

**CITY OF FORT SCOTT
CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

Minutes of April 19th, 2022

Regular Meeting #8

The regular meeting of the Fort Scott City Commission was held April 19th, 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 J. Jones, T. Van Hoecke, S. Walker, 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, Rachel Carpenter, Jason Dickman, Rob Harrington, Brandon Cameron, Doug Miller, David Saker, Stan Jones, Doug Guns, Brad Matkin, Jody Hoener, Bert Lewis, Doug Miller, and Brian Thurston.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of April 5th, 2022.
- B. Approval of Appropriation Ordinance 1310-A totaling \$425,303.56.
- C. Request to Pay #4 – L. G. Barcus & Sons, Inc – Fort Scott Dam Improvements - \$351,825.38
- D. Request to Pay – HDR Engineering, Inc. – Fort Scott Dam Improvements - \$20,365.35
- E. Request to Pay – Olsson Engineering - \$10,720.00 – Airport Design – Taxiway Rehabilitation Project
- F. Request to Pay - Earles Engineering & Inspection, Inc. (March Invoices)

Building Inspection	\$1,136.00
City Engineer	\$4,120.00
Ft. Scott System Design	\$4,500.00
Cooper St Reconstruction	\$1,420.00
On-call Project Manager (WWTP-CDBG)	<u>\$3,528.00</u>
Total	\$14,704.00
- G. March financials

Shane asked that the March financials be removed from the agenda for approval as there is an error in them.

M. Wells moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of the March financials. J. Jones seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE MARCH FINANCIALS.

Public Comment:

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

Rob Harrington – Mr. Harrington asked if the Commission could look at the area in the 1400 block of Horton and see if the street could be repaired. There are issues with driveways dropping off from the asphalt on the street.

City Manager will look at it.

Appearances:

Jody Hoener – Healthy Bourbon County Action Team Grant – Ms. Hoener said that she has three items to discuss with the Commission. The first item is the Prairie Pathways Bike Route. All three neighboring counties have approved the bike route as well as the cities involved. Signage will be occurring in the very near future. There will be a ceremony on September 17th, 2022. This is the same time as the Marmaton Massacre event. It will be held from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on North National in the 100 to 200 block of North National. She asked for the street to be shut down as they will plan on having a band playing and selling t-shirts. She asked for approval for the street closure on that date.

S. Walker moved to approve the street closure for the 100 to 200 block of North National Avenue on September 17th, 2022, from 12:30 p.m. till 4:00 p.m. for the celebration of the Prairie Pathways Bike Route. M. Wells seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED THE STREET CLOSURE FOR THE 100 TO 200 BLOCK OF NORTH NATIONAL AVENUE ON SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2022 FROM 12:30 P.M. TILL 4:00 P.M. FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE PRAIRIE PATHWAYS BIKE ROUTE.

Her next item is the T-Mobile Grant. This grant was awarded to the City back in October. She has met with them to discuss the best location and also the time frame. She stated that Rachel Carpenter attended the local Farmers Market meeting recently regarding where the location of the proposed arch way. The time frame for the completion of the grant has been extended until March 31st, 2023. She handed out a copy of the new T-Mobile grant contract which was signed by the City Manager and herself.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed archway, the location, and if Bourbon County R.E.D.I. was involved in this process also.

Rob Harrington, Director, Bourbon County R.E.D.I. stated that he has not been involved or seen anything on this grant to date.

Tim Van Hoecke said that the City pays for Bourbon County R.E.D.I. to oversee their grants and he has no knowledge of this grant. He said he became aware when an announcement was made by the City Manager this morning at a downtown function, and he received a call about it.

City Manager said that he was not bypassing Bourbon County R.E.D.I. and there is nothing set in stone regarding the location.

Discussion was held that we need to be sure that this archway does not affect the view of the Fort Scott National Historic Site.

