

**June 16, 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, Matt Driscoll and Morrill.

The following staff members participated by virtual conference: Electric Director Duane Banks. The Following staff members were present: City Manager Jon Quinday, Assistant City Manager Kayla Schneider, 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 Madden made a motion to amend the agenda under New Business item #5 Discussion of discharge of firework. Councilmember Cross seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments**

None

**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 – Outside Entity Funding Requests

- a. Russell County Economic Development and CVB
- b. Western Kansas Child Advocacy – No representative
- c. Russell Main Street, Inc
- d. Russell Area Chamber of Commerce
- e. Options Domestic & Sexual Violence Services, Inc
- f. Ad Astra Music Festival – No representative

3. 2021 Budget Request – Special Revenue Funds

City Manager Quinday gave an overview of the proposed Special Revenue Funds budget.

## **Consent Agenda**

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

## **Unfinished Business**

### **1. Lease Agreement – 135 E 8<sup>th</sup> – Russell County Historical Society**

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement with changes presented between the Russell County Historical Society and the City. Councilmember Stoppel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **2. Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application**

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve city staff to apply for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant application, all supporting statements and policies required of the grant and authorize the Mayor to sign all supporting documents required by the grant. Councilmember Wagner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

### **1. Request for Non-Profit Reduction in Golf Tournament Fee – Veterans of Foreign Wars**

Councilmember Madden made a motion to approve the abatement of \$200 of the tournament fee for the VFW #6240 golf tournament held on September 12, 2020. Councilmember Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **2. Resolution for Abatement of a Nuisance Vehicle at 335 W 12<sup>th</sup>**

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve Resolution authorizing the removal of the nuisance vehicles from 335 w 12<sup>th</sup> 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 vehicle is located. Councilmember Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Date for a Dangerous Structure at 1404 N Kansas**

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve the Resolution setting a public hearing for August 4, 2020 at 4:30pm, where the owner(s), his or her agent, and lien holders of record and any occupant of the structure(s) at 1404 N Kansas may appear and show cause why such structure(s) should not be condemned as unsafe or dangerous and ordered repaired or demolished. Councilmember Wagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. Freedom Fest Fireworks Public Display Permit**

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve the Freedom Fest Committee to have a Firework display on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Wagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously

#### **5. Discussion of Discharge of Fireworks**

Councilmember Madden made a motion to allow the discharge of fireworks on July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00am to 11:59pm. Councilmember Wagner seconded. The motion carried 5 to 1 with Councilmember Morrill opposing.

#### **Department Reports**

None

#### **Public Comments**

None

#### **Executive Session**

None

#### **Adjournment**

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



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Katrina Woelk, City Clerk