

**CITY OF FORT SCOTT  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

**Minutes of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Regular Meeting #6**

The regular meeting of the Fort Scott City Commission was held March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Meeting Room at City Hall, 123 S. Main Street, Fort Scott, Kansas.

**ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners P. Allen, J. Jones, T. Van Hoecke and Matthew Wells were present with Mayor K. Allen presiding.

**INVOCATION:** Matthew Wells, City Commissioner, said a prayer asking God for guidance for the City, our Government and City officials.

**AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:** Travis Shelton, David Saker, Jason Dickman, Doug Guns, Jimmy Kemmerer, Don Tucker, Jean Tucker, Kayla Hall, Cheryl Van Hoecke, Charlotte Thompson, Bret Shogrun, Anne Dare, Shawn Goans, Dave Bruner, and Michael Miles.

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS:** Mayor Kevin Allen stated that he wanted to recognize Dick Hedges who gave many years of his life to the City of Fort Scott serving as City Commissioner for 12 years and four different terms as Mayor. He will be missed.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** Mayor Kevin Allen asked that Item P under Consent Agenda and Item #12 under New Business be added to the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

B. Approval of Appropriation Ordinance 1308-A totaling \$1,266,495.29.

C. Request to Pay – Earles Engineering, Inc.:	
Building Inspection	\$ 284.00
City Engineer	\$4,120.00
Fort Scott Dam Improvements-Design	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
Total	\$11,904.00

D. Resolution 6-2022 and Notice of Hearing with Reference to Alleged Unsafe and Dangerous Structure located at 208 N. Little Street – Public Hearing Date – 5/3/2022 @ 6:15 p.m.

E. Resolution 8-2022 and Notice of Hearing with Reference to Alleged Unsafe and Dangerous Structure located at 601 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street – Public Hearing Date – 5/3/2022 @ 6:15 p.m.

- F. Resolution 9-2022 and Notice of Hearing with Reference to Alleged Unsafe and Dangerous Structure located at 1409 S. Ransom Street – Public Hearing Date – 5/3/2022 @ 6:15 p.m.
- G. Resolution 10-2022 and Notice of Hearing with Reference to Alleged Unsafe and Dangerous Structure located at 220 S. Judson Street – Public Hearing Date – 5/3/2022 @ 6:15 p.m.
- H. Resolution 11-2022 and Notice of Hearing with Reference to Alleged Unsafe and Dangerous Structure and Accessory Structure located at 316 S. Heylman Street – Public Hearing Date – 5/3/2022 @ 6:15 p.m.
- I. Resolution 12-2022 and Notice of Hearing with Reference to Alleged Unsafe and Dangerous Structure and Accessory Structure located at 731 S. Heylman Street – Public Hearing Date – 5/3/2022 @ 6:15 p.m.
- J. Resolution 13-2022 and Notice of Hearing with Reference to Alleged Unsafe and Dangerous Structure and Accessory Structure located at 604 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street – Public Hearing Date – 5/3/2022 @ 6:15 p.m.
- K. Resolution 14-2022 and Notice of Hearing with Reference to Alleged Unsafe and Dangerous Structure and Accessory Structure located at 722 S. Heylman Street – Public Hearing Date – 5/3/2022 @ 6:15 p.m.
- L. Resolution 15-2022 and Notice of Hearing with Reference to Alleged Unsafe and Dangerous Structure and Accessory Structure located at 312 S. Heylman Street – Public Hearing Date – 5/3/2022 @ 6:15 p.m.
- M. Resolution 16-2022 and Notice of Hearing with Reference to Alleged Unsafe and Dangerous Structure and Accessory Structure located at 1021 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Public Hearing Date – 5/3/2022 @ 6:15 p.m.
- N. Resolution 17-2022 and Notice of Hearing with Reference to Alleged Unsafe and Dangerous Structure and Accessory Structure located at 623 Short Street – Public Hearing Date – 5/3/2022 @ 6:15 p.m.
- O. February financials
- P. Request to Pay – Olsson Associates – Airport Engineering – Rehabilitate Runway Project - \$16,080.00

Pete mentioned copies of the letter that Ryan Collier referenced regarding the fence at 12<sup>th</sup> and Main. He also asked for the copies of the three letters sent by the City Attorney. He has not received these at all.

