

**CITY OF FORT SCOTT  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Minutes of April 4, 2017**

**Regular Meeting #7**

The regular meeting of the Fort Scott City Commission was held April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, 123 S. Main, Fort Scott, Kansas.

**ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners Adams, Bartelsmeyer, Mason and Nichols were present with Mayor Mitchell presiding.

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

**AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:** Travis Shelton, Dustin McClure, Clayton Miller, Deb Needleman, Lindsay Madison, Rhonda Dunn, Janet Braun, Rachel Pruitt, Brian Rhoades, Cory Schenkel, Jessica Schenkel, Ted Shadid, Larry Gazaway, Michelle Workman, representing Fort Scott Biz, and Jason Silvers, representing the Fort Scott Tribune.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:**

Fair Housing Month Proclamation - Mayor JoLynne Mitchell 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 - Mayor JoLynne Mitchell read a Proclamation which proclaimed the month of April as National Safe Digging Month and urged citizens to call 811 before they dig.

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

- A. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- B. Approval of Appropriation Ordinance 1190-A totaling \$126,131.45.
- C. Resolution 16-2017 – Notice of Hearing with Reference to Alleged Unsafe and Dangerous Structures and Accessory Structures located at 1920 S. Huntington Blvd., Lots 4A/5A, Lot 21B, Lot 25B, Lot 36C and Lot 44C – Public Hearing Date – 5/16/2017 – 6:15 p.m.

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

**APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA.**

**APPEARANCE/COMMENTS/PUBLIC HEARING:**

- A. **APPEARANCE:** None

- B. CITIZEN COMMENTS** (Concerning Items Not on Agenda – 3 minute limit per citizen) - Ted Shadid said the he looks forward to working with the City to improve the conditions at the trailer park.

City Manager said that they had a joint meeting today with Mr. Shadid and what needed to occur at the trailer park.

- C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**CONSIDERATION:** None

**COMMISSION/STAFF:**

- A. Director Updates:** Dustin McClure – New City Website – Informed the Commission that back in July of 2016 the City entered into an agreement with CivicPlus to design a new website. This new website went live on March 24<sup>th</sup>. City staff has spent a lot of time developing their pages and updating and contributing to them. This is a module based website which makes it easy to navigate. He shared the website with the Commission and showed them the different sections.

Rhonda Dunn, Community Development Director, informed the Commission that she has an agreement between PedNet Coalition and the City of Fort Scott. This agreement is for consulting services to develop a bicycle and pedestrian master plan for the City of Fort Scott as part of the Healthy Bourbon County grant. This plan will include an inventory of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, a summary of locations where this infrastructure is lacking and where new could be built, and a prioritized list with cost estimates. The cost is \$55,862 which will be paid for by the grant that the City received. The final results will be brought back before the Commission. She asked for approval to waive the competitive bidding process and approve the consulting firm of PedNet Coalition of Columbia, Missouri in the amount of \$55,862.

Nichols moved to waive the competitive bidding process and approve the consulting firm of PedNet Coalition of Columbia, Missouri in the amount of \$55,862.00. Mason seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED TO WAIVE THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND APPROVE THE CONSULTING FIRM OF PEDNET COALITION OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,862.00.**

Rachel Pruitt, Economic Development Director, informed the Commission that she is needing letters of support for the Fort Scott Lofts project to send to the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation in Topeka. She reminded them that the Fort Scott Lofts is a project at 18, 20, and 22 S. Main. These letters will help support their need for tax credits and funding for this project.

Commissioners asked Rachel to draft a letter which they will sign at their next meeting in April.

Rachel Pruitt also introduced the new Tourism Manager for the City of Fort Scott, Larry Gazaway.

Larry Gazaway stated that he is excited to begin this new job and looks forward to marketing Fort Scott.

**B. City Commission:**

Adams – Nothing to report.

Bartelsmeyer – Welcomed Larry Gazaway!

Mason – Remarked that he is excited to see the City move forward.

Nichols - Stated that he is excited about Larry Gazaway as he will be a good person for this position – excited to see Fort Scott move forward.

Mitchell – Nothing to report.

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

**D. Director of Finance:** Nothing to report.

**E. City Manager:** Nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mason moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Nichols seconded. All voted aye.

**ADJOURNED MEETING AT 6:22 P.M.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**RECORDED BY:**

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**DIANE K. CLAY  
CITY CLERK**