

McPherson, Kansas
April 9, 2012

The McPherson Board of City Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 9, 2012, 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: Rob McClarty, police chief; Marvin Peters, executive director; MIDC; Paul Katzer, park superintendent; Vince Rocco, code enforcement; Jeff Deal, fire chief; Doug Whitacre, public works director; Dick Janousek, treasurer/finance director; Mark Moffitt, treasurer/finance director; Richard Miller, finance assistant; Richard Hayden, engineering tech; Jeff Houston, city attorney; Nick Gregory, city administrator; Sherry Conyers, deputy clerk.

Others present: Ken Ward, McPherson Sentinel; Nick Gosnell, Radio Station KNGL; Kerry Gillis, Jennifer Burch, Megan Anderson, Mike Rausch, Ronn Peters, Dan Hervey, Eric Wall, Mrs. Vaughan Ingram, residents interested in the three lane issue, residents interested in the fowl ordinance.

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) the minutes of the meeting of April 2, 2012, 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.

As there were no issues to be presented, 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.

Megan Anderson, chairman of the 99th annual All Schools Day celebration appeared to request the following: a permit for the fireworks display at Eisenhower School on May 12 or May 13 as the weather dictates; the use of and waive the fee for the community building for activities May 9 -12; permission for and waive the license fee for Toby's Amusements located at Wickersham Park, May 7-12; permission for and waive the fee for the use of the Lakeside bandshell for May 9; permission for and waive the license fee for the All Schools Day parade May 11; permission for use of various public spaces, including city parks; permission to use the old land fill building to build and house floats if needed; to close portions of Main Street and other city streets for the 99th annual parade and other activities throughout the week; to display the "welcome" flags; and, to provide additional services traditionally offered by city personnel for the celebration.

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) unanimously, all requests were approved.

Steve Read, library director, presented a proclamation declaring April 9-13 as National Library Week and encouraged residents to visit the libraries of the city.

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

Marvin Peters, executive director, MIDC, presented the 1st quarter report which included: Hospira has embarked on a modest building expansion which will result in state of the art technology and create new jobs; NCRA continues with expansion and equipment upgrading; county unemployment rate at 4.5%; Go McPherson officers are presently interviewing applications for community development director; several new industry incentives introduced by the Kansas Department of Commerce; State Resolution No. 1811 recognized the City of McPherson, McPherson County, the McPherson Board of Public Utilities, and McPherson Industrial Development Co. for their successful efforts in developing a strong and diversified industrial base and for being designated as Kansas' first "competitive ready" community.

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, a convention and visitors bureau event grant for the Men in Harmony, to appear for an All Schools Day concert at the Opera House, in the amount of \$300 was authorized along with the grant report.

Mayor Brown opened discussion regarding the three lane configuration on North Main from First Street to Wickersham Drive. The street was converted in August of 2011 as part of the North Main Improvement Project and as a safety mechanism. The change received enough opposition for the mayor to create a task force to evaluate the situation. In March the task force recommended that the commission return the road to four lanes.

Commissioner Moore stated that after two town hall meetings and as recommended by the task force he would support changing the 1.3 mile North Main section back to four lanes.

Commissioner Alkire questioned city liability in reverting from three lanes that were converted as a safety mechanism back to the four lanes. The decision to change North Main from four to three lanes of traffic was made to slow traffic and reduce accidents. He would like the three lanes to remain for two years.

Mayor Brown made a motion to end the evaluation of North Main and change, from First Street to Wickersham Drive, back to four lanes as soon as possible. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. Commissioner Alkire voted against the motion. The motion passed.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Moore) unanimously, approval was given to continue the study of the intersection of North Main and Northview, and act on as soon as possible the implementation of all way stops with flashing red lights or a better solution if found.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Moore) unanimously, commissioners approved improving the crosswalk on South Main near Central College, for their student's safety, and to have complete by the fall of 2012.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Moore) unanimously, the governing body does not recommend any changes to the downtown parking issues at the present time.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, no changes will be made to the downtown stoplight situation. The lights at Kansas and Main will remain as mandated by KDOT.

Mayor Brown presented an ordinance regarding permitted fowl in the city which includes: pigeons, doves, ducks and female chickens (hens). Thereupon the following was introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 3054

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MCPHERSON, KANSAS
ADDING A NEW ARTICLE VII CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE
OF THE CITY OF MCPHERSON, KANSAS PERTAINING TO
PROHIBITING, MAINTAINING AND REGULATING THE
KEEPING OF CERTAIN ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY
LIMITS OF THE CITY.

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 -----3054.

Paul Katzer, park superintendent, requested authorization to pay a flower order bill to Ball Seed Company in the amount of \$2,580.06. The order is for flowers for the cemetery, golf course, and parks.

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

Rob McClarty, police chief, recommended purchasing two 2013 Ford Interceptor police patrol cars, from Midway Motors, at a cost of \$49,068 plus additional equipment in the amount of \$10,046.16. The total cost will be \$59,114.16.

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

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, authorization was given for the police department to purchase personal protective equipment in the amount of \$10,290. Funding for the equipment came from NCRA.

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) the following appointment was made:

Board of Zoning Appeals
Dale Patrick
Term to expire 5-1-2012

Doug Whitacre, public works director, reported that materials are needed by the street department for the 2012 pavement management program in an amount of \$5,100.

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

Nick Gregory, city administrator, presented the special assessments and bond financing information for the Foxfire Addition. Street paving improvements include the design of phase III street and storm sewer for Dull Knife Street, Tahoe Avenue, and Foxfire. Sanitary sewer district #188 consists of construction of approximately 1,572 feet of 8 inch sanitary sewer, manholes, and appurtenances. The amount to be bonded is \$256,701.59 for the paving improvements and \$83,283.67 for sanitary sewer.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Moore) unanimously, approval was given to the statement of final costs for the Foxfire street paving improvements in the amount \$256,701.59 and sanitary sewer district #188 in the amount of \$83,283.67, along with the assessment roll certification for both.

The spring retreat is scheduled for April 12, in the east board room of the municipal center.

Mr. Gregory presented a request from Central Christian College to close the south half of the 1000 block of South Maple Street between the Free Methodist Church east parking lot and Avenue D on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from approximately 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

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

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

KAPS Inc., 1340 N. Main, #94451, for sale in original and unopened containers and no consumption on the premises, 4-15-2012 until 4-14-2013

KAPS Inc., 1035 W. Kansas, #94450, for sale in original and unopened containers and no consumption on the premises, 4-15-2012 until 4-14-2013

Bruno's Woodfired Pizzeria Inc., 204 N. Main, #94449, for consumption on the premises, 4-16-2012 to 4-15-2013

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

Shawn Goering, McPherson, KS, \$5,000 pesticide application bond, Western Surety Company, #43197531, 4-6-2012 to 4-6-2013

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Thomas A. Brown, Mayor

Tamra Seely, City Clerk