City Manager will get this information to him.

Pete asked if Jason Dickman had a proposal for Manhole 148 for inspections. He would like to see it as soon as possible.

J. Jones moved to approve the Consent Agenda including Item P. T. Van Hoecke seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA INCLUDING ITEM P.**

**Public Comment:**

(Sign up required. Comments on any topic not on the agenda and limited to 5 minutes per person, at Commission discretion)

Anne Dare: Ms. Dare stated that she appreciated the Street Advisory Board and their listening to the public recently at their meeting on the subject of brick streets. She urged them to remember the water, sewer, and gas lines underneath the streets. She asked if they had a Capital Improvement Plan for their streets. She realized that they have had some challenging decisions recently on streets and other issues.

City Manager said that they have a list of the worst streets in town. He is working with Charles Gentry, Chairman of the Street Advisory Board on the brick street issue. He asked her for time to get the CIP plan created. He is in his 9<sup>th</sup> week.

Shawn Goans – Mr. Goans asked about the Wall Street expansion project and where the City was on it. He has had a business there seven years and stated there is a parking issue. He is concerned that they will remove parking on Wall Street and where citizens will park. His business uses this parking area all the time. He also mentioned that citizens walk across Wall Street all the time. He asked where the vehicles would go and park? This will affect his business greatly.

P. Allen stated that this is not the time to discuss it. It is in the planning stages still.

**Appearances:**

Jesse Hazen – Request to use Riverfront Park – Car & Bike Show for Good Ol' Days – Mr. Hazen appeared before the Commission and requested the use of the Riverfront Loop Road for the Good Ol' Days Car and Bike Show. They would like to use this all day on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. He mentioned that he has talked to Jerry Witt of the Riverfront Authority Committee, and he is fine with this group using the park.

T. Van Hoecke moved to approve the use of Riverfront Park and the Loop Road for the Good Ol' Days Car and Bike Show on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. K. Allen seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED THE USE OF RIVERFRONT PARK AND THE LOOP ROAD FOR THE GOOD OL' DAYS CAR AND BIKE SHOW ON SATURDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2022.**

Kayla Hall – Good Ol' Days donation – Ms. Hall said that this is the 41<sup>st</sup> year of Good Ol' Days. This event brings lots and lots of visitors to town. All their committee members serve on a volunteer basis. She asked the City Commission for a \$5,000 donation for Good Ol' Days to be able to bring in more events.

City Manager said that there is funding in economic development from the sale of the First Source building.

M. Wells moved to approve to allocate \$5,000.00 to the Good Ol' Days event from the economic development fund. T. Van Hoecke seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED TO ALLOCATE \$5,000.00 TO THE GOOD OL' DAYS EVENT FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.**

**Old Business:**

1. Demolition Agreement Changes (newest changes highlighted in blue) – City Manager stated that before them was the demolition agreement with the new changes highlighted in blue. He went over the proposed changes with them.

Discussion was held over the time frame from signing of the agreement to when the structure has to be completed. It was discussed that it would be good for the City Manager, City Attorney, and two City Commissioners along with Codes to sit down and go over this agreement.

City Manager will get this done and email out the proposed agreement to the Commission.

2. Business License Discussion (Matthew Wells) – Matthew Wells made a motion to develop a directory/contractor listing under the Codes Department with assistance from the Fire and Police Departments for information they will need and pull a staff person from City Hall to assist with this project.

Discussion was held regarding enforcement and if there would be a fee associated with it.

Matthew said that there would be no fee and it would be voluntarily submitted to the City.

Discussion was held regarding the form and the information needed and what Dispatch uses for an Emergency Contact form.

Josh asked the City Clerk to email this out to the Commission as she recently emailed it out to him.

Discussion was held if a fee is not assessed this yet, and if it will be assessed in the future.

Matthew Wells' motion died for lack of a second.

M. Wells made a motion for the Police and Fire Department along with Codes to work on this emergency contact form and bring back to them at the next meeting. P. Allen seconded. P. Allen and M. Wells voted aye. J. Jones, T. Van Hoecke, and K. Allen voted no. Motion denied 3-2.

**DENIED MOTION FOR THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH CODES TO WORK ON THIS EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM AND BRING BACK TO THEM AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

3. Consideration of Special Street Maintenance Program for the City of Fort Scott for 2022 (Matthew Wells) – Matthew Wells stated that he and Pete worked with the City Manager and the City Public Works staff for the plan for 2022 for streets and where the funding is coming from.

Pete stated that there is \$200,000 in additional funding. The City will have three crews: crack filling crew, brick street crew, and a special crew. Pete asked the Commission to approve this policy. He said that the policy can be changed but we need to make this a policy.

Discussion was held regarding the Request for Proposals that was recently sent out that the City Manager composed.

Discussion was held regarding asphaltting Cooper Street instead of doing the cape seal that is out for RFP's.

Josh said that he doesn't want to accept this policy with the verbiage in it. The original plan was a double chip seal for Cooper Street.

Tim said that he also has an issue with this policy.

Josh said that we have two streets that still are not finished yet – Cooper and Andrick Street.

Matthew said that we are elected to make decisions for the public.

M. Wells made a motion to adoption the Special Street Maintenance Program and approve to asphalt Cooper Street instead of using the cape seal on it. His motion died for lack of a second.

J. Jones moved to send out an addendum for Cooper Street to be asphalted. His motion died for lack of a second.

T. Van Hoecke moved to send out a Request for Proposals for 6" of asphalt for Cooper Street. J. Jones seconded. J. Jones, T. Van Hoecke, and K. Allen voted aye. P. Allen and M. Wells abstained. Motion carried 3-2.

**APPROVED TO SEND OUT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR 6" OF ASPHALT FOR COOPER STREET.**

4. Consideration of Ordinance No. 3603 – Changing Parks Advisory Board from five to seven members – City Manager said that this ordinance changes the number of board members from five to seven.

J. Jones moved to approve Ordinance No. 3603 which raises the Parks Advisory Board from five members to seven members. M. Wells seconded. J.

Jones, T. Van Hoecke, M. Wells, and K. Allen voted aye. P. Allen abstained. Motion carried 4-1.

**APPROVED ORDINANCE NO. 3603 AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP – TERMS OF THE FORT SCOTT PARKS BOARD FOR THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT AND THE FORT SCOTT MUNICIPAL CODE.**

**New Business:**

1. Consideration of Temporary Notes – Fort Scott River Intake Project (Bret Shogren – Stifel) – Approval of Resolution No 18-2022 which amends Resolution 46-2018 which authorized Improvements to the City’s public water supply system and provided for the payment of the costs thereof.  
Approval of Resolution No. 19-2022 authorizing the sale of General Obligation Temporary Notes – Mr. Shogren, Stifel, informed the Commission that the River Intake Project has an average of \$500,000. The plan is to construct the project and sell the permanent financing to U.S. Rural Development. It has come to their attention that there are some shortfalls to this project. This is not uncommon. He can issue a new temporary note to pay off the 2019 temporary note. This note would be paid off in 2023. He gave the City a schedule of events for the temporary note. The sale would be on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and bids would be opened. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 he will appear again before the Commission with the results of the bid.

T. Van Hoecke moved to approve Resolution No. 18-2022 authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Temporary Notes, Series 2022-1, of the City of Fort Scott, Kansas. J. Jones seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 18-2022 AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION TEMPORARY NOTES, SERIES 2022-1, OF THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS.**

J. Jones moved to approve Resolution No. 19-2022 of the City of Fort Scott, Kansas, amending Resolution No. 46-2018 which authorized improvements to the City’s public water supply and provided for the payment of the costs thereof. T. Van Hoecke seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 19-2022 OF THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 46-2018 WHICH AUTHORIZED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY’S PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY AND PROVIDED FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS THEREOF.**

2. Consideration of Letters of Interest – Parks Advisory Board – City Manager said that there were two letters of interest received for the Parks Advisory Board. They are from Troy McCloughan and Christopher Catalano.

J. Jones moved to approve the two individuals who applied to the Parks Advisory Board. T. Van Hoecke seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED TROY MCCLOUGHAN AND CHRISTOPHER CATALANO TO THE PARKS ADVISORY BOARD.**

3. Consideration of Letters of Interest – Lake Advisory Board – Josh said that the Lake Advisory Board recommended the appointment of Matt Noll to the Lake Advisory Board. There was also a letter of interest from Shayne Johnston.

J. Jones made a motion to appoint Shayne Johnston to the Lake Advisory Board. T. Van Hoecke seconded. J. Jones, T. Van Hoecke, and M. Wells voted aye. P. Allen voted no. K. Allen abstained. Motion carried 3-1-1.

**APPROVED APPOINTMENT OF SHAYNE JOHNSTON TO THE LAKE ADVISORY BOARD TO REPLACE NANCY VAN ETTEN.**

4. Consideration of Bids – Wastewater Treatment Plant Ground Lease – City Manager said that there were three bids received for the ground lease at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There is approximately 104 acres. The high bid is from Mike Fritter of Richards, Missouri in the amount of \$16,225; the next bid was from Joe Wimmer in the amount of \$15,800.00; and the last bid was from Ed Karleskint in the amount of \$12,000.00. Approval for the high bid was recommended.

J. Jones moved to approve the high bid from Mike Fritter of Richards, Missouri in the amount of \$16,225.00 for the ground lease at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. K. Allen seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED THE HIGH BID FROM MIKE FRITTER OF RICHARDS, MISSOURI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,225.00 FOR THE GROUND LEASE AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

5. Consideration of Bid – 17<sup>th</sup> & Eddy Drainage Project – Jason Dickman, Earles Engineering Inc. informed the Commission that bids were taken for the 17<sup>th</sup> and Eddy drainage project. There were four (4) bids received with the low bid from J. Richardson Construction of Olathe, Kansas in the amount of \$267,133.00. This includes the alternate #1 to use concrete instead of asphalt.

J. Jones moved to approve the low bid from J. Richardson Construction of Olathe, Kansas in the amount of \$267,133.00 for the drainage project at 17<sup>th</sup> and Eddy. M. Wells seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVE THE LOW BID FROM J. RICHARDSON CONSTRUCTION OF OLATHE, KANSAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$267,133.00 FOR THE DRAINAGE PROJECT AT 17<sup>TH</sup> AND EDDY.**

6. Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance No. 3591 – Uniform Public Offense Code – Effective 4/1/2022 – Travis Shelton, Chief of Police, informed the Commission that this ordinance adopts the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas cities and will allow the Fort Scott Municipal Court to prosecute misdemeanors. There are a few violations that will still be prosecuted in District Court and those are repealed in this ordinance.

T. Van Hoecke moved to adopt Ordinance No. 3591 – the Uniform Public Offense Code. J. Jones seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED ORDINANCE NO. 3591 ADDING SECTION 10.05 REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES, 37<sup>TH</sup> EDITION, WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS, CHANGES, AND ADDITIONS, PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS AND PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES.**

7. Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance No. 3592 – Establishment of a Fingerprint Fee for the Fort Scott Municipal Court - Travis Shelton, Chief of Police, informed the Commission that the Fort Scott Municipal Court has not had a fingerprint fee before and with the misdemeanors being prosecuted, some defendants will be required to be fingerprinted. This fee is at \$45.00.

J. Jones moved to approve Ordinance No. 3592 creating a fingerprint fee. M. Wells seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED ORDINANCE NO. 3592 ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR FINGERPRINTING FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS AND CREATING SECTION 10.05.10, CREATION OF A FINGERPRINT FEE IN THE FORT SCOTT MUNICIPAL CODE.**

8. Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance No. 3593 – Establishment of a Warrant Fee for the Fort Scott Municipal Court - Travis Shelton, Chief of Police, informed the Commission that there has not been a warrant fee for the Fort Scott Municipal Court. This ordinance establishes a \$25.00 warrant fee per warrant.