T. Van Hoecke moved for the City Commission to be able to see the final plans and to make sure that Rob Harrington of Bourbon County R.E.D.I., a member of the Fort Scott National Historic Site, and Shane Walker, City Commissioner are included in their committee meetings on this grant. K. Allen seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED FOR THE CITY COMMISSION TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE FINAL PLANS AND TO MAKE SURE THAT ROB HARRINGTON OF BOURBON COUNTY R.E.D.I., A MEMBER OF THE FORT SCOTT NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, AND SHANE WALKER, CITY COMMISSIONER ARE INCLUDED IN THEIR COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON THE T-MOBILE GRANT.

Her last item was a Pledge to Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the Pathways to a Healthy Community Pledge Placemaking Package. She stated that this pledge states that the City will work with the Coalition to assess current conditions and policies related to this effort to inform work on the package and several other items. Also, a written agreement has to be developed that includes how the project impacts populations of focus, links the placemaking effort to promotion of healthy eating and/or active living; commits to the space being commercial tobacco free, including vaping; allows public access to the space; and maintains a permanent structure for at least five years.

Rachel Carpenter informed the Commission that the Bourbon County Action Team is looking at two projects. The first is the archway at Farmers Market which will be headed up by the Chamber of Commerce. The second is a pavilion and upgrades at 3rd Street Park.

City Attorney recommended tabling this item at this time so he and the Commission can review this pledge and discuss at the May 3rd, 2022 meeting.

Bert Lewis – 2022 Prom – Ms. Lewis appeared before the Commission on behalf of the Fort Scott 2022 Prom. The Prom will be held at Liberty Theater this year. She asked for Main Street to be closed between 1st and 2nd Street on May 7th from 2:00 p.m. till 12:00 a.m. She also asked for the use of the City parking lots south of Cheney Witt and South of Bids & Dibs to be closed off for valet parking. This is also from 2:00 p.m. till 12:00 a.m. She asked for the use of two City golf carts

to assist with parking in this area. The walk-in for Prom will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and the Prom is from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

J. Jones moved to approve the above-mentioned street closure and use of City parking lots for the 2022 Prom. M. Wells seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED FOR THE CLOSURE OF MAIN STREET IN THE 100 TO 200 BLOCK TO BE CLOSED ON MAY 7TH, 2022 FROM 2:00 P.M. TILL 12:00 A.M. FOR THE 2022 PROM TO BE HELD AT LIBERTY THEATER. ALSO APPROVED USE OF CITY PARKING LOT SOUTH OF CHENEY WITT AND THE CITY PARKING LOT BEHIND CITY HALL. ALSO APPROVED USE OF TWO CITY GOLF CARTS FOR THEIR USE FOR THIS EVENT.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Approval of Best Bid for General Obligation Temporary Notes – Stan Jones, Stiefel Company, informed the Commission that he was present for the Commission to approve the sale of the temporary notes. He shared the Official Statement with them. He commended the City Manager on the Moody's Financial Rating teleconference that was held recently. The City received an A1 rating which is the best that you can receive. He shared a graph of interest rates from April 2020 to April 14, 2022, and the interest rates are up 14 points from last week. There were six (6) bids received with the low bid from County Club Bank, in conjunction with City State Bank, our local bank, in the amount of 2.150%. The high bid was 3.00% from Northland Securities, Inc. There was \$265,843.75 from the transfer of the 2019-1 project fund which will be applied. This results in a total amount of \$5,710,536.50. The first payment is due on 12/1/2022 in the amount of \$64,798.61, and the last payment is due on 12/1/2023 in the amount of \$5,541,637.50. He asked for approval for the bid to Country Club Bank in the interest amount of 2.150%.

S. Walker moved to approve the low bid for County Club Bank in conjunction with City State Bank in the amount of 2.150% for the General Obligation Temporary Notes for the River Intake Project in the total amount of \$5,710,536.50. M. Wells seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED THE LOW BID FOR COUNTY CLUB BANK IN CONJUNCTION WITH CITY STATE BANK IN THE AMOUNT OF 2.150% FOR THE GENERAL OBLIGATION TEMPORARY NOTES FOR THE RIVER INTAKE PROJECT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$5,710,536.50.

