

CITY OF LAWRENCE
Common Council
July 6, 2020
Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Member Rick Wells

BY ZOOM: Councilors Lisa Chavis, Sherron Freeman, Shawn Denney, Maria Rusomaroff, Lauren Russel, Deborah Whitfield and Attorney Jeffrey Earl (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP)

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Kathleen Walton

STAFF PRESENT: None

ALSO PRESENT BY ZOOM: Mayor Collier and Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick

Council President Lisa Chavis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and a roll call was used to determine a quorum was present.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Councilor Russel moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings on June 1, 2020 and June 17, 2020. Councilor Rusomaroff seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS 7-6-20: Councilor Freeman moved to approve Payroll Claims for \$1,019,507.84 [May 15, 2020} payroll] and Invoices [for vendors] as presented today [for \$983,751.21]. Councilor Whitfield seconded the motion. By a roll call vote, the motion to approve the vouchers carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS: Mayor Collier announced a Labor Day Celebration on September 5, 2020. Flyers will be coming out mid-month. Bids for the paving projects came in \$300,000 less than projected. We can apply \$300,000 to more paving projects.

Controller/Deputy Mayor Fenwick said there was good news last week. The amended bond ordinance for the water utility allowed the maturity to change from 20 years to 30 years. The bonds were sold last week for \$12.5 million. The water utility is A rated. The bonds were sold at a 30-year maturity date at 2.90% interest. This is the lowest interest rate in the history of Lawrence for a 30-year bond. It saved the water utility \$2 million. Controller Fenwick also discussed Phase II of projects for the water utility.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m., by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Lisa Chavis, President

Kathleen A. Walton, Clerk

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, with the exception of the motions. An audiotape is made which provides a detailed record.