

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
April 4, 2016
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Members Joe Williams, Tom Shevlot, Sherron Freeman, William Tyrrell Giles, Rick Wells, Elizabeth Wheeler and Greg Allen were present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton and Attorney Jonathan Hughes (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Collier, Controller Fenwick, City Attorney Hoff, Deputy Police Chief Bigsbee, Deputy Chief Woodruff, Fire Chief Batalis, Battalion Chief Griffin, Division Fire Chief Wallace, Acting Utility Superintendent Salsbery, Park Superintendent Martin, Deputy Chief of Staff/Economic Development Director Starnes, Director of Administration and Code Compliance Anthony, Streets and Solid Waste Director Lotts, Crime Watch Director Sokol, and firefighter Ambers were present.

Council President Joe Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and announced a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilor Freeman inquired about flashing lights in school zones. She thanked DPW for the stop sign at Welker and Wellborne. Councilor Wells thanked the Street Department for the cleanup last weekend during the high winds.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Wheeler moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on March 7, 2016 and March 16, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilor Freeman and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$805,645.07 [March 31, 2016 payroll] and invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$565,393.38]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler. By a show of hands, the vote to approve the vouchers carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Councilor Giles said the Administrative, Budget and Finance Committee met and discussed Proposal No. 2, 2016 and Proposal No. 3, 2016 and recommended a do pass for both proposals. Councilor Shevlot said there has been a question about the invoice from Bose, McKinney & Evans regarding the refinancing of the utility bonds being paid on a contingency basis. The Administrative, Budget and Finance Committee met on October 14, 2015 and it was stated that there would be no cost unless the bonds were issued.

PUBLIC HEARING: Pursuant to advertising, Councilor Williams opened the floor for the public hearing concerning Proposal No. 2, 2016. Councilor Williams called for comment and testimony. There were no public comments. Thereupon, the public hearing was closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Proposal No. 2, 2016, amending the 2016 budget as approved by the Common Council with respect to the General Fund, Public Safety Tax Fund, Bond #2 Fund, MVH Fund, EMS Fund and Fire Debt Fund, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Shevlot moved to adopt Proposal No. 2, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilor Giles.

Following discussion, by a show of hands, the motion carried by the following vote of the Council: Six (6) aye votes and one (1) nay vote (Councilor Wells).

Proposal No. 3, 2016, amending the 2016 budget as approved by the Common Council with respect to transfers within the General Fund, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Wheeler moved to adopt Proposal No. 3, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilor Allen and carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution No. 5, 2016, resolving to publish notice of request that public utilities and/or qualified providers propose conservation measures, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles moved to adopt Resolution No. 5, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wheeler. Councilor Shevlot moved to amend the 5th Whereas clause to add language at the end of the clause to read: members selected by the President of the Common Council shall include at least one member from each of the Republican and Democrat parties. Following discussion the motion failed by the following vote of the Council: Three (3) aye votes (Councilors Wells, Freeman and Shevlot) and four (4) nay votes (Councilors Giles, Allen, Wheeler and Williams). Councilor Wheeler moved to amend the 5th Whereas clause to add language at the end of the clause to read: members selected by the Mayor and the President of the Common Council shall be from each of the Republican and Democrat parties. Following discussion, the motion failed by the following vote of the Council: Three (3) aye votes (Councilors Allen, Wheeler and Freeman) and four (4) nay votes (Councilors Giles, Wells, Shevlot and Williams). The vote to adopt Resolution No. 5, 2016 carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Resolution No. 6, 2016, approving an increase of the rate tracking factor for the sewage department, was read only by title by Clerk Walton. Councilor Giles moved to adopt Resolution No. 6, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilor Allen. Following discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mayor Collier addressed the Council. He discussed:

- Flashing lights in school zones
- Invited Councilors to LCHS on April 7, 2016 to help welcome officials from the Rose Parade
- He commended Park Superintendent Martin for the Spring Fling which included the egg hunt; the seniors for stuffing the eggs and providing cupcakes; and for the sunrise Easter service.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Joe Williams, President

Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk