

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Russell City Council Meeting - Minutes

City Hall

Russell, KS

Present: Mayor Jim Cross, Councilmember Blaine Stoppel, Councilmember Dustin Madden, Councilmember Lonnie Whitten, Councilmember Michelle Wagner Schneider, Councilmember Monty Morrill, Councilmember Andrea Garland, Councilmember Lisa Schreiner

Absent: Councilmember Brad Wanger

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Cross called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm with the following staff members in attendance: City Manager Jon Quinday, City Attorney Ken Cole, Assistant City Manager Kayla Schneider, Public Works Director Rich Krause, Police Captain David Anderson, Electric Utility Director Dave Sturgeon, Water Utility Director Randy Baker, City Clerk Ashley Mai, and Water Production Supervisor Diana VanBruggen. The following staff members attended virtually: Police Chief Jordan Harrison, Fire Chief Dylan Riedel, and Building Official Roger Sells.

2. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jim Cross led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS I

Sidney and Darren Ammon presented progress made at 223 N Lincoln Street.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.a 2024 Budget - Outside Entity Funding Requests

Russell County Economic Development requested \$25,000; Western Kansas Child Advocacy requested \$2,000; Russell Main Street, Inc requested \$18,000; Russell Area Chamber of Commerce requested \$4,000; Options Domestic Violence & Sexual Violence Services, Inc requested \$3,500.

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 5-0-2 with Councilmember Andrea Garland and Councilmember Lisa Schreiner abstaining from the vote.

Items to approved:

1. April 18, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes
2. Special Event Application - Dream Theater Outdoor Movie

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.a Water Source, Production, and Conservation Recommendation

The U.S. Drought Monitor has all of Russell County, the area of the Big Creek Intake and the Pfiefer well field in Exceptional Drought - the highest drought condition. The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center's 8 -14 day outlook shows Russell leaning toward a 33-40% probability of above normal precipitation with a 40-50% probability of above normal temperatures for May 4 - 10, 2023.

No action taken.

7.b Memorandum of Understanding with USD 407 for School Resource Officer

Councilmember Blaine Stoppel made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Russell and Unified School District 407 as presented. Councilmember Lisa Schreiner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7.c Resolution Establishing the Date and Time of a Public Hearing Regarding the Adoption of a Redevelopment Project Plan

Councilmember Lonnie Whitten made a motion to adopt the resolution establishing a public hearing at 4:30 pm or as soon thereafter as may be heard on July 5, 2023, at Cit Hall to receive public comment on the proposed 2023 Hotel Project Plan. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.a INCODE 10 Upgrade and Hosting Service

Staff discussed the benefits of moving to Incode 10.

No action taken.

8.b Revised Economic Development Agreement

No action taken.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

9.a Fleet Leasing Program Update

No action taken.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS II

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.a Discussion of Non-Elected Personnel

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to recess into executive session, to include the City Manager to discuss an individual employee pursuant to the non-elected -personnel matter exception, KSA 75-4319(b)(1). Councilmember Lonnie Whitten seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 7:00 pm.

The meeting resumed at 7:00 pm with no action taken.

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The meeting resumed at 7:10 pm with no action taken.

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The meeting resumed at 7:15 pm with no action taken.

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to recess into executive session, to include the City Manager to discuss an individual employee pursuant to the non-elected -personnel matter exception, KSA 75-4319(b)(1). Councilmember Lonnie Whitten seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 7:20 pm.

The meeting resumed at 7:20 pm with no action taken.

12. GOVERNING BODY/CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ashley Mai, City Clerk