Approval of Resolution No. 20-2022 authorizing and directing the Issuance, Sales and Delivery of General Obligation Temporary Notes, Series 2022-1, of the City of Fort Scott, Kansas; providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax, if necessary, for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said notes as they become due; making certain covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security thereof; and authorizing certain other documents and actions connected therewith.

J. Jones moved to approve Resolution No. 20-2022 for the General Obligation Temporary Notes. T. Van Hoecke seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 20-2022 AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION TEMPORARY NOTES, SERIES 2022-1, OF THE CITY OF FORT SCOTT, KANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX, IF NECESSARY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID NOTES AS THEY BECOME DUE; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS CONNECTED THEREWITH. - \$5,710,536.50 – RIVER INTAKE PROJECT

2. Consideration of Lake Fort Scott Dock Bids – Doug Guns, Sports Facilities and Lake Director, informed the Commission that bids were taken for a dock at Lake Fort Scott. There was one bid received from Krantz Docks in the amount of \$12,640.00.

Discussion was held where this dock would be placed, and the number of docks needed.

Doug said that they are mobile and can be moved.

Tim asked about any grants that would be available.

Doug said grants through Kansas Wildlife and Parks are for fishing docks only.

J. Jones moved to purchase two boat docks from Krantz Docks in the amount of \$12,640.00 each and place one dock at the main dock and the south end and move the one at the main dock to Scoritino Park and for the funds to be taken out of the Lake Improvement Fund. He also included in his motion for Doug Guns to apply for four (4) fishing docks with Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. T. Van Hoecke seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED TO PURCHASE TWO BOAT DOCKS FROM KRANTZ DOCKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,640.00 EACH AND PLACE ONE DOCK AT THE MAIN DOCK AND THE SOUTH END AND MOVE THE ONE AT THE MAIN DOCK TO SCORITINO PARK AND FOR THE FUNDS TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE LAKE IMPROVEMENT FUND. HE ALSO INCLUDED IN HIS MOTION FOR DOUG GUNS TO APPLY FOR FOUR (4) FISHING DOCKS WITH KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND PARKS.

3. Consideration of Mowing Bids – Brad Matkin, Human Resource Director, informed the Commission that the City went out for bid for the mowing at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water Treatment Plant, Riverfront Park, Lake Fort Scott, Rock Creek Lake, and Code violation yards. The bids are as follows:

Doug Miller bid only on the Codes violation yards - \$18.00 for small residential yards 6,000 sq feet or less, and \$30.00 for larger than 6,000 square feet or larger. He also bid a flat amount of \$18,000.00 for the entire mowing season.

Terry Weddle bid \$500.00 per mowing at Riverfront Park and \$500.00 per mowing at the Water Treatment Plant.

Arnold's Lawn Care bid \$975.00 for mowing at Lake Fort Scott and Rock Creek Lake per mowing, \$800.00 per mowing at Riverfront Park, \$700.00 per mowing for Water Treatment Plant, and \$450.00 per mowing for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Wright Outdoors, LLC bid \$1,050.00 per mowing at Lake Fort Scott and Rock Creek Lake and \$645.00 per mowing at Water Treatment Plant.

4C Lawn Care bid \$2,500.00 per mowing at Lake Fort Scott and Rock Creek Lake, \$375.00 per mowing at Water Treatment Plant, \$450.00 at Wastewater Treatment Plant, and for Codes violation yards - \$20.00 for small residential yards 6,000 sq feet or less, and \$25.00 for larger than 6,000 square feet or larger.

