

**June 20, 2017**

**Russell City Council Meeting – Minutes  
City Hall  
Russell, KS**

Mayor Mader called the City Council meeting to order at 4:30 PM with the following members in attendance: Councilmembers: Richard Cross, Stoppel, Jim Cross, Dollison, Hoffman, Wagner, and Peirano.

The following staff members were in attendance: City Manager Jon Quinday, City Attorney Ken Cole, Public Works Director Rich Krause, Building Official Roger Sells, Fire Chief Shane Preston, Police Chief Dale Weimaster, Electric Director Duane Banks and City Clerk Katrina Woelk.

**Approval of Agenda**

Councilmember Jim Cross made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items**

Sheryl Krug spoke to the council about the firework policy.

Jeanine Byers-Long spoke about Main Street and against cutting the funding.

Trudy Smith spoke on behalf of the Class of 1972. She asked for a space to put up a marker honoring Robert Walters as the National Spelling Bee Champion in 1968.

**Presentations and Public Hearings**

1) Water Conservation Status

City Manager Quinday gave an update on the status of the water levels of the wells and Big Creek.

2) 2018 Budget Presentation / Discussion of Levying Funds

City Manager Quinday presented a rough draft to the council of the 2018 budget for the Levying Funds.

3) Street Project Priorities

City Manager Quinday explained to the council that the City was unable to afford payments for the \$4.2 million Lincoln and 15<sup>th</sup> Street project. He suggested breaking up the project into smaller projects and applying for grants.

4) Contractor Licensing

A new draft of the contractors licensing was presented to the council for their opinions. After discussion, City Manager Quinday will have another draft drawn up and have it presented for discussion.

5) Discuss Ordinance 1594 in regards to the discharge of fireworks in the city limits

City Manager Quinday discussed with the council that it is legal for residents to put off fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July unless they take action otherwise.

**Action Items**

**1. Police Patrol Vehicle**

Councilmember Jim Cross made a motion to accept the low bid from Long McArthur Ford in the amount of \$26,845.60 for a 2017 Ford Utility Police Interceptor. Councilmember Wagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2. Industrial Park Land Sale**

Councilmember Jim Cross made a motion to approve the contract for purchase and sale of real estate between the City of Russell and US Energy Partners, LLC as presented. Councilmember Wagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Land Transfer Agreement**

Councilmember Jim Cross made a motion to approve the real estate exchange contract as presented. Councilmember Stoppel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. Substation Metering Upgrade**

Councilmember Jim Cross made a motion to authorize the purchase of the Primary Metering Cabinet through Kriz-Davis in the amount of \$33,269 plus tax, and authorize the acceptance of Mid-States Energy Works proposal for installation in an amount not to exceed \$38,050 plus tax, with U.S. Energy Partners reimbursing the City once the project is completed. Councilmember Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Public Fireworks Display Permit and Special Event Application**

Councilmember Jim Cross made a motion to approve the permit for public fireworks display and special event application as presented with waiver of fees. Councilmember Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Special Event Application – Russell Main Street Inc.**

Councilmember Wagner made a motion to approve the special event application as presented with waiver of fees. Councilmember Jim Cross seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. Resolution 14-17 Cereal Malt Beverage Consumption on Public Property**

Councilmember Stoppel made a motion to approve Resolution 14-17 Cereal Malt Beverage Consumption on public property. Councilmember Peirano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. Resolution 15-17 Nuisance Abatement**

Councilmember Jim Cross made a motion to approve Resolution 15-17 authorizing the removal of the nuisance(s) from 327 W 11<sup>th</sup> and providing the abatement costs, if any, incurred by the city shall be charged against the lots or parcels of ground on which the nuisance is located. Councilmember Stoppel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. Ordinance 1893 – Rezoning Recommendation**

Councilmember Jim Cross made a motion to approve the recommendation of the planning commission and adopt Ordinance No. 1893 denying the application to rezone Blocks seventeen (17), Eighteen (18) and Nineteen (19), Windsor Park Addition to the City of Russell, Kansas from R-2 District to A-1 District. Councilmember Peirano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**10. Ordinance 1894 – Zoning Regulation Change; Fees**

Councilmember Wagner made a motion to approve the recommendation of the planning commission and adopt Ordinance No. 1894 amending application fees under the zoning regulations for the City of Russell from \$50 to \$100. Councilmember Peirano seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**11. Ordinance 1895 – Zoning Regulation Change; C-1 District Set Back Requirement**

Councilmember Jim Cross made a motion to approve the recommendation of the planning commission and adopt Ordinance No. 1895 amending the zoning setback regulations for the Central Business District of the City of Russell. Councilmember Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Wagner made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Jim Cross seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments**

None

**Executive Session**

Councilmember Jim Cross made a motion to go into executive session for discussion of Non-Elected Personnel to include the Council and the City Manager for 10 minutes coming out at 6:21. Councilmember Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Councilmember Jim Cross made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Stoppel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



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Katrina Woelk, City Clerk