

**Tuesday, June 7, 2022**

**Russell City Council Meeting - Minutes**

**City Hall**

**Russell, KS**

**Present:** Councilmember Michelle Wagner, Councilmember Monty Morrill, Councilmember Aaron Talbott, Councilmember Blaine Stoppel, Councilmember Dustin Madden, Mayor Jim Cross, Councilmember Lonnie Whitten, and Councilmember Andrea Garland

**Absent:** Councilmember Mitch Driscoll

**1. 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, Building Official Roger Sells, Finance Director Katrina Woelk, City Clerk Ashley Mai, and Electric Utility Director Duane Banks

**2. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jim Cross led the Pledge of Allegiance

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to amend the agenda to add Item 11a - Executive Session to discuss data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS I**

Diane Glimes made council aware of her concerns with run down houses in her neighborhood

**5. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**5.a Water Source Status**

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

5.b 2022 Budget Request/Annual Report - Russell Public Library & Russell Recreation Commission

Jessica McGuire gave an update on the library and discussed the library's annual budget. Mike Blanke gave an update on the Recreation Commission and discussed Russell Receptions annual budget request asking for four mils

5.c 2023 Budget - Enterprise Funds

City Manager Jon Quinday gave a presentation on the budget for the Enterprise Funds

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

6.a Consent Agenda Items

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

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7.a Ward III Councilmember Vacancy

Mayor Jim Cross made a motion to appoint Andrea Garland to Ward III position. Councilmember Dustin Madden seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Andrea Garland was sworn in as City Councilmember by City Clerk Ashley Mai.

7.b Wastewater Lagoon KWPCRF Project No. C20 2052 01 Loan Draw Down #3

Councilmember Aaron Talbott made a motion to approve Draw Down #3 in the amount of \$1,077,179.47 for the KDHE Loan Fund Project C20 2052 01. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7.c CDBG Lincoln Street Project Draw Down #7

Councilmember Blaine Stoppel made a motion to approve the CDBG Lincoln Street Project Draw Down #7 in the amount of \$69,750. Councilmember Dustin Madden seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 7.d CDBG Playground Equipment Grant Draw Down #1

Councilmember Blaine Stoppel made a motion to approve the CDBG Parks Project Draw Down #1 in the amount of \$115,228. Councilmember Dustin Madden seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 7.e Russell Community Center Operations Agreement

Councilmember Blaine Stoppel made a motion to approve the City of Russell Community Center Operations Agreement as presented. Councilmember Lonnie Whitten seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 7.f Consideration of Acceptance of Donated Land

Councilmember Lonnie Whitten made a motion to accept the property to be used as right-of-way for road construction and infrastructure placement. Councilmember Dustin Madden seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 7.g Ordinance Amending City Code Concerning Weeds and Overgrown Grass

Councilmember Lonnie Whitten made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Councilmember Michelle Wagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 7.h Resolution Amending the Regulation and Fees for Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste

Councilmember Lonnie Whitten made a motion to approve the Resolution amending the regulations and fees to be collected for disposal of solid waste materials, with the increase in disposal and collection fees as presented. Councilmember Michelle Wagner seconded. The motion carried 5-2 with Councilmembers Aaron Talbott and Monty Morrill voting in opposition.

#### 7.i Request for Proposals to Provide Information Technology Support Services

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to approve the proposal from Networks Plus for an initial term of twelve (12) months. Councilmember Michelle Wagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### 7.j Basketball Court for Memorial Park Complex

Councilmember Michelle Wagner made a motion to pursue grants to fund \$88,896.00 for basketball courts in the Memorial Park Complex. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

8.a Special Event Application - Russell County Free Fair

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to approve the special event application as presented with waiver of fees. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8.b Public Fireworks Display Permit

Councilmember Blaine Stoppel made a motion to approve the permit for Russell Celebrations to have their annual public fireworks display. Councilmember Michelle Wagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8.c Water Improvements Funding

No action taken

**9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

None

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS II**

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to recess into an executive session with the City Manager and Assistant City Manager to discuss data relating to financial affairs. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**12. GOVERNING BODY/CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Mayor and Councilmembers discussed further the importance of attending meetings and quorum.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Aaron Talbott seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Ashley Mai, City Clerk**