

**February 4, 2020**

**Russell City Council Meeting – Minutes  
City Hall  
Russell, KS**

Mayor Mader called the City Council meeting to order at 4:30 PM with the following members in attendance: Councilmembers: Madden, Cross, Talbott, Wagner, and Morrill.

The following staff members were in attendance: City Manager Jon Quinday, Electric Director Duane Banks, Public Works Director Rich Krause, Fire Chief Dylan Riedel, Police Chief Dale Waimaster, and City Clerk Katrina Woelk.

**Approval of Agenda**

Councilmember Cross made a motion to amend the agenda and add Introduction of Electric Production Staff as Item 1 under Presentations and Public Hearings. Councilmember Madden seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments**

Bill Hickert, Kenny Hollinger and Jeff Billinger spoke about the letter that the Mayor wrote and signed it as the Mayor.

**Presentations and Public Hearings**

1. Introduction of Electric Production personnel

Staff of the Electric Production department was introduced to the council.

2. Water Conservation Status

City Manager Quinday updated the council on the status of the City's wells and Big Creek.

3. 930 N Lincoln Hearing

Mayor Mader opened the hearing regarding the Vacant Building Ordinance for the property located at 930 N Lincoln. Chasen Katz, attorney for the City, asked questions of the fire chief. Jerry Driscoll, attorney for the property owner asked questions of the fire chief. Mayor Mader closed the hearing.

**Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Wagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **1. Review and Consideration of Bid – Maple / St. John Waterline Improvement Project**

Councilmember Cross made a motion to accept the low bid from APAC-Kansas, contingent upon written approval of a single bid from the Kansas Department of Commerce. Councilmember Wagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **2. Amend Capital Improvement Plant**

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve the Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Councilmember Madden seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

### **1. Determination Regarding Vacant Building Appeal – 930 N. Lincoln**

Councilmember Madden made a motion affirming the finding of the public officer that the building at 930 N. Lincoln is chronically vacant and subject to registration. No second.

Councilmember Cross made a motion overruling the finding of the public officer that the building at 930 N. Lincoln is chronically vacant and subject to registration. Councilmember Morrill seconded. Motion carried 3-2 with Councilmembers Talbott and Madden opposed.

### **2. Disadvantage Business Enterprise Program**

Councilmember Wagner made a motion to approve the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy Statement and authorize the Mayor to sign the policy statement. Councilmember Talbott seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Special Event Application – Sunday Fun Run**

Councilmember Wagner made a motion to approve the Special Event Application for a 5K Walk/Run. Councilmember Cross seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **4. Jaws of Life**

Councilmember Wagner made the motion to approve the low bid from Danko for the purchase of a Hurst Spreader, Cutter, Ram, and Charger for \$27,876.40. Councilmember Cross seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Department Reports**

### 1. Deines Cultural Center Activities

Shannon Trevethon, Director of the Deines Cultural Center, gave the council an update of the activities that took place throughout the last year.

### 2. Bond Information

Finance Director Woelk explained the process of the bond refunding of the 2011 bonds.

## **Public Comments**

Jeff Billinger spoke about the letter the Mayor wrote signing as Mayor of Russell, KS. John Kuntsch had no issues with the letter to the editor.

## **Executive Session**

Jim Cross made a motion to recess into executive session, to include the city manager, city attorney, public works director, to discuss right-of-way acquisition pursuant to the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property exception, KSA 75-4319(b)(6). The open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 6:09pm. Councilmember Morrill seconded. The Motion carried unanimously.

## **Governing Body/City Manager Comments**

City Manager Quinday reported to the council about emergency purchase of a bearing in unit 5 at the main power plant.

## **Adjournment**

Councilmember Cross made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Talbott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



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Katrina Woelk, City Clerk