

McPherson, Kansas  
April 23, 2012

The McPherson Board of City Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 23, 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: Paul Katzer, park superintendent; John Puchosic, city inspector; Doug Whitacre, public works director; Rob McClarty, police chief; Jeff Houston, city attorney; Nick Gregory, city administrator; Vince Rocco, code enforcement; Rick Unruh, assistant fire chief; Anne Hassler, director, convention & visitors bureau; John Puchosic, city inspector; Sherry Conyers, deputy clerk.

Others present: Ken Ward, McPherson Sentinel; Nick Gosnell, Radio Station KNGI; Karl Casey, Tina Golden, Leighton Kaloupek, Nancy Shaw, Mandy Martin, Hannah Hageman and parents, Ronn Peters.

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) unanimously, the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 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.

Upon the announcement of the foregoing vote the mayor declared the ordinance adopted, signed the same and it was numbered -----17.

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 the addition of an update on Heart to Heart, child advocacy center, by Tina Golden, a reminder regarding grass by Vince Rocco, a step increase for the city administrator, and an executive session regarding non-elected personnel.

Paul Katzer, park superintendent, introduced Hannah Hageman, the 2012 south central district Arbor Day poster contest winner, representing Washington School 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Her poster will be on display for one year.

Leighton Kaloupek, representing the McPherson Tree Board, requested that Friday, April 27, be proclaimed Arbor Day in the city, and urged residents to support efforts to protect the trees and woodlands.

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

Mandy Martin, representing the McPherson Public Library, requested use of Wickersham Park on June 1 from 4:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. for the summer reading program opening event.

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

Tina Golden of Heart to Heart, child advocacy center, reported that the goal of \$6,500 was reached plus an additional \$500 raised for the center. 63 children were served by the organization in 2010, 57 were served in 2011, and the first quarter of 2012 there were 13 children that used the services.

John Puchosic, city inspector, recommended that loose gravel be removed from the roof of the community building to help extend the life. The cost is not to exceed \$1,642.

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) unanimously, authorization was given to expend the funds for the community building.

Rick Unruh, assistant fire chief, reported that Luke Green has been recommended to be promoted from a firefighter position to lieutenant at the department.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Moore) unanimously, approval was given to promote Luke Green from firefighter to lieutenant at the fire department.

Anne Hassler, director, convention & visitors bureau, reported that sponsors have been secured for five of the six planned movies in the park this summer. Total cost of the movies is \$1,901.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, approval was given to pay for the movies scheduled for the park this summer.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, authorization was given to a CVB marketing grant for All Schools Day in the amount \$1,441.25.

Vince Rocco, code enforcement, reminded residents that grass over 12 inches high in the city is a violation and also grass blown into the streets is prohibited. 20 notices have been issued for the first quarter of 2012.

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, approval was given for the street department to purchase a replacement drum and flail cutters for the GrindLazer 390 Scarifier. The cost for parts from Sherwin Williams is not to exceed \$1,400.

Doug Whitacre, public works director, reported that KDOT is currently accepting applications for the KLINK Resurfacing Program for the fiscal year 2014. Public works is recommending that the city apply for a mill and overlay of Kansas Avenue from Hartup east to Maxwell Street. The estimated cost of the project is \$292,040.39 and the city will be responsible for 50% of the cost or \$146,020.19.

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, approval was given to apply for the KLINK Resurfacing Program funding.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Moore) unanimously, the following wage was approved:

Nick Gregory, City Administrator  
Administration  
\$42.55/hr to \$43.28/hr  
Effective 4-30-2012

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, authorization was given to modification of the annual All Schools Day requests to include closing the 100 block of W. Marlin, from Main to the alley, on Thursday, May 10, from 7:00 a.m. to facilitate moving in concession trailers.

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

Home State Bank & Trust  
C/D  
\$500,000  
.15%  
Matures 9/18/2012  
182 days  
General

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Moore) unanimously, the following wage was approved:

Luke Green, Fire Department  
Firefighter/Lieutenant  
\$13.78/hr to \$13.91/hr  
Effective 4/20/2012

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

Tip Top Tree, LLC, McPherson, KS, \$5,000 tree trimmer bond, #BD082873, Farmers Alliance Mutual Insurance Company, 5-1-2012 to 4-30-2013

Robert Johnson, Lindsborg, KS, \$5,000 plumber bond, #91 BF U508 7, State Farm Fire & Casualty Company, 4-9-2012 to 4-9-2013

The meeting recessed at 9:05 a.m. for a study session and reconvened in regular session at 9:17 a.m.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Moore) unanimously, the commission agreed to go into executive session for 15 minutes under the provisions of non-elected personnel.

The meeting went into executive session at 9:18 a.m. and reconvened in regular session at 9:30 a.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

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Thomas A. Brown, Mayor

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Tamra Seely, City Clerk