4T Lawn and Landscape bid \$1,950.00 per mowing at Lake Fort Scott and Rock Creek Lake, \$1,250.00 per mowing for Riverfront Park, \$350.00 per mowing at Water Treatment Plant, and \$2,850.00 at Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Brad mentioned the City crews that mow for the City currently and what areas they mow. Brad mentioned the savings it would be for the City to continue mowing with the personnel they have. For the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the savings would be \$292.00 per week for the City to mow; Water Treatment Plant \$420.00 in savings per week; Riverfront Park \$356.00 in savings per week; and Lake Fort Scott and Rock Creek Lake - \$450.00 in savings per week. Brad recommended awarding the Codes violation yards to Doug Miller. It would be savings to the City to award this bid to him.

M. Wells moved to keep the City crew mowing at Lake Fort Scott and Rock Creek Lake, Riverfront Park, Water Treatment Plant, and Wastewater Treatment Plant and to award the Codes violation yards to Doug Miller at the amount \$18.00 for small residential yards 6,000 sq feet or less, and \$30.00 for larger than 6,000 square feet or larger. J. Jones seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED TO KEEP THE CITY CREW MOWING AT LAKE FORT SCOTT AND ROCK CREEK LAKE, RIVERFRONT PARK, WATER TREATMENT PLANT, AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND TO AWARD THE CODES VIOLATION YARDS TO DOUG MILLER AT THE AMOUNT \$18.00 FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL YARDS 6,000 SQ FEET OR LESS, AND \$30.00 FOR LARGER THAN 6,000 SQUARE FEET OR LARGER.

Tim Van Hoecke asked that the mowing charge for the City Codes violations be increased from \$50.00 per yard to \$100.00 per yard.

City Clerk told him that is part of an ordinance, and she will have it amended for their next meeting to consider.

4. Consideration of Zero Turn Mower Bid – Lake Fort Scott & Rock Creek Lake – Brad Matkin and Doug Guns appeared before the Commission on the bids for the Zero Turn Mower. Bids were taken for the purchase of a zero-turn mower to be used at Lake Fort Scott and Rock Creek Lake. In the past the Lake has shared a mower with the Airport. The Airport will be down to one person this summer and he will be very busy.

Discussion was held regarding how many mowers the City currently has.

Brad said he was told that we don't know where all the mowers are.

Josh said that we have made it work in the past and should be able to make it work again.

Brad said it could cause some overtime.

J. Jones moved to table this bid for 90 days so the City can research the mowers that they have. T. Van Hoecke seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED TO TABLE THE ZERO TURN MOWER BID FOR 90 DAYS.

Junior Golf League – Doug Guns informed the Commission that Dustin Fowler and he have been researching Junior Golf Leagues along with Bradford Demo who is employed by the P.G.A. and serves on the Golf Course Advisory Board. This would be for children from age 6-15 and the season would be from June 1st through September 30th. There is a \$99.00 fee to the P.G.A. and then the fees determined for the Golf Course. He said that the Fort Scott High School pays a \$1,200.00 fee. He recommended charging the Junior Golf League the same amount as the Fort Scott High School.

J. Jones moved to approve Junior Golf League and to allow children 12 and under to play free with a paying adult and assess the \$1,200 fee. M. Wells seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED JUNIOR GOLF LEAGUE AND TO ALLOW CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER TO PLAY FREE WITH A PAYING ADULT AND ASSESS THE \$1,200.00 FEE FOR THE JUNIOR LEAGUE.

5. Consideration of Cooper Street Concrete Bids – City Manager informed the Commission that bids were taken on the concrete for Cooper Street. This is for 2,290 cubic yards of K.D.O.T. approved mix to be delivered to Cooper Street. There were two bids received: O'Brien Ready Mix of St. Paul, Kansas at \$100.00 per cubic yard, and Hammerson Ready Mix in the amount of \$110.00 per cubic yard. Approval for the O'Brien Ready Mix low bid was recommended.

