

MONDAY

APRIL 05, 2021

The Governing Body of the City of Pratt met in Regular Session in the Commission Room located at City Hall.

PRESENT:	Gary Schmidt	Mayor
	Don Peters	Commissioner
	Zach Deeds	Commissioner
	Jeanette Siemens	Commissioner
	Kyle Farmer	Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:	Bruce Pinkall	City Manager
	LuAnn Kramer	City Clerk
	Regina Goff	City Attorney
	Jamie Huber	Director of Electric Utilities
	Jeff Ward	Police Detective

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Schmidt. The Mayor instructed the City Clerk to note that all Commissioners were present.

Mayor Schmidt reminded the audience that this meeting may be taped and/or recorded.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Deeds led the audience and staff in the invocation and Mayor Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

- March 15, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 regular Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and the motion and second carried unanimously.

BUSINESS:

UPDATE ON OKTOBERFEST:

Mr. Dakota Holtgrieve asked the Commission for their formal permission to use Green Sports Complex on September 25th for Oktoberfest. Mr. Holtgrieve stated that it would be from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and had been a successful event in the past. Mr. Holtgrieve commented that they had taken last year off due to the pandemic; however, they had been able to donate pretty healthy amounts to the Hope Center and the Food Bank in the past. Mr. Holtgrieve explained that they coordinate with school events and Green Sports Complex was fenced in and had nice restroom facilities. City Attorney Goff asked if Mr. John Beverlin had the resolution done or was going to do that. Mr. Holtgrieve commented that he was not sure. Ms. Goff commented that she would get in touch with him. Commissioner Peters asked if they were going to get the same band. Mr. Holtgrieve stated that the lady was in her early 80's, so he was not

sure, but it was their commitment to get a good replacement. Ms. Goff asked if it was a consensus of the Governing Body that the Oktoberfest committee use the Sports Complex on September 25th and it was.

UPDATE ON BACK TO PRATT JAMBOREE:

Ms. Stacey Hansen informed the Commission that the plans for the Back to Pratt Jamboree were continuing and they now had a Facebook page. Ms. Hansen commented that they had close to three hundred people that had liked and shared the page and saved the date. Ms. Hansen stated that there had been people who had already made hotel reservations as well. Ms. Hansen explained that she had been in contact with City Attorney Goff about the liquor licenses. Ms. Hansen also informed the Commission that not all of the volunteers would be from Pratt and that some were from Dallas and some were from Missouri and they would be having a working weekend on April 24th starting with a little fun at the Chapeau. Ms. Hansen commented that they would have another working weekend in June and August. Ms. Hansen stated that they had reached out to civic organizations and the American Legion had offered to take charge of all the planned events at Jack Ewing Park. Commissioner Farmer asked when this event was planned for. Ms. Hansen stated that it would be October 8th, 9th and 10th, which was Columbus Day weekend, so a lot of people would have that Monday after off.

Ms. Goff stated that she was working on the legality for the sale of alcohol and there would have to be an ordinance passed by the Commission as to a specified area where the alcohol would be. Ms. Goff added that the alcohol had to stay in that specified area and have a special permit. Ms. Hansen stated that they would look at that on their working weekend. Mr. Hansen commented that City Manager Pinkall had some other ideas and they hope to have a location at the end of April or the first part of May. Mayor Schmidt was curious about them using Merchants Park and it being joined to a State highway. Mr. Pinkall stated that anything that happened on Main Street required approval from KDOT and we had to have a detoured route for traffic. Mr. Pinkall added that, blocking off Jackson Street and Ninescah Street, was a process that involves the street department and you also had to think about those businesses and residents in that area. Mr. Pinkall added that the fire station was on Jackson Street and they were a core part and had to be able to respond to fires.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF BID TO REPLACE THE PICKUP FOR THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT:

