

McPherson, Kansas
April 11, 2011

The McPherson Board of City Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 11, 2011, at the Municipal Center, 400 East Kansas Avenue. The meeting was conducted by Mayor Thomas A. Brown. Commissioners Robert Moore and Michael Alkire were present.

Staff present: Doug Whitacre, public works director; Jeff Deal, fire chief; Dennis Shaw, police chief; Tamra Seely, city clerk; Vince Rocco, code enforcement; Marvin Peters, executive director; McPherson Industrial Development Corporation; John Puchosic, city inspector; Nick Gregory, city administrator; Jeff Houston, city attorney; Sherry Conyers, deputy clerk.

Others present: Sean Wardwell, McPherson Sentinel; Nick Gosnell, Radio Station KNGL; Steve Read, Sandy Alkire, Lois Moore, Ann Jones, Chad Clark, Lori Koehn, Deneen Krehbiel, David Nigh.

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) unanimously, the minutes of the meeting of April 4, 2011, were approved as written and distributed.

An ordinance was introduced, read and entitled “AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.”

Upon motion by Commissioner Moore seconded by Commissioner Alkire the ordinance was read by sections and upon its final adoption roll was called and the following vote was had: Ayes – three. Nays – none.

Upon the announcement of the foregoing vote the mayor declared the ordinance adopted, signed the same and it was numbered -----15.

Mayor Brown opened the public input session and publically thanked the McPherson College Football Team for their hard work during the recent “Brush Up McPherson.”

The public input session was closed and the meeting continued in regular session.

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, the agenda was approved upon delaying action regarding the Foxfire Phase III Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project and Foxfire Phase III Paving & Storm Sewer Improvement Project. The mayor will present a financial update.

Chad Clark, representing McPherson Healthcare Foundation, introduced volunteers from Memorial Hospital and requested that April 10-16 be declared “Healthcare Volunteer Week” in the city.

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, the request was approved.

Ann Jones, with the McPherson Family Life Center, appeared to promote the first annual “BAM FAM” scheduled for Saturday, April 16 and asked that the mayor proclaim the day as “Biking around McPherson for Families Day.”

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, the request was approved.

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) unanimously, April 11 through 15 was proclaimed “National Library Week” in McPherson and citizens were encouraged to visit a library and express appreciation for the public, college, and school libraries, their staff, and the services they provide.

Marvin Peters, executive director, McPherson Industrial Development Corporation, reported on the first quarter industry activities which included: Femco has completed the relocation of its administrative offices to 1132 West First Street; the BPU has completed three billing cycles since its rate increase and still has the lowest industrial revenue rate in the state; MIDC undertaking new marketing plan to recruit new industries to the area; a number of industries began hiring and growing their workforce during the first quarter.

David Nigh, presented a proclamation declaring May 1-7, 2011 as “Public Service Recognition Week” and asked residents to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of government employees on all levels.

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) unanimously, May 1-7, 2011, was declared “Public Service Recognition Week” in McPherson.

Tom Stinemetze, zoning administrator, reported that the planning commission has determined the Comprehensive Development Plan is adequate and should be extended until 2013 of which time the census data will be included.

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, approval was given to the recommendation of the planning commission regarding the Comprehensive Development Plan.

John Puchosic, city inspector, reported: 21 permits were issued for March, 2011 compared to 17 in March of 2010; no new residential home starts compared to 2 last March; 38 total permits were issued for the year to date compared to 39 last year to date; no new residential home starts for the year to date compared to 4 last year.

Jeff Deal, fire chief, reported that the front tires for tanker #1 are out of tread compliance. He recommends purchase of two new tires for a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, the commission approved purchase of two new tires by the fire department.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, authorization was given for Jeff Deal, fire chief, to commit to a two year term with the Kansas Regional Incident Management Team.

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, approval was given for the street department to purchase concrete supplies from Concrete Accessories at a cost not to exceed \$1,750.00.

Doug Whitacre, public works director, reported that public works has researched a concern about no stop signs at the intersections of Olive and Walnut and Olive and Oak. Due to sight distances it has been determined that there should be stop signs at both intersections.