M. Wells moved to approve the low bid from O'Brien Ready Mix of St. Paul, Kansas in the amount of \$100.00 per cubic yard for Cooper Street Concrete. J. Jones seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED LOW BID FROM O'BRIEN READY MIX OF ST. PAUL, KANSAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 PER CUBIC YARD FOR COOPER STREET.

Metal and Rebar Bid – City Manager said that Tom Coffman, Public Works Manager, took quotes for mesh and rebar for the Cooper Street project. Judy's Iron & Metal did not submit a quote. There was a quote from Carter-Waters of Kansas City, Missouri in the amount of \$52,762.50 for the mesh and rebar. He asked for approval of this quote.

M. Wells moved to approve the quote of \$52,762.50 from Carter Waters for mesh and rebar for the Cooper Street project. T. Van Hoecke seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED QUOTE FROM CARTER WATERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,762.50 FOR MESH AND REBAR FOR THE COOPER STREET PROJECT.

6. Consideration of Appointment to the Street Advisory Board – City Clerk informed the Commission that there was only one letter of interest submitted for the Street Advisory Board which was from Steve Mason. The Street Advisory Board met on Thursday, April 14th, 2022 and recommended the appointment of Steve Mason to replace Randy Bohlken.

J. Jones moved to approve the appointment of Steve Mason to replace Randy Bohlken on the Street Advisory Board. T. Van Hoecke seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVE MASON TO REPLACE RANDY BOHLKEN ON THE STREET ADVISORY BOARD.

Kevin Allen left the room at 7:46 p.m.

7. Consideration to Pay – Skitch's Hauling & Excavation, Inc. - \$2,610.00 – March port-a-potties –

M. Wells moved to approve the invoice to Skitch's Hauling & Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$2,610.00 for the March port-a-potties. S. Walker seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED THE INVOICE TO SKITCH'S HAULING & EXCAVATION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,610.00 FOR THE MARCH PORT-A-POTTIES.

Kevin Allen returned to the room at 7:47 p.m.

8. Consideration of Earles Engineering & Inspection, Inc. – Boundary Survey for Six (6) Additional Lake Lots – City Manager said that this is for the survey of the six additional lake lots at Lake Fort Scott for Earles Engineering to survey.

Josh asked for a time frame.

Jason said that it will take about four weeks to get started and 60 days until delivery of the survey. The amount for the survey is \$5,760.00.

M. Wells moved to approve the boundary survey for six additional lake lots at Lake Fort Scott for Earles Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$5,760.00. J. Jones seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED THE BOUNDARY SURVEY FOR SIX ADDITIONAL LAKE LOTS AT LAKE FORT SCOTT FOR EARLES ENGINEERING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,760.00.

9. Police Department Wages – Brad Matkin, Human Resource Director, informed the Commission that he has been researching wages at the Police Department. Currently there are three (3) openings on the force. If salary increases are given, it would amount to approximately \$33,500.

City Manager said that the budget would have to be amended possibly.

Brad shared area surrounding community's salaries with the Commission also. Fort Scott is the lowest of any of the surrounding areas. This definitely hurts recruitment and retention.

T. Van Hoecke moved to approve the proposed increase in the Police Department wages. M. Wells seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE OVERALL ESTIMATE OF \$33,500.00.

10. Consideration of court order to sell seized property – Travis Shelton, Chief of Police, appeared before the Commission that in July of 2019 there was a criminal investigation that involved property. The Bourbon County Attorney's Office has processed this case and agreed to split the following with the City of Fort Scott:

Property at 2217 Poplar Road, which consists of one farmhouse and five outbuildings, and 152 acres will be auctioned off by Lance Anderson, Auctioneer. The two parties will have joint possession of the property until the public auction. Both parties will share equally in the cost of the public auction including auctioneer fees and advertising and after that each party will receive one-half of the proceeds.

Chief Shelton asked for approval for the Mayor to sign the real estate contract with the auctioneer, Lance Anderson.

