

MONDAY

JUNE 28, 2021

The Governing Body of the City of Pratt met in Recessed 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
	Nate Humble	Chief of Police
	Rick Shriver	County Commission Chairman
	Tom Jones	County Commissioner
	Dwight Adams	County Commissioner
	Tyson Eisenhauer	County Counselor
	Walter Stockwell	City Dispatch Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER:

The recessed 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.

BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL ON A NEW LEC AGREEMENT:

Mayor Schmidt commented that he was concerned that there was nothing specific in the LEC Agreement about who was responsible for payroll for dispatch employees, health insurance or KPERS. County Counselor Eisenhauer stated that, on Page 4 in Section 8.2, it states that the City shall be responsible for employing, supervising and paying personnel for round the clock dispatching and emergency communications services. Mayor Schmidt stated that we all know what may be going on, but in four or five years it might be all different people. Mr. Eisenhauer asked if he wanted specific language in the agreement. Mayor Schmidt stated that he did not want someone down the line thinking we used 911 funds for that. City Attorney Goff stated that it was specified by Statute on how 911 funds were to be spent. Mayor Schmidt commented that he knew that, but questioned if someone else down the line would. County Commissioner Shriver stated that they would let you know pretty quick when you turn in the report. Mr. Eisenhauer stated that Section 8.1 puts the responsibility on the City for things like payroll and insurance. Mr. Eisenhauer commented that Section 8.2 just reinforces that. Ms. Goff stated that, from a legal perspective, you would look at how it had been done in the past and how it had been executed. Ms. Goff stated that she did have a question about the County property currently situated within dispatch and shall remain property of County and costs associated with upkeep of said property shall be paid by 911 Funds. Commissioner Shriver stated that that equipment would have a 911 sticker on it. Mr. Eisenhauer clarified that anything with a 911 sticker was not County property.

Ms. Goff stated that it was beneficial that both Commissions were together in the same room to approve the LEC Agreement. With no more discussion, County Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the LEC Agreement. The motion was seconded by County Commissioner Jones and carried unanimously. City Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the LEC Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deeds and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2112 CREATING A DIVISION OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD:

Ms. Goff asked the City Commission if they had any questions about the ordinance creating an emergency board. With no discussion, the following Ordinance 2112 was presented to the Commission for their approval: **AN ORDINANCE CREATING A DIVISION OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD AS REQUIRED BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PRATT AND PRATT COUNTY, KANSAS.** Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2112 creating a division of Emergency Communications and an Emergency Communications Board as required by an agreement between the City of Pratt and Pratt County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siemens and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Peters thanked Mr. Stockwell, Chief Humble, County Counselor Eisenhower and City Attorney Goff for their professionalism in putting this LEC Agreement together. Commissioner Peters commented that it was a good agreement and we had come a long way.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- **Economic Development Contribution:**

Mayor Schmidt stated that it was about budget time and he had some questions about the Chamber, ED Corporation and the two Commissions working together and the uncertainty on how the money was being spent. Mayor Schmidt commented that the Commissioners decided the City and County would both contribute \$60,000 to Economic Development about four or five years ago. Mayor Schmidt stated that the City had done that, but it was his understanding that \$30,000 of the County's contribution went to the director's salary. Commissioner Jones stated that that was not true and that the director's salary came out of a different fund. County Clerk Voss clarified that and stated that that happened a couple of years ago. Mayor Schmidt asked if the County still contributed \$60,000 to Economic Development. Ms. Voss stated that she was fairly sure they contribute \$35,000 and \$10,000 to Blythe Family Fitness, which was part of the Economic Development. Ms. Goff asked Mr. Eisenhower if he had seen any agreement. Mr. Eisenhower commented that it was before his time as the County Counselor. Mayor Schmidt commented that it probably predated all of them here. Mayor Schmidt stated that he was wondering what the City's obligation was to Economic Development on what we had done equally five to seven years ago.

Commissioner Peters questioned if there was a reason it had been taken down to \$35,000. Commissioner Jones stated that that was what the previous Commissioners wanted to do; however, our budget was coming up and we could see what we could do. Mayor Schmidt commented that the City would think about it too and maybe get something done for 2022. Mr. Eisenhower stated that, if there was nothing currently in writing, it might be good to put something in writing.

- **Theatre:**

Commissioner Jones asked if the theatre had fallen by the way side. City Manager Pinkall stated that it kind of was, but it was not official yet. Mr. Jones questioned if there was \$250,000 of the ED money committed to the theatre project. Commissioner Peters commented that they had not made it official, but he wished they would. Commissioner Jones stated that that money would be beneficial to our funding. Mr. Eisenhauer asked what the money gets used for. Ms. Goff explained that there was a matrix they use for businesses that apply that were local or want to come to town. Mr. Eisenhauer asked if there were other uses beyond that. Ms. Goff stated that they were governed by Statute. Mr. Eisenhauer commented that he was just thinking about the chunk of money sitting there and getting a detailed analysis and determining if the question should be whether they were being over funded. Commissioner Deeds stated that they had around \$740,000 in two accounts. Commissioner Jones stated that you always want to have some money in there for the businesses that want to come to Pratt down the road that might need help.

Commissioner Deeds commented that Mr. Mark Morgan had informed the Commission that they did a little under \$120,000 in grants last year and we had out paced them with what we were putting in. Commissioner Deeds stated that bed tax had been down a little from last year; however, we were expecting the amount of money they grant to go up this year. Commissioner Deeds explained that they were redoing their matrix to accommodate retail. Mr. Pinkall added that it was not tied to new business and it could also be for an existing business as well. Mr. Pinkall commented that it was hard for retail businesses to come in because of the matrix. Commissioner Deeds stated that there was the expectation that they were going to consider approaching those that had been turned down for whatever reason and ask them to reapply.

New County Buildings:

Commissioner Shriver commented that walls would be going up in the next two or three weeks on the new buildings. Commissioner Shriver stated that slabs and foundations were poured and things were starting to pop.

LEC project:

Chief Humble stated that the windows were done on his side of the LEC. Commissioner Shriver commented that they were still waiting on some windows for the jail and the doors were at the manufacturer, so things were moving along on that project.

ADJOURN:

Mayor Schmidt made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR:

GARY A. SCHMIDT, Mayor



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ATTEST:

LUANN KRAMER, City Clerk