, that number climbed to 78 individuals. Mayor Hite thanked the community organizations that assist individuals in obtaining housing.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Seglie, seconded by Munsell, the Governing Body adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Motion carried.



Tammy Nagel
Tammy Nagel, City Clerk

Stu Hite
Stu Hite, Mayor