

**CITY OF FORT SCOTT
CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

Minutes of May 2, 2017

Regular Meeting #9

The regular meeting of the Fort Scott City Commission was held May 2nd, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, 123 S. Main, Fort Scott, Kansas.

ROLL CALL:

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

INVOCATION: Michael Mix, Public Utilities Director, said a prayer asking God for guidance for the city and all government and city officials.

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE: Travis Shelton, Michael Mix, Clayton Miller, Deb Needleman, Lindsay Madison, Shawn O'Brien, Joel Riggs, Connie Tidd, Kim Bell, Alan N. O'Hara, Bill Knapp, Millie Lipscomb, Dale Johnson, Scott Flater, Mark McCoy, Will Rayburn, Rachel Pruitt, Jim Shoemaker, Paul Ballou, Janet Braun, Michelle Workman, representing Fort Scott Biz and Jason Silvers, representing the Fort Scott Tribune.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:

National Nursing Home Week – May 14-20, 2017 - Mayor Mitchell read a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 14-20, 2017 as National Nursing Home Week in the City of Fort Scott and urged all citizens to support quality of life in nursing facilities by visiting the residents.

Fort Scott Kiwanis Club – Recognition of work at Gunn Park – Mayor Mitchell recognized Ralph Carlson, Jim Sackett and John Townsend of the Fort Scott Kiwanis Club who saw a need to repair the little house at the entrance to Gunn Park. The caretaker of the park, Earl Kelly, built this house in the winter of 1926 or 1927 for his daughter. These three men saw a need and repaired and restored the small little house which represents much history within our community. Service is at the heart of the Fort Scott Kiwanis Club which focuses on changing the world by serving children, one child and one community at a time. Another generation of children will enjoy their work.

The Mayor presented a Certificate of Recognition to Scott Flater, Dale Johnson, Mark McCoy and Travis Shelton on behalf of the City Commission.

Recognition of Pawnee 4H Club in attendance – Mayor Mitchell informed the audience that the Pawnee 4H Club were unable to attend due to sickness of some of the members in the group.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND APPROPRIATIONS/CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of April 18th, 2017.
- B. Approval of Appropriation Ordinance 1192-A totaling \$281,121.49.
- C. Cereal Malt Beverage Beer Garden Application – Bourbon County Shrine Club – June 2nd & 3rd, 2017 – Skubitz Plaza location
- D. Beer Garden – Fort Scott Elks Lodge #579 – June 2nd & 3rd, 2017 – 3rd & Main Location
- E. Good Ol’ Days – June 1, 2, & 3, 2017 – Requests the following street closures and parking lots (No activities on Sunday this year)

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 Fort Scott Idol
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 30th)
Parking lot between Old Fort Blvd. and H & H Realty Agency (Carnival will begin setting up here on Tuesday, May 30th)
Old Fort Blvd – South side from National to alley (Carnival will begin setting up here on Tuesday, May 30th)
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.

Mason moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Bartelsmeyer 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) - None

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6:00 p.m. Public Hearing – Consideration of Downtown Commercial Rehabilitation Project at 124 E. Wall Street – CDBG Grant – City Manager said that this Public Hearing will be held at a later date.

Bartelsmeyer moved to open the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. Mason seconded. All voted aye.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:05 P.M.

6:00 p.m. Public Hearing – Consideration of Ordinance No. 3499 establishing a Redevelopment District within the City and making certain findings in conjunction therewith – 2322 S. Main Redevelopment District – Rachel Pruitt introduced Kim Bell, Bond Counsel with Gilmore and Bell and Joel Riggs, Real Estate Director for the property commonly known as Woods Supermarket.

Kim Bell informed the Commission that in March the Commission adopted a Resolution setting a public hearing for tonight. This resolution was published in the Fort Scott Tribune and mailed to each owner and occupant of land within the proposed redevelopment district, as well as to the Bourbon County Commission and USD #234. This public hearing will adopt an ordinance creating a TIF district. It was determined that a TIF district was eligible at this location as an Enterprise Zone was created prior to 1992 for this location.

Ms. Bell stated that the first step is to create a TIF District in the boundaries published. The next step is to approve the adoption of a Community Improvement District. After the adoption of this ordinance there is a 30 day adverse effect time frame. If no adverse effects are noted, the next step is to approve the specific project plan and costs and feasibility of the project. This will go the Planning Commission for approval and back to the City Commission for final approval.

Joel Riggs informed the Commission that this is the first step in purchasing the piece of property formerly known as Woods Supermarket and a piece of property in the parking lot between Tractor Supply and the former Woods store.

Mayor Mitchell asked if there were any comments from the audience and there were none.

Bartelsmeyer moved to approve the adoption and creation of the TIF district at 2322 South Main. Nichols seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED ORDINANCE NO. 3499 OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS ESTABLISHING A REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS IN CONJUNCTION THEREWITH (2322 S. MAIN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT).

Bartelsmeyer moved to close the Public Hearing at 6:12 p.m. Nichols seconded. All voted aye.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING at 6:12 P.M.

CONSIDERATION:

1. Consideration of Bids – Three sets of bunker gear - Paul Ballou, Fire Chief informed the Commission that bids were taken for three (3) sets of bunker gear. There was only one bid received from Weis Fire and Safety Equipment Company of Salina, Kansas in the amount of \$6,691.17. Approval was recommended.

Mitchell moved to approve the bid from Weis Fire and Safety Equipment Company of Salina, Kansas in the amount of \$6,691.17 for three (3) sets of bunker gear. Mason seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED THE BID FROM WEIS FIRE AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT COMPANY OF SALINA, KANSAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,691.17 FOR THREE (3) SETS OF BUNKER GEAR.

2. Consideration to bid out update to College Booster Pump Station – City Manager asked that this be taken off the agenda tonight as a discrepancy was found in the bid documents.

COMMISSION/STAFF:

A. Director Updates: None

B. City Commission:

Adams – Not present.

Bartelsmeyer – Nothing to report.

Mason – Nothing to report.

Nichols - Nothing to report.

Mitchell – Nothing to report.

C. City Attorney: Not present.

D. Director of Finance: Nothing to report.

E. City Manager:

1. City Manager informed the Commission that he had a quarterly meeting with Lorie Harter, Publisher of the Fort Scott Tribune. He thanked Jason Silvers for the great job he does in covering the City Commission meetings. He would still like to see days added to the paper's publication and relayed this to Ms. Harter.
2. Michael Mix informed the Commission that he wished to commend the Wastewater Collections crew who recently have had issues with a manhole at 12th and the bypass with overflowing. They recently discovered a huge tree root and removed this root. The manhole did not overflow once this weekend with all the rain we received. He thanked Bill Boge, Rick Hurd, and Mike Erie for the great job they do every day.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mason moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m. Nichols seconded. All voted aye.

ADJOURNED MEETING AT 6:18 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on May 16th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

RECORDED BY:

**DIANE K. CLAY
CITY CLERK**