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SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
123 SOUTH MAIN STREET
FORT SCOTT, KANSAS 66701
6:30 P.M.

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A special meeting of the Fort Scott City Commission was held November 8th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Meeting Room, 123 S. Main Street, Fort Scott, Kansas.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Kevin Allen, Randy Nichols, and Lindsey Watts were present with Mayor Josh Jones presiding. Pete Allen was absent.

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE: Travis Shelton, Carey Spoon, and Bailey Lyons.

CONSIDERATION:

J. Jones moved to open the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m. L. Watts seconded. All voted aye.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:04 P.M.

1. 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing - Approval of Resolution No. 34-2021 – Approval certifying the legal authority to apply for the 2019 Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program from the Kansas Department of Commerce and authorizing the Mayor to sign and submit such an application – Carey Spoon, Planning & Development Consultant, for Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission, informed the Commission that this public hearing is being held to discuss the City's submission of an Urgent Need application for the CDBG program. The maximum Urgent Need grant that may be requested is \$400,000. The City match is \$285,000.00. The City proposes to address concerns on 8 and 16 North National Avenue including: the loose and deteriorated masonry at the top of the walls, joint reinforcement, framing, shoring, installment of parapet caps, reconstruction/repair of building corners, removal of all interior plaster and finishes from the exterior face of the walls, repoint and patch old joist pockets, install anchors over entire wall surface, and remove old joist ties from the exterior face of the wall. The proposed financing is \$400,000 from CDBG funding and \$285,00 from City funds.

There were no comments from the audience.

L. Watts moved to close the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m. R. Nichols seconded. All voted aye.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:07 P.M.

L. Watts moved to approve Resolution No. 34-2021, Resolution No. 35-2021, and allow the Mayor to sign all pertinent documentation relating to the CDBG Urgent Need application submission for 8 and 16 N. National. R. Nichols seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 34-2021 CERTIFYING LEGAL AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR THE 2019 KANSAS SMALL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT SUCH AN APPLICATION.

6:00 p.m. Public Hearing – Approval of Resolution No. 35-2021 that funds will be continually provided for the operation and maintenance of improvements to the building system to be financed with CDBG Grant funds.

APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 35-2021 ASSURING THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE THAT FUNDS WILL BE CONTINUALLY PROVIDED FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BUILDING SYSTEM TO BE FINANCED WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

Approval for the Mayor to sign all pertinent documentation relating to the CDBG Urgent Need application submission for concerns on 8 N. National and 16 N. National.

APPROVED FOR THE MAYOR TO SIGN ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO THE CDBG URGENT NEED APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR CONCERNS ON 8 N. NATIONAL AND 16 N. NATIONAL.

2. Approval of Sale of Property – 1st Source Building – Mark McCoy, Interim City Manager, informed the Commission that an offer has been received on the First Source building at 4500 Campbell Drive in the amount of \$312,500.00. The expected date to close is December 29th, 2021.

Bailey Lyons, Lyons Realty, said that this is a cash offer with \$5,000.00 in earnest money put down.

K. Allen asked about the buyer for the building and if it would create jobs.

Mark McCoy said that it would put the building back on the tax rolls.

Bailey said that prospective owner said it would be used as a storage/warehouse facility and any jobs created would be from local individuals. She stated that the building would be sold as is also.

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K. Allen said that he is not ready to make a decision this evening and wants time to think about it.

R. Nichols asked if this building would meet the criteria for the Industrial Park.

Mark said that it would. He also stated that Lyons Realty lowered her commission on this sale from 6% to 5%.

R. Nichols moved to approve to sell the First Source building in the amount of \$312,500.00 and allow the City Manager to sign any pertinent documentation. L. Watts seconded. R. Nichols, L. Watts, and J. Jones voted aye. K. Allen abstained. Motion carried 3-1.

APPROVED TO SELL THE FIRST SOURCE BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$312,500.00 AND ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN ANY PERTINENT DOCUMENTATION.

3. Approval of Resolutions on Sale of Lake Lots – Diane Clay, City Clerk, informed the Commission that she had been contacted by Security First Title Company that a resolution needed passed on the four lake lots that had recently sold. She asked for approval of the four resolutions and also approval if a resolution needs to be created for the First Source building.

J. Jones moved to approve Resolution No. 36-2021, 37-2021, 38-2021, and 39-2021 in regard to the sale of Lake Lots #6, #7, #8, and #9, and approval to sign a Resolution for the sale of the First Source building if needed. L. Watts seconded. R. Nichols, L. Watts, and J. Jones voted aye. K. Allen abstained. Motion carried 3-1.

APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 36-2021, 37-2021, 38-2021, AND 39-2021 IN REGARD TO THE SALE OF LAKE LOTS #6, #7, #8, AND #9, AND APPROVAL TO SIGN A RESOLUTION FOR THE SALE OF THE FIRST SOURCE BUILDING IF NEEDED.

ADJOURNMENT:

J. Jones moved to adjourn the special meeting at 6:16 p.m. L. Watts seconded. All voted aye.

ADJOURNED MEETING AT 6:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Clay, M.M.C., City Clerk