T. Van Hoecke moved to approve to allow the Mayor to sign the real estate contract with the auctioneer, Lance Anderson. J. Jones seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED TO ALLOW THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE REAL ESTATE CONTRACT WITH THE AUCTIONEER, LANCE ANDERSON. THIS IS FOR THE 152 ACRES LOCATED AT 2217 POPLAR ROAD SEIZED PROPERTY.

11. Consideration of Special Street Maintenance Program- Matthew Wells, City Commissioner informed the Commission that this program has been before them several times with requested changes. This is a ten (10) year program. This plan follows the 2018 City's Comprehensive Plan and states that the City will be proactive in the provision of utility and transportation infrastructure at a level that will support the desired rate of growth of the community. The City will identify the best, most cost-effective methods of addressing the current shortcomings of its aging street network in order to produce safe, well-maintained streets and sidewalks and that the Special Street Maintenance Program is the most cost-effective method. This plan states that the City has 73 miles of streets which must be maintained. The City's 2022 budget for streets is \$1.213 million.

Tim said that the City Manager has approved this plan, and this is the best plan we have to move forward.

Matthew said that the 2022 plan addresses all the arterial streets with the intent to have them cape sealed this year to protect those streets. The City will begin to address collector streets in 2023-2024 to move forward. This plan changes some of the ratings of some streets: Wall to Charles – arterial; Margrave from Wall to 6th – residential; and 6th from Broadway to Margrave, arterial.

M. Wells moved to approve the 2022 Special Street Maintenance Program. T. Van Hoecke seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED THE 2022 SPECIAL STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.

12. Consideration of Special Street Maintenance Program Street List – Matthew Wells shared the list of street designations per K.D.O.T. These streets are categorized between Major, Arterial, Collector and then Residential was added.

M. Wells moved to approve the Street List for the Special Street Maintenance Street Program. T. Van Hoecke seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED THE STREET LIST FOR THE SPECIAL STREET MAINTENANCE STREET PROGRAM

13. Reconsideration of demolition bid award for 619 S. Ransom Street – City Manager asked that 323 S. Hill be addressed first.

City Manager said that 323 S. Hill Street has been cleaned up almost. He met with Dave Saker yesterday on this. All the big concrete has been removed.

A Commissioner asked if the tree trunk and the garden hose and any remaining trash also be picked up before payment is made.

T. Van Hoecke moved to approve the payment of \$2,000.00 for 323 S. Hill Street is made contingent upon the cleaning up of the remainder of the debris and the City Manager authorizing the payment. M. Wells seconded. J. Jones, T. Van Hoecke, S. Walker, and M. Wells voted aye. K. Allen abstained. Motion carried 4-1.

APPROVED THE PAYMENT OF \$2,000.00 FOR 323 S. HILL STREET IS MADE CONTINGENT UPON THE CLEANING UP OF THE REMAINDER OF THE DEBRIS AND THE CITY MANAGER AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT

City Manager asked Mr. Saker to come and address the Commission on 619 S. Ransom and the bid and if he can be a competent bidder on City demolition projects.

Mr. Saker said that the demolition at 323 S. Hill had too many people involved and there was a lot of miscommunication. This will not happen again.

Commissioners were in agreement that everyone deserves a second chance, and they were willing to award the bid to him.

T. Van Hoecke moved to award the bid at 619 S. Ransom to Dave's Demolition. M. Wells seconded. J. Jones, T. Van Hoecke, S. Walker, and M. Wells voted aye. K. Allen abstained. Motion carried 4-1.

APPROVED TO AWARD THE BID AT 619 S. RANSOM TO DAVE'S DEMOLITION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800.00.

Reports and Comments:

A. Commissioner Reports and Comments:

A. City Manager Comments:

Lake Sewer Connection Application – New – City Manager said that the new Lake Sewer Connection Application is in their packet. He asked for approval of this form.

