McPherson, Kansas
May 7, 2012

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

Others present: Ken Ward, McPherson Sentinel; Nick Gregory, Radio Station, KNGL; Carolyn and Paul Elmore, Ronn Peters, Kerry Gillis, Richard Zrubek.

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) unanimously, the minutes of the meeting of April 30, 2012, were approved as written and distributed.

An ordinance was introduced, read and entitled "AN ORDIANCNE 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 ----------19.

Mayor Brown opened the public input session and Ronn Peters thanked residents for their response to the National Day of Prayer and the Saturday activity sponsored by the family life center.

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 deletion of a request by the fire department.

Carolyn Elmore, representing the VFW Auxiliary, requested that Friday, May 11, be proclaimed Buddy Poppy Day in McPherson. The VFW Auxiliary will be distributing the poppy's during All Schools Day with the proceeds to be used for disabled veterans.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, Friday, May 11, 2012 was declared Buddy Poppy Day in McPherson.

Nick Gregory, city administrator, reported that the city inspector, John Puchosic, has submitted his resignation effective May 17.

Upon m/s/ c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, the resignation was accepted.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, authorization was given for city staff and the city attorney to prepare a contract, regarding temporary assistance in the inspection department, with Commissioner Alkire signing on behalf of the city.

Rob McClarty, police chief, recommended payment of the yearly maintenance fee for the digital voice dictation system. The cost from Voice Products Service, LLC is $2,836.20.

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

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, the week of May 13-19 was proclaimed Police Week, and May 15, 2012 was declared Peace Officer Memorial Day.

Tim Maier, general manager, Board of Public Utilities, reported that the utility will be considering refinancing a water bond issue at today's meeting. They will also be approving new utility billing software.

Randy Pauls, cemetery sexton, requested governing body approval to purchase shrubs and bushes from John Deere Landscapes in the amount of $1,804.35.

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

Vince Rocco, code enforcement, presented the April building report which included: 19 total permits for April, 2012 compared to 33 total permits for April, 2011; 2 residential new home starts for the month; 64 total permits issued for 2012 compared to 71 total permits for 2011; and, 5 new residential home starts this year compared to 2 last year.

Upon m/s/c (Brown/Alkire) unanimously, the following appointments were made:

Park – 3 year term
Robert Moore
Bonnie Hoffman

Planning Commission – 3 year term
Gail Lauderdale
Duane Kleinsorge
Donna Lehner

Mechanical Board – 3 year term
Gerald Pelnar
Tyson Gottwald

Tree Board – 3 year term
John Austin
Barb Brookshire

Board of Zoning Appeals – 3 year term
Peggy Holloway to replace Mel Tarum
Dale Patrick

Turkey Creek Advisory Board – 2 year term

Chad Alexander
Mitz Fawl

City Appointments

City Administrator – Nick Gregory
City Clerk – Tamra Seely
Treasurer/Finance Director – Mark Moffitt
City Attorney – Jeffrey Houston
Fire Chief – Jeff Deal
Municipal Judge – Bill Mills
Police Chief – Robert McClarty
City Prosecutor – John Klenda
Public Works Director/Assistant Administrator – Douglas Whitacre

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, authorization was given for the street department to purchase a new paint sprayer from PMSI for a cost not to exceed $10,032.80.

Doug Whitacre, public works director, reported that bids were received from three contractors for the reconstruction of Hancock from Hartup to Park. The low bid was received from Vogts Parga at a cost of $373,178.58. Commission approval is requested to award the project to the low bidder and authorize the mayor to sign all contract documents.

Upon m/s/c (Alkire/Moore) unanimously, Vogts Parga was awarded the project to reconstruct Hancock from Hartup to Park.

Nick Gregory, city administrator, reported that several property owners have not paid for nuisance abatements. Thereupon the following was introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 3058

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS AGAINST VARIOUS TRACTS AND PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE CITY OF MCPHERSON TO RECOVER THE UNPAID COSTS OF ABATEMENT OF VARIOUS NUISANCES OR DANGEROUS PROPERTY CONDITIONS IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW

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. Nays – none.

Upon announcement of the foregoing vote the mayor declared the ordinance adopted, signed the same and it was numbered ----------3058.

Upon m/s/c (Moore/Alkire) unanimously, the following Scottish Festival requests were approved: to close to public vehicle traffic West Lakeside Drive from East Lakeside to Euclid Street and Simpson Street from West Lakeside Drive to Hartup Street from 5:00 p.m. Thursday, September 20, 2012, to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 23, 2012; for pedestrian access only by

ticket Saturday and Sunday; use of Lakeside Cabin on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; and to limit parking to one side only on East Simpson.

Nick Gregory, city administrator, recommended that the municipal center contract with RC Heating and Cooling for quarterly HVAC services. Their bid was in the amount of $1,500. Ideal Comfort Plus will be used for special callouts.

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

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

The Citizens State Bank
C/D
$500,000
0.13%
Matures 11/1/2012
General

First Bank Kansas
C/D
$500,000
0.08%
Matures 11/3/2012
General

The Citizens State Bank
C/D
$500,000
0.13%
Matures 10/27/2012
General

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

Arelyne Fallis, Park
Summer Help
$8.00/hr (1st year)
Effective 5/14/2012

Shelby Huber, Park
Summer Help
$8.00/hr (1st year)
Effective 5/14/2012

Allison Miller, Park
Summer Help
$8.00/hr (1st year)
Effective 5/14/2012

Seth Cox, Park
Summer Help
$8.00/hr (1st year)
Effective 5/14/2012

David Shorman, Park
Summer Help
$8.50/hr (2nd year)
Effective 5/14/2012

Phillip Wills, Park
Summer Help
$8.00/hr (1st year)
Effective 5/14/2012

David Goerzen, Golf Course
Temp Clubhouse
$9.00/hr
Effective 5/7/2012

Chet Harlin, Golf Course
Seasonal
$9.00/hr
Effective 5/7/2012

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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Thomas A. Brown, Mayor

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Tamra Seely, City Clerk