

July 7, 2020

**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 Madden, Cross, Stoppel, Wagner, Matt Driscoll, Mitch Driscoll and Morrill.

The following staff members participated by virtual conference: Electric Director Duane Banks, Fire Chief Dylan Riedel and Public Works Director Rich Krause. The Following staff members were present: City Manager Jon Quinday, Assistant City Manager Kayla Schneider, Building Official Roger Sells, Police Chief Dale Weimaster, and City Clerk Katrina Woelk.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments

None

Presentations and Public Hearings

1. Water Conservation Status

City Manager Quinday updated the council on the status of the City's wells and Big Creek.

2. Economic Development Strategic Plan

Mike Parsons, Russell County Economic Development Director, presented his strategic plan for his office.

3. 2021 Budget – Discussion of Levying Funds

City Manager Quinday gave an overview of the proposed Levying Funds budget and asked direction from the council.

Councilmember Matt Driscoll made a motion to fund Russell Economic Development \$6,250; Russell Main Street \$7,000; Russell Area Chamber of Commerce \$500; Western Kansas Child Advocacy \$1,000; Options \$1,000 and

Ad Astra \$0. Councilmember Morrill seconded. The motion carried 5 to 2 with Councilmembers Cross and Madden voting no.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Madden made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Mitch Driscoll seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

1. US Department of Agriculture Grant – Downtown Revitalization Project

Councilmember Stoppel made a motion to allow City Staff to apply for the USDA Community Facilities Grant and authorize the Mayor to sign all documents pertaining to the grant. Councilmember Mitch Driscoll seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

1. Resolution to Abate a General Nuisance at 148 Barbara Street

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the removal of the nuisance(s) from 148 Barbara 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 Wagner seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Resolution to Set a Public Hearing Date for a Dangerous Structure at 1537 N Lincoln

Councilmember Cross made a motion to approve the Resolution setting a public hearing for September 1, 2020 at 4:30pm, where the owner(s), his or her agent, and lien holders of record and any occupant of the structure(s) at 1537 N Lincoln may appear and show cause why such structure(s) should not be condemned as unsafe or dangerous and ordered repaired or demolished. Councilmember Morrill seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Special Event Application – Russell’s Downtown Market

No action taken

4. Change in Zoning Regulations Ordinance

Councilmember Cross made a motion to adopt such recommendation by ordinance. Councilmember Stoppel seconded. The motion carried 5 to 2 with Councilmember Matt Driscoll and Mitch Driscoll voting no.

Department Reports

1. SPARK Funds

City Manager Quinday updated the council on the discussions with Russell County for the disbursement of SPARK Funds.

Public Comments

None

Executive Session

1. For Matters Deemed Subject to Attorney-Client Privilege

Councilmember Cross made a motion to recess into executive session, to include the City Manager and City Attorney, to discuss potential litigation, pursuant to the consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship exception, KSA 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 6:25 p.m. Councilmember Madden seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilmember Madden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Morrill seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Katrina Woelk, City Clerk