Cemetery Sexton Jeff Gilmore stated that he was using a twenty-year-old truck at the cemetery and they were spending more on repairs than the truck was worth. City Manager Pinkall stated that they had been putting back money over time and there was extra money in their trust accounts, so this was a planned purchase using both trust accounts. Commissioner Peters asked how much money was in those trust accounts. Mr. Gilmore stated that there was about \$33,000. Commissioner Peters asked if this truck would be used by any other departments. Mr. Pinkall stated that it would be if there was an emergency such as a big snow, but normally it would be used by the cemetery. Mr. Gilmore stated that the truck he had now was twenty-years-old and he was asking for a 4X4 so he could get a plow and help out during snow storms and the cemetery roads were rough. Commissioner Peters asked if the bids were part of REAP. Mr. Pinkall stated that Ford was able to offer Government discounts, so it could be part of REAP. With no further discussion, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the bid from Lanterman Motors to purchase a 2022 Ford F-250 in the amount of \$30,554. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deeds and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2105 ESTABLISHING TERM LIMITS:

City Attorney Goff stated that she had amended the term limit ordinance per the direction of the Commissioners during the work session a few weeks ago. Ms. Goff explained that this ordinance

maintains term limits, but changes them from two terms to three terms and provides for a one-year period between to be termed out instead of four years. Commissioner Peters asked if termed-out Commissioners could fill a vacant term, such as Mr. Doug Meyer filling a vacant term since he had been termed out less than a year ago. Ms. Goff stated that he could fill that vacancy. Commissioner Peters stated that that was very important to have that experience coming back on. Mayor Schmidt stated that that represents most of the discussion that we had had publicly.

With no more discussion, the following Ordinance 2105 was then presented to the Commission for their approval: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.04.160 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRATT ESTABLISHING TERM LIMITS FOR CITY COMMISSIONERS WITHIN THE CITY OF PRATT, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.** Commissioner Deeds made a motion to approve Ordinance 2105 establishing term limits as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2106 – FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE:

This agenda item was tabled until the meeting on April 19th.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2107 REZONING 1600 E. 1ST:

City Attorney Goff stated that the Planning and Zoning Board met and approved the rezoning of 1600 East First Street from C-S Highway Service to C-2 General Commercial. Ms. Goff commented that the property had been zoned correctly for Aaron's, but had to be changed for Urgent Care. Ms. Goff explained that all of the statutory requirements had been met. Mr. Pinkall commented that this change increases the use or options on that property and makes it fit in with the other businesses in that area.

With no more discussion, the following Ordinance 2107 was presented to the Commission for their approval: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OR DISTRICT OF 1600 E 1ST STREET OF THE CITY OF PRATT, PRATT COUNTY, KANSAS UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THE ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF PRATT, KANSAS, AS INCORPORATED IN THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PRATT, KANSAS.** Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2107 amending the zoning classification of 1600 East First Street from C-S Highway Service to C-2 General Commercial. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siemens and carried unanimously.

OPEN AGENDA:

- **Halfway House:**

Ms. Jan Merz, 411 West 5th Street, addressed the Commission with her concern over a halfway house that was being considered in her neighborhood. Ms. Merz asked if it could even be put in a residential area. Ms. Merz stated that the school board did not know about it and she wanted to know if it was zoned right. City Attorney Goff stated that she did not know about it either, but she would do some research. Ms. Merz stated that she thought it was for people getting out of rehab. Ms. Goff stated that she would look into it. Mayor Schmidt stated that we would refer this to our City Inspector also.

- **Ice vending Machine at Complex:**

Mr. Anthony Farrar with Fresh Water, Inc. stated that he thought he was on the agenda and he had a presentation for the Commission about putting an ice vending machine at the Green Sports Complex. Mr. Farrar commented that they had been looking at several places. Mayor Schmidt interrupted Mr. Farrar and stated that this should be an agenda item. City Manager Pinkall stated that he had talked to Recreation Director Eisenhauer about this and they had several issues. Mr. Pinkall commented that one issue was putting a private owned business on City property along with the acquisition of water and the access and it being premetered for us and the cost of all of that. Mr. Pinkall stated that there were also issues with dispensing it with the sewer and the track and soccer field and the Sports Complex and meeting our code would be a challenge. Mr. Pinkall apologized to Mr. Farrar for the confusion.

REPORTS:

- **Track meet:**

City Manager Pinkall stated that the first track meet went well.

