

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Russell City Council Meeting - Minutes

City Hall

Russell, KS

Present: Councilmember Aaron Talbott, Councilmember Blaine Stoppel, Councilmember Dustin Madden, Mayor Jim Cross, Councilmember Lonnie Whitten, Councilmember Michelle Wagner, Councilmember Lisa Schreiner

Absent: Councilmember Mitch Driscoll, Councilmember Monty Morrill

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cross called the meeting to order at 4:30pm with the following members in attendance: City Manager Jon Quinday, Assistant City Manager Kayla Schneider, City Attorney Ken Cole, Public Works Director Rich Krause, Police Chief Jordan Harrison, Fire Chief Dylan Riedel, Electric Director Duane Banks, Building Official Roger Sells, Finance Director Katrina Woelk and City Clerk Ashley Mai.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cross led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATHS OF OFFICE

City Clerk Ashley Mai administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Jim Cross and Councilmembers Stoppel, Madden, and Whitten, Jr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to approve to approve the agenda. Councilmember Lisa Schreiner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

6.a Election of Council President

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to elect Councilmember Aaron Talbott to serve as Council President. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried 5-1 with Councilmember Talbott voting in opposition.

6.b Resolution Designating Official Depositories and Newspaper

Councilmember Blaine Stoppel made a motion to approve the resolution designating the City's Official Depositories and Newspaper. Councilmember Lisa Schreiner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

7.a Water Source Status

Public Works Director Rich Krause gave an update on the status of Pfiefer wells and Big Creek.

CONSENT AGENDA

8.a Consent Agenda Items

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

10.a Resolution Waiving GAAP Reporting Requirements

Councilmember Blaine Stoppel made a motion to approve the resolution waiving GAAP reporting requirements. Councilmember Michelle Wagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Assistant City Manger Kayla Schneider presented a new feature on the City of Russell website called "Notify Me". Citizens can sign up for email & text alerts for Billing Notices, Closing & Cancellations, Emergency Alerts, Public Notices, and Utility Outage Notices. City staff plans to advertise and assist citizens in signing up for notifications.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

13.a Consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to recess into executive session with the City Manager and City Attorney to discuss ongoing litigation pursuant to the consultation with an attorney deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship, KSA 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 5:05 pm. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed at 5:05 pm with no action taken. Councilmember Lonnie Whitten, Jr left the meeting at 5:06 pm.

GOVERNING BODY/CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Aaron Talbott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Michelle Wagner seconded. The motion carried.

Ashley Mai, City Clerk