M. Wells moved to establish a warrant fee for the Fort Scott Municipal Court. T. Van Hoecke seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED ORDINANCE NO. 3593 ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR SERVING A WARRANT FOR THE FORT SCOTT MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS AND CREATING SECTION 10.05.10, CREATION OF WARRANT FEE IN THE FORT SCOTT MUNICIPAL CODE.**

9. Discussion of Fire Department coverage territory expansion – Michael Miles, Deputy Fire Chief, informed the Commission that the Fire Department is considering a program that the Nevada Fire Department utilizes. Currently the Fort Scott Fire Department responds to fire calls within the City limits. The Fire Department will respond to other agencies upon request with our mutual aid agreements. They are researching expanding the Fire Department's coverage into Scott Township's district. This would be provided by agreeing to an annual membership fee to cover the costs of responding to fire calls outside the City limits. The annual membership would be an at-will agreement. The Fire Department does not wish to force this on any resident. This would take some planning and designating the properties into Dispatch's CAD system which is a service we currently have. This would help County



residents get covered for fire protection with immediate response, as these residents are normally protected by volunteer departments. These volunteers are normally not at their stations so response times can be delayed.

From research obtained, the fees associated begin round \$150.00. This will potentially lower insurance costs for those in the township areas. ISO ratings could be lowered as well with the automatic fire response in place. The goal at the Fire Department is to create a resolution for these funds to where the revenue obtained from this agreement goes into the Fire Department's budget where it can only be used on personnel, equipment, and apparatus replacement in the future. This will benefit the City overall to assist on budget restraints at times. The documents attached in their packet are used to determine our own resolutions and policies. He would like to change the verbiage to meet our needs and standards. He has visited with the City Attorney, City Manager, and Human Resource Director to discuss this potential policy. They also attended Scott Township's board meeting and gained their approval of proceeding with this potential contract base response. He said he also talked to several homeowners in the potential coverage area and has been welcomed with high praise. This would be an approximate five (5) outside of the City limits and he included a map of that area. He asked for approval for the department to continue to get data and move forward with this possible expansion.

T. Van Hoecke moved to approve for the Fire Department to move forward with the possible expansion of coverage and continue to get data and numbers. M. Wells seconded. J. Jones, T. Van Hoecke, M. Wells, and K. Allen voted aye. P. Allen abstained. Motion carried 4-1.

**APPROVED FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF COVERAGE AND CONTINUE TO GET DATA AND NUMBERS.**

Kevin Allen left the room at 8:26 p.m.

10. Consideration of Invoice – Skitch's Hauling & Excavation, Inc. - \$1,560.00 – February 2022 Port-a-Potties – Josh Jones said that this invoice has been approved by City staff and is ready for approval.

J. Jones moved to approve the Skitch's Hauling & Excavation Inc. invoice for \$1,560.00 for February 2022 port-a-potties. T. Van Hoecke seconded. J. Jones, T. Van Hoecke, and M. Wells voted aye. P. Allen voted no. Motion carried 3-1.

**APPROVED THE SKITCH'S HAULING & EXCAVATION INC. INVOICE FOR \$1,560.00 FOR FEBRUARY 2022 PORT-A-POTTIES.**

Kevin Alen returned to the room at 8:27 p.m.

11. Discussion of National Avenue Project (Jason Dickman) – Jason said that there are two issues with National Avenue. The contract with Heckert from

13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> on National and then there is the contract with Bettis on the overlay.

- Report on Surveying Lake Lots – Jason said that they are looking at the lake lots.

T. Van Hoecke said that the Lake Advisory Board asked that the City wait three to five years to sell any more lots and he thinks that is fine.

J. Jones said they need to be surveyed.

Jason said that it is on their schedule.

