

April 21, 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, Stoppel, Wagner, Talbott, Mitch Driscoll and Matt Driscoll. Councilmember Morrill participated by virtual conference.

The following staff members participated by virtual conference: City Manager Jon Quinday, Assistant City Manager Kayla Schneider, Electric Director Duane Banks, Public Works Director Rich Krause, Building Official Roger Sells, Fire Chief Dylan Riedel, Police Chief Dale Weimaster, and City Clerk Katrina Woelk.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments

Jeff Ochampaugh submitted a written comment regarding Mechanized Concepts.

Presentations and Public Hearings

1. Water Conservation Status

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

2. 2021 Budget Preparation – Financial Review and Budget Strategies

City Manager Quinday presented an overview of the 2019 financials and talked about the 2021 budget strategies.

Consent Agenda

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

Executive Session

1) For Matters Deemed Subject to Attorney-Client Privilege

Councilmember Cross made a motion to recess into executive session, to include the City Manager and City Attorney to discuss potential litigation, pursuant to the consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship exception, KSA 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 5:26 p.m. Councilmember Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

1. Lincoln Street Reconstruction Project – Environment Review

Councilmember Cross made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign Environmental Review Statutory Checklist (Appendix D) of the Community Development Block Grant. Councilmember Matt Driscoll seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Review Mechanized Concepts Economic Incentive Agreement

Councilmember Cross made a motion to authorize city staff to proceed with such legal means and seek such remedies as may be necessary to obtain full compliance with the Economic Development Incentive Agreement granted to Mechanized Concepts. Councilmember Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. Water Production Plant “B” Repairs

No action taken

2. Contractor Licensing

Councilmember Cross made a motion to adopt Ordinance Amending Section 4-182 Regarding Revocation of a Contractor’s License. Councilmember Wagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. General Nuisance Abatement – 425 W 7th Street

Councilmember Stoppel made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the removal of the nuisance(s) from 425 W 7th and providing the abatement costs, if any, incurred by the city shall be charged against the lots or parcels of ground on which the nuisance is located. Councilmember Cross seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

4. General Nuisance Abatement – 336 E Wisconsin Street

Councilmember Stoppel made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the removal of the nuisance(s) from 336 E Wisconsin and providing the abatement costs, if any, incurred by the city shall be charged against the lots or parcels of ground on which the nuisance is located. Councilmember Wagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

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



Katrina Woelk, City Clerk