

McPherson, Kansas
April 25, 2011

The McPherson Board of City Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 25, 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: Dennis Shaw, police chief; Paul Katzer, park superintendent; Doug Whitacre, public works director; Vince Rocco, code enforcement; Anne Hassler, director, convention & visitors bureau; Jason Buschbom, Turkey Creek Golf Course; Nick Gregory, city administrator; Jeff Houston, city attorney; Sherry Conyers, deputy clerk.

Others present: Sean Wardwell, McPherson Sentinel; Nick Gosnell, Radio Station KNGL; Barb Brookshire, Ann Jones, Candace Davidson, John Brockway.

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) unanimously, the minutes of the meeting of April 18, 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 -----17.

Mayor Brown opened the public input and Ann Jones with the Family Life Center thanked the governing body for their support during the centers recent fund raising event.

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

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) unanimously, the agenda was approved with the addition of an executive session regarding non-elected personnel.

Barb Brookshire, representing the McPherson Tree Board, reported Arbor Day will be observed on Friday, April 29, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. A tree will be planted at the new Board of Public Utilities building.

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) unanimously, Mayor Brown was authorized to read a proclamation declaring April 29 as Arbor Day in the city.

John Brockway, representing the McPherson Cushman Club, requested that Lakeside Drive, adjacent to the Lakeside Cabin, from the corner of E. Lakeside Drive to Simpson, be closed on May 14, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for their annual show.

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

Anne Hassler, director, convention & visitors bureau, requested permission to advertise for a part-time position as activities/convention coordinator.

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, permission was granted to advertise for the convention & visitors bureau position.

Candace Davidson, aquatics director, McPherson Waterpark, presented a start up list for the 2011 waterpark season in the amount of \$16,877.00.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Moore) unanimously, startup costs for the waterpark, in an amount not to exceed \$16,877.00 were approved.

The governing body presented an update of first quarter activities. Commissioner Alkire reported: the 11 million dollar wastewater treatment plant project was recently completed; the Mill and Overlay Project will be beginning soon on Main Street, from First Street to the Dillon's Store; sidewalk projects for safe routes to schools will also be starting. Commissioner Moore reported: the park department has been doing spring painting, cleanup and tree trimming; the cemetery has a new kiosk, is getting ready for Memorial Day, has new signs, and is working on the Veterans markers. Mayor Brown reported: the administrative department is working on electronic recording; the new fire chief, along with the fire department is working with the county regarding preparation for a disaster situation; the police department continues to emphasize work regarding child pornography and drug enforcement; work also continues regarding the city budget.

Public works has received a request from Sears to block off four parking spaces in the city parking lot outside of their rear entrance on Saturday, April 30, to be used for demonstration of lawn mowers.

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

Doug Whitacre, public works director, reported that public works has been working with the McPherson Recreation Commission to correct a drainage problem along the access road on the north side of Light Capital Stadium. The cost of materials to construct a concrete flume is not to exceed \$1,960.00

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, authorization was given to purchase the materials.

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, governing body approval was given to purchase three totes of polymer, for the wastewater treatment plant, from Fort Bend Service for an amount not to exceed \$10,350.00.

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, approval was given to Eisenhower PTO, for use of 30 traffic cones, on Saturday, May 14, for an equipment display.

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) the following investment was approved:

Home State Bank & Trust

C/D

\$500,000.00

.175%

Matures 10/20/2011
General

Nick Gregory, city administrator, recommended extending the purchase authority, for Turkey Creek Golf Course, to purchase golf cart batteries from \$6,500.00 to \$8,000.00 for the year 2011.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, the recommendation was approved.

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

Alex Rodriguez, Cemetery

Temporary

\$8.00/hr

Effective 4/26/2011

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

Chris Allen, Golf Course

Seasonal

\$8.00/hr to \$8.50/hr

Effective 4/20/2011

Chet Harlin, Golf Course

Seasonal

\$8.50/hr to \$9.00/hr

Effective 4/20/2011

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, the commission agreed to go into executive session for 20 minutes under the provisions of non-elected personnel.

The commission went into executive session at 8:53 a.m. and reconvened in regular session at 9:10 a.m.

No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Thomas A. Brown, Mayor

Tamra Seely, City Clerk