- Report on Surveying Old City Landfill property – Jason said that they had a two week delay on this survey due to the weather but are back working on it.

12. Consideration of Woodland Hills Golf Course:

- Tournament fee change – City Manager said that the Golf Course Advisory Board met and recommended the change from \$30.00 for each tournament player to \$30.00 for each player up to 68 players, when the carts are full, to \$16.00 a player after that.

A cap of \$4,500 per day was recommended also.

J. Jones moved to approve the change in tournament fees. K. Allen seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED THE CHANGE IN TOURNAMENT FEES FROM \$30.00 TO \$30.00 FOR THE FIRST 68 PLAYERS UNTIL THE CARTS RUN OUT AND THEN \$16.00 A PLAYER AFTER THAT WITH A CAP OF \$4,500.00.**

- Ordinance No. 3604 amending the board members from five to seven – City Manager said that the Advisory Board recommended changing the number of board members from five to seven members.

J. Jones moved to approve Ordinance No. 3604 amending the number of members from five to seven on the board. M. Wells seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED ORDINANCE NO. 3604 UPDATING ORDINANCE NO. 3395, AMENDING THE MEMBERSHIP – TERMS OF THE FORT SCOTT GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT AND THE FORT SCOTT MUNICIPAL CODE.**

- Consideration of Letters of Interest (two openings) – City Manager said that there were two letters of interest received for the board: Jayce Simons and Cathy Bishop.

J. Jones moved to approve the two letters of interest from Jayce Simons and Cathy Bishop for the Golf Course Advisory Board. M. Wells seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED LETTERS OF INTEREST FROM JAYCE SIMONS AND CATHY BISHOP FOR THE GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD.**

**Reports and Comments:**

**A. Commissioner Reports and Comments:**

A. City Manager Comments: City Manager stated that the demolition at 323 S. Hill Street done by Saker Demolition is not acceptable. He has layered the concrete and it looks horrible. It is not a clean job, and he considers it a breach of contract.

B. City Attorney Comments: None

C. Commissioners Reports and Comments:

J. Jones – Josh asked for an update on the parking on National in front of Margo's.

City Manager is checking into it.

He asked about the EMS coverage and if the City charged \$75.00 to every entity that utilizes it.

City Manager said that he will look into it.

J. Jones made a motion for the City to waive the EMS fees for the Mud Run event. T. Van Hoecke seconded. All voted aye.

**APPROVED TO WAIVE THE FEES FOR THE MUD RUN EVENT FOR EMS COVERAGE.**

P. Allen – Pete stated that three years ago he signed up to run for City Commissioner to help make some difficult decisions. He said that tonight it is apparent and clear to him that is false. He has worked tirelessly for three years to help carry the City of Fort Scott forward and improve the streets, sewer, water and infrastructure. He has not been met with the response he anticipated. He doesn't understand how they can vote against a program recommended by the City Engineer, City Manager, and two City Commissioners. He said that due to this fact he is resigning immediately from the Fort Scott City Commission.

City Attorney informed the Commission that they needed to accept his resignation and move forward with finding a replacement for him within 10 days. He also said he is sorry that Pete feels this way.

Kevin asked if they had to accept his resignation. He didn't like some of the verbiage in the policy.

Pete said it made no difference because he was done.

City Attorney said that he doesn't have to submit a written letter and that his verbal resignation will work.

Kevin asked if we could have a special meeting tomorrow and let Pete sleep on it tonight.

M. Wells – Nothing to report.

T. Van Hoecke – Tim recognized Dick Hedges as a great leader in this community and for all he has done.

He asked the City Manager about a 1<sup>st</sup> quarter squat analysis report.

Tim stated that he would support Pete in his decision whatever it is.

K. Allen – Kevin asked about the painting of the Freeman's building at Wall and National.

City Clerk told him that it needs to go before the Design Review Board first and then the City Commission for approval of the colors.

**Adjournment:**

K. Allen moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. T. Van Hoecke seconded. All voted aye.

**ADJOURNED MEETING AT 9:12 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Clay, MMC  
City Clerk