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, the governing body endorsed the recommendation for stop signs to be installed on Olive at both the Walnut and Oak intersections.

Public works has been working with the hospital to replace the driveway entrance off of Hospital Drive. Work will include replacing the valley gutter, installing new ADA sidewalk ramps, and resloping the driveway tie into the hospital parking lot. The hospital has agreed to participate in the material costs with the street department providing the labor. The cost of the materials is estimated to not exceed \$4,000.00.

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, approval was given to complete the repairs at the hospital entrance for a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00.

Mr. Whitacre continued by reporting that when North Lehmer Street was vacated for McPherson College south of 435 Lehmer there was an agreement that the college grant an easement along the north side of their property from the north/south utility easement west of Lehmer to the north/south alley between Lehmer and Baer. The easement will be utilized to provide vehicular traffic south on Lehmer from Sharp Street to exit Lehmer either to the east or west alley. Authorization is recommended to accept the easement from McPherson College

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, the easement was accepted.

Mayor Brown reported that currently the city has \$3,973,692.62 in reserves. The city has received the first month collection of the ½ cent sales tax, in the amount of \$112,794.44, which will be used for street repairs. Sales tax is expected to remain brisk while ad valorem tax possibly will decrease. City department heads cut 3% from their budgets in January and February. The “big event” sponsored by McPherson High School was a financial asset to the city. Participants were thanked for their efforts.

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) unanimously, the following wages were approved:

Jewell Montagne, Legal
Asst Municipal Court Clerk
\$11.29/hr to \$12.42/hr
Effective 4/8/2011

James Halbmaier, Police
Patrol Officer
\$15.51/hr to \$17.06/hr
Effective 4/22/2011

Kathy Knott, Animal Shelter
Animal Control Officer
\$11.42/hr to \$12.03/hr
Effective 4/22/2011

Gabe Ramirez, Police
Patrol Officer
\$19.79/hr to \$20.68/hr
Effective 4/8/2011

Tyler Petersen, Police

Patrol Officer
\$17.06/hr to \$17.96/hr
Effective 4/8/2011

Nathan Miller, Park
Park Maintenance
\$16.89/hr to \$17.65/hr
Effective 4/8/2011

Greg Thompson, WWT
Operation Maintenance
\$17.72/hr to \$18.52/hr
Effective 4/8/2011

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, the following cereal malt beverage licenses were approved:

KAPS, Inc., 1035 W. Kansas, #83865, for original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises, 4-14-2011 to 4-15-2012

KAPS, Inc., 1340 N. Main, #83860, for original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises, 4-14-2011 to 4-15-2012

KAPS, Inc., 415 E. Kansas, #83859, for sale in original and unopened containers and not for consumption on the premises, 4-14-2011 to 4-15-2012

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) unanimously, the following bonds were approved:

American Mechanical, Inc., Wichita, KS, \$5,000.00 mechanical bond, SS381499, EMC Insurance Company, 4-9-2011 to 4-9-2012

Ace Plumbing, Heating & Supply, LLC, McPherson, KS, \$5,000.00 gas fitter bond, #BD079026, Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Company, 3-3-2011 to 3-2-2012

Ace Plumbing, Heating & Supply, LLC, McPherson, KS, \$5,000.00 mechanical bond, #BD079024, Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Company, 3-3-2011 to 3-2-2012

Ace Plumbing, Heating & Supply, LLC, McPherson, KS, \$5,000.00 electrical bond, #BD079027, Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Company, 3-3-2011 to 3-2-2012

Ace Plumbing, Heating & Supply, LLC, McPherson, KS, \$5,000.00 plumber bond, #BD079023, Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Company, 3-3-2011 to 3-2-2012

Steve Carlson dba EMI, McPherson, KS, \$5,000.00 electrical bond, #7900635421, Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Company, 12-1-2010 to 11-30-2011

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) unanimously, authorization was given to pay \$1,091.81 for supplies used at the park department in conjunction with the "big event."

Nick Gregory, city administrator, presented a contract with M & W Cleaning Services for cleaning the municipal court in the amount of \$310.00 per month.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, approval was given to the contract.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Thomas A. Brown, Mayor

Tamra Seely, City Clerk