



***MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020  
7:00 P.M.***

The Regular Meeting of the City Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room. Mayor Usha Reddi and Commissioners Wynn Butler, Linda Morse, Mark J. Hatesohl, and Aaron Estabrook were present. Also present were Deputy City Manager Jason Hilgers, Assistant City Manager Dennis Marstall, City Clerk Brenda K. Wolf, Director of Public Works Rob Ott, Director of Parks & Recreation Eddie Eastes, and approximately 1 interested citizen.

Participating remotely were City Manager Ron R. Fehr, City Attorney Katharine Jackson, Director of Community Development Eric Cattell, Airport Director Jesse Romo, Director of Human Resources/Interim Director of Finance Tammy Galvan, and Operations and Budget Officer Rebecca Doehling.

NOTE: The City Commission Meeting was open to the public. The public was able to make in-person comments but due to precautions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, seating for the public was limited. In lieu of coming to City Hall, written public comments for an item on the agenda were able to be submitted through the City's website at <https://cityofmhk.com/and> and were distributed to all members of the City Commission before the meeting, or by emailing or calling the Commissioners directly.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Reddi led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SPECIAL ACTION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 080420-A - TEMPORARILY STREAMLINE CITY OPERATIONS - COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Katie Jackson, City Attorney, presented the item. She answered questions from the Commission.

## SPECIAL ACTION (CONTINUED)

### RESOLUTION NO. 080420-A - TEMPORARILY STREAMLINE CITY OPERATIONS - COVID-19 PANDEMIC (CONTINUED)

Ron Fehr, City Manager, and Brenda Wolf, City Clerk, provided input regarding handling of ordinances.

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments.

After discussion, Commissioner Butler moved to approve Resolution No. 080420-A which temporarily changes some aspects of how the City operates its affairs during the pandemic and include that one reading is permitted for an ordinance when any one City Commissioner asks for two readings at least one business day prior to the first reading. Commissioner Estabrook seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Hatesohl voting against.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments and highlighted the process.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments. No written public comments were submitted.

## COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mayor Reddi stated there were many events going on in the community and that Kansas State University students were moving in and welcomed them back. She reminded the public that we are in a pandemic and that facemasks were required in the city. She encouraged the public to complete the Census.

Dennis Marstall, Assistant City Manager, provided information on what K-State is doing to welcome students back to the community and on the MHK Safe and Open Campaign.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
(\* denotes those items discussed)

**MINUTES**

The Commission approved the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

**CLAIMS REGISTER NO. 2949**

The Commission approved Claims Register No. 2949 authorizing and approving the payment of claims from July 15, 2020 - July 28, 2020, in the amount of \$5,699,408.93.

**LICENSES**

The Commission approved a Merchant Guard Agency License for calendar year 2020 for Bradley Technologies Incorporated, 1700 Rockville Pike, Suite 200, Rockville, Maryland, and an annual Cereal Malt Beverages On-Premises License for Widgets Family Fun, 8232 South Port Drive.

**RESOLUTION NO. 080420-B – SET BOND SALE DATE – GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS (SERIES 2020-B)**

The Commission approved Resolution No. 080420-B setting August 18, 2020, as the date to sell \$1,930,000.00 in general obligation refunding bonds (Series 2020-B).

**RESOLUTION NO. 080420-C - SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE - 1200 BLOCK ALLEY, BETWEEN VATTIER STREET AND KEARNEY STREET (ST2005, SW2004)**

The Commission approved Resolution No. 080420-C setting September 1, 2020, as the date of a public hearing on the advisability of the alley improvement project for the 1200 block alley, between Vattier Street and Kearney Street (ST2005, SW2004) and creating a benefit district to fund it.

**AWARD CONTRACT - ROSENCUTTER REINFORCED CONCRETE BOX (SM1808)**

The Commission found that Bayer Construction Company, Inc., of Manhattan, Kansas, is the lowest and best responsible bidder, based on staff recommendation; accepted the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost in the amount of \$309,425.50; and awarded and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a construction contract, in the amount of \$367,720.50, with Bayer Construction Company, Inc., of Manhattan, Kansas, for the Rosencutter Reinforced Concrete Box (SM1808).

**ORDINANCE NO. 7490 - FINANCE - ROSENCUTTER REINFORCED CONCRETE BOX (SM1808)**

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7490 authorizing construction and financing for the Rosencutter Reinforced Concrete Box (SM1808) project.

## CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

### AWARD CONTRACT - WESTWOOD ROAD STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (SW1910, SS2009)

The Commission found that J & K Contracting, L.C., of Junction City, Kansas, is the lowest and best responsible bidder, based on staff recommendation; accepted the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost in the total amount of \$661,706.28 (*Part A in the amount of \$566,714.50, Part B in the amount of \$17,675.00 and Part C in the amount of \$77,316.78*); and awarded and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a construction contract in the total amount of \$636,182.00 (*Part A in the amount of \$539,178.30, Part B in the amount of \$15,032.00 and Part C in the amount of \$81,701.70*) to J & K Contracting, L.C., for the Westwood Road Storm Sewer Improvements (SW1910, SS2009).

### ORDINANCE NO. 7491 - FINANCE - WESTWOOD ROAD STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS (SW1910, SS2009)

The Commission approved Ordinance No. 7491 authorizing construction and financing for the Westwood Road Storm Sewer Improvements (SW1910, SS2009) project.

### AWARD CONTRACT – BULK SALT (SP2008)

The Commission authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a contract for the first delivery of the 2020-2021 Bulk Road Salt Purchase (SP2008) by the City, with Independent Salt Company, of Kanopolis, Kansas, in the amount of \$42,260.00; and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any documents for such future deliveries after December 1, 2020, as needed for both the City and Fort Riley, at the alternate price of \$46.26 per ton, without bringing the item back to the City Commission.

### BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Commission approved the following appointments by Mayor Reddi to various boards and committees of the City.

#### *Airport Advisory Board*

Appointment of Jim Jacobs, 1004 Kingsbury Drive, Junction City, to a three-year Junction City recommended term, which begins immediately, and will expire on June 26, 2023.

#### *Food and Farm Council*

Re-appointment of David Procter, 3108 Sams Trail Drive, to a three-year Kansas State University term, which will begin September 1, 2020, and will expire on August 31, 2023.

## CONSENT AGENDA (CONTINUED)

### BOARD APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### Food and Farm Council

Re-appointment of Stephanie Smith, 704 Walnut Street, to a three-year USD 383 term, which will begin September 1, 2020, and will expire on August 31, 2023.

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments. No written public comments were submitted for any Consent agenda item.

Commissioner Hatesohl moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

## PUBLIC HEARING

### PUBLIC HEARING - 2021 CITY BUDGET, AMENDED 2020 BUDGET, AND 2021-2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager, presented the item. He then answered questions from the Commission.

Mayor Reddi opened the public hearing.

Hearing no comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public hearing. The Commission received one public comment through the City's website. (*See Attachment No. 1*)

### FIRST READING - 2021 CITY BUDGET, AMENDED 2020 BUDGET, AND 2021-2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

After discussion, Commissioner Butler moved to approve first reading of an ordinance adopting the 2021 City Budget and an ordinance amending the 2020 budget for the Special Street and Highway Fund. Commissioner Morse seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

### PUBLIC HEARING - BLUEVILLE ADDITION, UNIT 2, TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Rob Ott, Director of Public Works, presented the item. He then answered questions from the Commission.

Mayor Reddi opened the public hearing.

## PUBLIC HEARING (CONTINUED)

### PUBLIC HEARING - BLUEVILLE ADDITION, UNIT 2, TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (CONTINUED)

Hearing no comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public hearing. No written public comments were submitted for this item.

### ORDINANCE NO. 7492 - BLUEVILLE ADDITION, UNIT 2, TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

After discussion, Commissioner Hatesohl moved to approve Ordinance No. 7492 establishing the Blueville Addition, Unit 2, Transportation Development District. Commissioner Butler seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, motion carried 5-0.

## GENERAL AGENDA

### DISCUSSION: 2023 SALES TAX – BALLOT QUESTION AND POLICY RESOLUTION

Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager, presented the item. He then answered questions from the Commission.

The Commission provided direction to achieve the sales tax's purposes by using approximately 70% of the revenue for debt and public infrastructure; approximately 20% for jobs creation, recruitment or retention; and approximately 10% for workforce housing.

Mayor Reddi opened the public comments.

Dee McKee, Pottawatomie County Commissioner, stated that the new USD 383 school is being built in Pottawatomie County and asked the City Commission to consider appropriating a share of the proposed City sales tax to do an advanced preliminary engineering study to create a route and secure right-of-way for a second safe and secure entry onto the Junietta Road bridge. She then answered questions from the Commission.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Reddi closed the public comments. No written public comments were submitted for this item.

As this was a discussion item, the Commission took no formal action.

### ADJOURNMENT

At 9:09 p.m., the Commission adjourned.

  
Brenda K. Wolf, CMC, City Clerk

*Attachment No. 1*

**Public Hearing Public Comment (for items on the Public Hearing Agenda): August 4, 2020 City Commission Meeting Public Comment Form - Submission #11632**

**Date Submitted: 8/3/2020**

**City Commission Legislative Meeting August 4, 2020 at 7:00 PM**

Due to precautions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, seating for the public is limited to only 29. If you would like to provide written comment for an item on the agenda in lieu of coming to City Hall, public comment may be submitted to the City Commission through this form. Public comments must be submitted by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, in order to be communicated to the Commission prior to the meeting for their consideration.

Please fill out the following information in order to provide public comment to the governing body related to items on the public hearing agenda for the August 4, 2020, City Commission Legislative Meeting.

The City Commission Meeting will be televised live on local Cox Cable Channel 3, on the City's website at <http://cityofmnhk.com/tv> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Cityofmanhattan>. A recording will be made available on the City's website after the meeting.

**Agenda: August 4, 2020 City Commission Legislative Meeting**

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**Select the Public Hearing Agenda Item you wish to provide public comment on\***

Item A: Budget{2020 Amended Budget Hearing

*Attachment No. 1*

**Public Comment pertaining to the item you have selected above on the Public Hearing Agenda \***

\$0 going towards BLM or ANTIFA in the budget? Seems racist. I am against money going towards "workforce housing". Since there will basically be zero out of state visitors because Kansas State will fail to hold audience attended games, some of the hotel chains are going to go under (unless they siphoned off some taxpayer ppp bailout money). Just use these soon to be abandoned hotels as housing for the "workers". Remember, they are not employees, they are workers. Workers is a dehumanizing term. Employees actually makes them sound like people who might be considered "essential". They are non- essential and you government overlords can shut them off and down at will. Treat them like slaves. I think Mr. Aaron has good intentions, like all liberals do, but government providing for housing initiatives is a failed agenda. I don't care if a teacher makes \$35k a year. No one deserves to be able to buy a house. They can rent a place with roommates until they work up the courage to get a better paying job. It's America and everyone has freedom to earn what they want, but my tax dollars are not helping out the bottom feeders. I have zero respect for teachers. If you want to see what a failed idea "workforce" housing is, walk around the post office area. Every time I am around there it's uncomfortable. It's as-if there is some halfway house that attracts the biggest degenerates to that area. I am constantly harassed by weirdos and thugs in that area. RCPD should do some stop and frisk in this area.

**Attachment for Public Comment (Optional)**

No file selected