

McPherson, Kansas
November 7, 2011

The McPherson Board of City Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, November 7, 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: Tim Maier, general manager, Board of Public Utilities; Jeff Deal, fire chief; Tom Stinemetze, zoning administrator; Rob McClarty, police chief; Vince Rocco, code enforcement; Doug Whitacre, public works director; Jeff Houston, city attorney; Nick Gregory, city administrator; Sherry Conyers, deputy clerk.

Others present: Ken Ward, McPherson Sentinel; Nick Gosnell, Radio Station KNGL; Denny Walters, Ronn Peters, a representative of McPherson Saddle Club.

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) unanimously, the minutes of the meeting of October 31, 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 -----45.

Mayor Brown opened the public input session and Denny Walters reported an e-mail address, threelane@hotmail.com, has been set up to take comments regarding the North Main three lane issue. He also questioned the possibility of restrooms in Wall Park.

Ronn Peters invited the governing body to a Central Kansas Conservancy, Inc. meeting scheduled for Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

A representative of the McPherson Saddle Club requested permission for the club to ride down Main Street on Saturday, November 12, to promote pony rides that the group will be giving, in the Tractor Supply parking lot, to benefit the McPherson Food Bank.

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, permission was granted pending working with the police chief to secure a safe route for the horses and riders.

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

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, the agenda was approved with no deletions or additions.

Tom Stinemetze, representing the employee benefits committee, reported that a 2012 quote has been received from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas which reflects a 6% decrease in

plan administrative fees. The group also recommends increasing the individual stop loss coverage from \$50,000 to \$60,000.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Moore) unanimously, authorization was given to sign a contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas which reflects a 6% decrease in administrative fees, for employee premiums to remain the same, and to increase the individual stop loss coverage from \$50,000 to \$60,000.

Mr. Stinemetze, continued by reporting that the city planning commission is recommending adoption of subdivision regulations. Thereupon the following was introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 3044

AN ORDINANCE ENACTED APPROVING AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE CERTAIN SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SUBDIVISION OF LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF MCPHERSON, KANSAS, AND CERTAIN EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION AS DEFINED THEREIN, AS PREPARED AND PUBLISHED AS A MODEL CODE IN BOOK FORM BY THE MCPHERSON CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, PURSUANT TO K.S.A.12-741 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, 12-3009 TO 12-03012 INCLUSIVE, 12-3301 TO 12-3302.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, the ordinance was read by sections and upon its final adoption, roll was called and the following vote was had: Ayes – Alkire, Brown, and Moore. Nays – none.

Upon announcement of the foregoing vote the mayor declared the ordinance adopted, signed the same and it was numbered -----3044.

Glen Hoover has requested annexation of property into the city. Thereupon the following was introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 3045

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING A TRACT OF LAND IN MCPHERSON COUNTY, KANSAS, BY THE CITY OF MCPHERSON, KANSAS AND INCLUDING THAT LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Moore) unanimously, the ordinance was read by sections and upon its final adoption, roll was called and the following vote was had: Ayes – Alkire, Brown, & Moore.

Upon announcement of the foregoing vote the mayor declared the ordinance adopted, signed the same and it was numbered -----3045.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, approval was given to allow the owners of the property to work with the fire department for the next two weeks to get the burn piles manageable.

Mr. Stinemetze continued by presenting the October building report which included: 20 total permits for the month compared to 26 last October; 1 new residential home start compared to none in October, 2010; 181 total permits for this year compared to 191 issued in 2010; 9 new residential home starts this year to date compared to 11 last year.

Tim Maier, general manager, Board of Public Utilities, reported that the lead and copper samples taken this year indicated the utility is slightly over the allowed limits. The state has instructed BPU to do further testing and create a comprehensive plan for corrosion control and have in place by 2015.

Jeff Deal, fire chief, requested approval to purchase tires for rescue #1 fire truck. The cost is not to exceed \$2,126.18.

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

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, authorization was given to hire Josh Peters as a firefighter, Class F, effective 11/17/2011, at a starting wage of \$12.59/hr.

Doug Whitacre, public works director, reported the street improvements for the third phase of Foxfire Subdivision are complete. Change order #2 is being submitted for the additional work performed with an increase in the contract cost of \$3,409.45.

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, approval was given to the change order and the mayor was authorized to sign all related documents.

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

First Bank Kansas
C/D
\$500,000
.02%
Matures 5/3/2012
General

The Citizens State Bank
C/D
\$500,000
.10%
Matures 5/1/2012
General

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) unanimously, the following bond was approved:

Phillip J. Dyck dba PD Plumbing, Marquette, KS, \$5,000 plumber bond, #14979891, Western Surety Company, 4-25-2011 to 4-25-2012

Upon (Moore/Alkire) unanimously, the following wage was approved:
Ryan Morse, Park
Seasonal/Temporary Park Laborer
\$9.00/hr
Effective 10/31/2011

Nick Gregory, city administrator, reported that Disability Supports of the Great Plains, Inc. is requesting permission to have a horse drawn carriage on the streets during their benefit concert scheduled for November 12, beginning at 4:30 p.m. until approximately 10:00 p.m. that evening.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Moore) unanimously, contingent approval was given to the request upon coordinating a route with the police chief.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, approval was given to block four parking stalls in front of Clayworks to accommodate the horse drawn carriage.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Thomas A. Brown, Mayor

Tamra K. Seely, City Clerk