

**CITY OF FORT SCOTT  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Minutes of April 3, 2018**

**Regular Meeting #7**

The regular meeting of the Fort Scott City Commission was held April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, 123 S. Main, Fort Scott, Kansas.

**ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners Adamson and Nichols were present with President of the Commission Bartelsmeyer presiding. Commissioner Parker and Mayor Mitchell were absent.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Allen Pruitt, Associate Pastor, Grace Baptist Tabernacle, said a prayer asking God for guidance for the city and all government and city officials.

**AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:** Bobby Duncan, Frank Adamson, Dave Bruner, Kenny Howard, Lindsay Madison, Allen Pruitt, Paul Ballou, Deb Needleman, Janet Braun, Larry Gazaway, Travis Shelton, Robert Nelson, Kathy Ogle, Brenda Ogle, Chad Brown, Sandra Haggard, Gayle Ballard, Diana Morriss, Deb McCoy, Christa Horn, Sutton Horn, Billie Jo Drake, Alan Drake, Clayton Miller, Laura Meeks, Joel Tucker, and Jason Silvers, representing the Fort Scott Tribune.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:**

Fair Housing Month Proclamation – President of the City Commission, Cindy Bartelsmeyer, read a Proclamation which proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Fort Scott and urged fair housing practices throughout the City

National Safe Digging Month Proclamation - President of the City Commission, Cindy Bartelsmeyer, read a Proclamation which proclaimed the month of April as National Safe Digging Month and urged citizens to call 811 before they dig.

National Service Recognition Day Proclamation – April 3, 2018 - President of the City Commission, Cindy Bartelsmeyer, proclaimed April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 as National Service Recognition Day and encouraged residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our country; to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND APPROPRIATIONS/CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- B. Approval of Appropriation Ordinance 1212-A totaling \$403,509.27.

- C. Resolution 19-2018 & Notice of Hearing with Reference to Alleged Unsafe and Dangerous Structure located at 1306 E. Wall Street – Public Hearing Date – 5/15/2018 – 6:15 p.m.

Nichols moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Adamson seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA.**

**APPEARANCE/COMMENTS/PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. APPEARANCE:**

1. **Christa Horn – C.A.S.A. Funding Request** - - Mrs. Horn appeared before the Commission and thanked the City for their support in the past years. Bourbon County C.A.S.A. is now in its 28<sup>th</sup> year of providing advocates for our community's abused and neglected children. There are currently over 100 children in foster care in Bourbon County. She believes every child in foster care deserves the support and advocacy of a C.A.S.A. volunteer. She thanked all the volunteers with C.A.S.A. who go above and beyond the call of duty to assist children with needs. With the City's financial support, they can recruit, train and support enough volunteers to care for every child in the foster care system.

President of the Commission Bartelsmeyer presented Christa Horn with a check for \$5,000 for C.A.S.A.

Rhonda Dunn – Requests for closure of streets for Good Ol' Days event:

Old Fort Blvd. from Wall Street to National Avenue  
Main Street from Skubitz Plaza to Third Street  
Scott Street from Wall Street to Second Street  
Wall Street from National to Scott  
First Street from National to Scott Street  
Second Street from National to Scott Street  
Use of Memorial Hall for Baby Contest and Talent Extravaganza  
Heritage Park at corner of First and Main  
Parking lot behind Heritage Park  
Parking lot at corner of Third and Main  
Parking lot at Second and Scott  
Parking lot at Wall and Scott  
Parking lot at Wall and alley between Main and Scott  
Parking lot between Memorial Hall and the Library  
Parking lot between National and Block House (Carnival will begin setting up here on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>)  
Parking lot between Old Fort Blvd. and H & H Realty Agency (Carnival will begin setting up here on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>)  
Old Fort Blvd – South side from National to alley (Carnival will begin setting up here on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>)

Skubitz Plaza – No special set up for event this year, but need Old Fort Blvd closed when tents go up Wednesday on east bound from Main. All closed Thursday and Friday.

Bartelsmeyer moved to approve the street closings for Good Ol' Days. Adamson seconded. All voted aye.

**B. CITIZEN COMMENTS** (Concerning Items Not on Agenda – 3 minute limit per citizen) -

Bob Farmer, City Attorney, again admonished the City Commission not to respond to Mr. Duncan, who has signed up to speak. There is a liability issue now. He reiterated that City Staff is willing to meet with Mr. Duncan at any time.

Bobby Duncan brought up the City Commission minutes from June of 2015 when the code footprint was addressed. He does not believe it pertains to a historical building. He said that the City issued the mandate for the code footprint. He would like to pursue a fair resolution and wants what is right to be done.

Robert Nelson informed the Commission that last week Westar Energy installed a light at Nelson Park. He thanked the City for the light and said the park is used a lot by young children and their parents.

He also thanked the Police Department for patrolling in that area. They provide safety by their presence and should be commended.

**C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Nichols moved to open the Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m. Bartelsmeyer seconded. Motion carried.