M. Wells moved to approve the Lake Sewer Connection Application. T. Van Hoecke seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED LAKE SEWER CONNECTION APPLICATION.

Farmers Market – City Manager asked the Commission to provide two port-a-potties during the Farmers Market season.

Discussion was held about the port-a-potties in close contact with the Fort Scott National Historic Site and if the bathrooms can be used at the Chamber or the downtown City bathrooms.

City Manager will check into the location of the port-a-potties and get back to them.

League – K.O.M.A. Training – City Manager said that the City Clerk has checked with the League on Kansas Open Meetings training which is required for them to attend.

City Attorney agreed that it is required for them to attend by the Attorney General's Office.

City Clerk will check with them on dates that are available.

Wayfinding Signage – City Manager said that he is looking into grants for wayfinding signs at the entrances into the City.

B. City Attorney Comments: None

C. Commissioners Reports and Comments:

T. Van Hoecke – Tim asked about Memorial Hall steps and if Earles Engineering has had time to look into them.

Jason said that hopefully this week that will happen and the contractor will come up and look.

Thanked the City Manager for fixing the railroad tracks by 5 Corners as there was rebar showing

Tim reminded the public that this Sunday is the NICA bicycle race.

Tim announced that the Fort Scott Community College Cheer team received 6th place in the nation!

Tim reminded the public that this Friday, April 22nd is the Downtown Cleanup Day in downtown Fort Scott.

Tim mentioned that he would like to attend the next Golf Course Advisory Board meeting. He was disappointed as he wanted to golf on Sunday, but ended up going to Nevada as our golf course was closed even though it was 40 degrees outside.

J. Jones – Josh asked about the buoy placement.

Chief Shelton said that as soon as the Lake Patrol Officer gets the boat out this will be addressed.

He asked about the handicapped parking on National Avenue.

City Manager said that will be addressed on Friday.

Josh asked the City Attorney about the ordinance on the Sunday liquor sales.

City Attorney said he has drafted the change for the next agenda for their review and approval.

M. Wells – Matthew asked about the compaction on the Old Faithful project.

Jason Dickman said that there were going to be changes made to the ordinances, but that didn't happen. He will research this.

Matthew asked who was doing inspections on the Old Faithful project.

Jason said that they have many years of experience with Nowak Construction, and they are a very good contractor who stands behind their work.

Matthew asked about the water that is getting into Memorial Hall and shared a photo with the City Manager of an open hole in the alley.

City Manager will check into this.

Matthew asked about the Tourism Assistant position.

City Manager said that the City is splitting that position between Tourism and Codes.

Matthew said that he would volunteer himself to be a representative on the Tourism and Street Advisory boards.

Commissioners said that not all boards have any City representation, and it is not needed.

Matthew announced that the League is holding training on April 29th in Manhattan. He is thinking about attending the training.

S. Walker – Shane informed the Commission that Rob Harrington is here and would like to have an executive session at the end of the meeting.

Shane reminded the public that the NICA race is this weekend. They would like to start a team of kids cycling with possibly including kids from Pittsburg to compete at different courses.

K. Allen – Kevin asked about the stop signs at 2nd and Heylman.

Chief Shelton said that he does not recommend removing the signs due to the location of the signs.

Kevin asked about the No Parking signs on 12th Street.

Chief Shelton said that the signs have been ordered.

Executive Session:

S. Walker moved to recess into Executive Session for the financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships exception in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4) until 9:15 p.m. This will include City Commissioners, City Attorney, Rob Harrington, and Kelley Zellner. Open session will reconvene into the City Commission meeting room. J. Jones seconded. All voted aye.

T. Van Hoecke moved to come out of Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. and back into open session in the City Commission meeting room. M. Wells seconded. All voted aye.

Adjournment:

T. Van Hoecke moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. J. Jones seconded. All voted aye.

ADJOURNED MEETING AT 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Clay, MMC
City Clerk