- **Interviews:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that he was working through interviews for the Finance Director along with City Attorney Goff, Director of Electric Utilities Huber and City Clerk Kramer. Mr. Pinkall explained that we had had six zoom interviews and they had gone well and we had narrowed that down to three. Mr. Pinkall stated that we had one in-person interview today, one tomorrow and one Thursday.

- **Closed 2020:**

Mr. Pinkall informed the Commission that fiscal year 2020 was closed out and 2021 was now in the system. Mr. Pinkall stated that the departments had their 2021 forms and things were going in a positive path.

Public Works:

- **Pool:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that Public Works Director Rambat was absent, but he knew that he was working on some pre-plans for the pool and he planned on it being open at the regular time.

- **New truck:**

Mr. Pinkall informed the Commission that the new sanitation truck had been delivered.

- **Pool committee:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that the pool committee was not back together yet, but they were anxious to get back together. Mr. Pinkall commented that they were planning to move forward quickly and would start in the fall with bonds.

Electric Department:

- **One cent increase:**

Director of Electric Utilities Huber stated that we were getting ready to implement the one cent increase on the utility bills on the next cycle. Mr. Huber commented that it had been put on our website and on social media.

- **Parking lot overlay:**

Mr. Huber stated that Mr. Pinkall had not mentioned the overlay on the parking lot at the track soccer field. Mr. Pinkall commented that there was a complication where the sidewalk and the parking lot were the same height, so they were looking at putting up parking blocks. Mr. Pinkall added that they would have the stripers look at it when they were in town, so we could get the most cars in there as possible.

- **GRDA:**

Mr. Huber stated that there was supposed to be a meeting on the 8th to decide on the GRDA. Mr. Pinkall commented that the GRDA was involved in the low interest loan if we needed it to be and, if not, we would be closing that loan.

- **Ice Vending Machine:**

Mr. Huber stated that he had been working with Public Works Director Rambat and Building Inspector Blankenship on an ice vending machine at Dillon's and they should have the unit sitting there sometime in April. Mr. Huber commented that the permits had been taken care of and the electric had been bored under the parking lot. Mayor Schmidt asked if Dillon's was doing this. Mr. Huber stated that an individual was. Mr. Pinkall added that that goes back to doing it on City property.

Recreation Department:

- **Games at the Complex:**

Recreation Director Larry Eisenhower informed the Commission that the first game on the new turf would be this Friday on the Smokey Ford field. Mr. Eisenhower stated that there would be track meets and a double header at the Complex on the 9th. Mr. Eisenhower commented that Smokey Ford field was done and Pinkall Field should be done Friday or Monday. Commissioner Peters asked where all the dirt had gone. Mr. Eisenhower stated that a good portion had gone to the park department to cover the exposed roots of the trees from the flooding; however, they had gotten what they needed. Mr. Eisenhower stated that he had gotten calls from people wanting to buy it. Mr. Eisenhower explained that he had talked to Younie Lawnsapes about the price of good top soil. Commissioner Farmer asked how much we would be selling it for. Mr. Eisenhower stated that a cubic yard would be about 1 ton, so it could be \$40 to \$60 and a big dump truck would be about \$500. Commissioner Peters asked when recreation sports would start. Mr. Eisenhower stated that it would be mid-May or about a week after school gets out.

Police Department:

- **K-9 dog:**

Detective Jeff Ward stated that Chief Humble was in Texas at a conference and he wanted Sergeant Gimpel to come and show the Commissioners the K-9 dog, Fin and how he was doing. Sgt. Gimpel stated that he had just returned from a conference in Tennessee and had received his second national certification. Sgt. Gimpel commented that K-9 Fin was getting more used to the school atmosphere and crowds. Sgt. Gimpel stated that they had done very well at the conference usually receiving second or

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third in their competitions. Detective Ward stated that this was the best he had seen K-9 Fin look and he was the best K-9 dog he had worked with.

Mayor and Commission:

Executive Session:

Mayor Schmidt made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to last thirty minutes and to return at 6:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deeds and carried unanimously.

Mayor Schmidt made a motion to return from executive session at 6:40 p.m. with nothing to report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Siemens seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR:

GARY A. SCHMIDT, Mayor



ATTEST:

LUANN KRAMER, City Clerk