**OPENED PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:20 P.M.**

6:00 p.m. Public Hearing – Gilmore & Bell – Resolution approving the issuance by the City of Wichita, Kansas of its Health Care facilities Revenue Bonds for the purpose of financing and refinancing the acquisition, construction, improvement and equipping of an existing senior living facility located in the City of Fort Scott, Kansas – Approval of Resolution No. 20-2018 – City Attorney said that the purpose of this resolution is for a bond issue that has been refunded to be refinanced. This is a statewide bond issue with Presbyterian Villages in the state of Kansas. Fort Scott should receive around \$200,000 to improve their parking lots and make improvements to their facility. The City has no liability of any kind.

Adamson moved to approve Resolution 20-2018. Nichols seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED RESOLUTION 20-2018 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS OF ITS HEALTH CARE FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING AND REFINANCING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF AN EXISTING SENIOR LIVING FACILITY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS.**

Nichols moved to close the Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m. Adamson seconded. All voted aye.

**CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:23 P.M.**

Bartelsmeyer moved to open the Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m. Adamson seconded. Motion carried.

**OPENED PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:23 P.M.**

6:15 p.m. Vacation of Alley – 16’ platted alley lying between Lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11, and Lots 2,4, 5, 6,10 & 12, Block 5, J. W. McMillan’s First Addition to the City of Fort Scott – 1<sup>st</sup> & McCleverty - Brenda & Kathy Ogle – Myrtle Hull – Approval of Ordinance No. 3532 – Brenda Ogle, resident, informed the Commission that they recently purchased the house next to them. They have been maintaining this property and there has never been an alley there. They would like to have it vacated.

Nichols moved to approve to vacate the alley. Adamson seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED VACATION OF ALLEY – 16’ PLATTED ALLEY LYING BETWEEN LOTS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11, AND LOTS 2,4, 5, 6,10 & 12, BLOCK 5, J. W. MCMILLAN’S FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT**

Bartelsmeyer moved to close the Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m. Adamson seconded. All voted aye.

**CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:25 P.M.**

**CONSIDERATION:** None

**COMMISSION/STAFF:**

**A. Director Updates:**

Dave Bruner – Smoke Detector Program – Dave shared with the Commission and the audience a brief American Red Cross video for the Sound the Alarm, Save a Life Campaign. He gave statistics of residents who do not have smoke detectors in their homes. There have been three residential fires so far this year and none of these structures had working fire detectors. The Campaign date has been set for May 6<sup>th</sup>,

from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. They will provide materials for volunteers to either install or replace batteries in resident's homes who have signed up to have this service done. There will be more to come on this project.

Kenny Howard – Airport Update – Kenny shared photos of the airport and some upgrades that have been completed. New computers and wiring have been installed. The pilot's lounge has been painted, and also the old bushes in front of the terminal have been removed. He showed a photo of the new courtesy van that was donated to the airport courtesy of Russ Briggs. The airport is very busy. He has sold 30,000 gallons of jet fuel already this year.

Larry Gazaway – Tourism Website Update – Larry shared the new tourism website with the Commission. It is [visitfortscott.com](http://visitfortscott.com). It is a very informative website.

**B. City Commission:**

Adamson – Thanked Dave Bruner for the smoke detector program he is bringing to Fort Scott.

Bartelsmeyer – Nothing to report.

Nichols – Thanked Christa Horn for all of her hard work with the C.A.S.A. program.

Parker – Not present

Mitchell – Not present

**C. City Attorney:** Nothing to report

**D. Director of Finance:** Jon Garrison, Director of Finance, informed the Commission that bids were opened on March 28<sup>th</sup> for the construction of the new golf cart shed at Woodland Hills Golf Course. There were four bids received with the low bid from J.T. Contracting of Fort Scott, Kansas in the amount of \$64,997.00. Agricultural Engineering has reviewed the bids and approved the low bid also. There was \$73,862.78 budgeted for this project so it came in under budget which is good. He asked for approval for the bid from J.T. Contracting.

Nichols moved to approve the low bid from J.T. Contracting of Fort Scott in the amount of \$64,997.00. Adamson seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED LOW BID FROM J. T. CONTRACTING OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,997.00 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW GOLF CART SHED AT WOODLAND HILLS GOLF COURSE.**

**E. City Manager:**

1. Highway 69 Meeting – City Manager said that he attended a Highway 69 meeting in Topeka yesterday. Sam Mason was the Vice President of this organization and they asked him to attend. The group met with the Governor who states that the four lane from Fort Scott to Pittsburg and then to I-44 is still a high priority. There is no talk of a bypass around Fort Scott.
2. Fisher Park – City Manager said that Fort Scott.Biz did an article on Fisher Park. Frank Adamson is very passionate about Fisher Park and improvements that will be made there. The property across the street has been secured. Ag Engineering is designing a parking lot in the south part of the lot. The City is waiting to see how the Title 9 with USD 234 plays out first.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Nichols moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Adamson seconded. All voted aye.

**ADJOURNED MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

**RECORDED BY:**

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**DIANE K. CLAY**  
**CITY CLERK**