

**Tuesday, June 18, 2024**

**Russell City Council Meeting - Minutes**

**City Hall**

**Russell, KS**

**Present:** Mayor Jim Cross, Councilmember Blaine Stoppel, Councilmember Dustin Madden, Councilmember Lonnie Whitten, Councilmember Andrea Garland, Councilmember Lisa Anstaett, Councilmember Brad Wagner, and Councilmember Caleigh Befort

**Absent:** Councilmember Michelle Wagner Schneider

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jim Cross called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following staff members in attendance: City Manager Jon Quinday, Deputy City Manager Kayla Schneider, City Attorney Ken Cole, City Clerk Ashley Mai, Public Works Director Rich Krause, Water Utility Director Randy Baker, Electric Utility Director Dave Sturgeon, Police Chief Jordan Harrison, Fire Chef Dylan Riedel, Building Official Roger Sells, and City Treasurer Shayla Peck

**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**

None

**5. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**5.a Community Impact Award Presentation**

Mayor Jim Cross recognized Brett Mai as the May 2024 Community Impact Award recipient.

**5.b Water Source, Production, and Conservation Recommendation**

Water Utility Director Randy Baker provided a water source status update.

## 5.c 2025 Budget - Special Revenue Funds and the Revenue Neutral Rate

Deputy City Manager Kayla Schneider provided a review for the Special Revenue Funds and the Revenue Neutral Rate

## 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.

Items approved:

1. June 4, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Appropriation Ordinance A-06-24
3. May 2024 Financials
4. Contractor License
5. Chamber of Commerce Special Event Application - 4th of July Celebration
6. Chamber of Commerce 4th of July Parade Application
7. Chamber of Commerce Request for City of Russell Sponsor the Free Swim on July 4th.
8. Russell Celebrations - Fireworks Application Public Fireworks Display July 4, 2024 with an alternate date of July 5, 2024 incase inclement weather

## 7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### 7.a Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant Agreement

Councilmember Dustin Madden made a motion to approve the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the required documents. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## 8. **NEW BUSINESS**

### 8.a Western Area Power Administration Integrated Resource Plan

Councilmember Blaine Stoppel made a motion to approve the 2024 Western Area Power Authority Integrated Resource Plan as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign required documents. Councilmember Dustin Madden seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### 8.b Kansas Corporation Commission Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

Councilmember Blaine Stoppel made a motion to approve the Kansas Corporation Commission's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the documents. Councilmember Lisa Anstaett seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8.c Resolution Authorizing the Removal of General Nuisances from 1317 N. Lincoln Street

Councilmember Brad Wagner made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the removal of general nuisances from 1317 N. Lincoln Street. Councilmember Lisa Anstaett seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8.d Resolution Authorizing the Removal of a Nuisance Vehicle from 1317 N. Lincoln Street

Councilmember Brad Wagner made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the removal of a nuisance vehicle from 1317 N. Lincoln Street. Councilmember Caleigh Befort seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

9.a Department Monthly Activity Reports

City Clerk Ashley Mai provided an update for the insurance claim for vehicles and property damaged in the May 19th storm.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS II**

None

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

11.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 the city council recess into executive session to include the city manager and city attorney to discuss contract negotiations pursuant to the consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 5:17 p.m. Councilmember Blaine Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting resumed with no action taken.

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11.b Preliminary Discussion of the Acquisition of Real Property

No action taken.

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

City offices will be closed Wednesday June 19, 2024, for Juneteenth

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Brad Wagner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. Councilmember Andrea Garland seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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Ashley Mai, City Clerk