

TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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

PRESENT:	Zach Deeds	Mayor
	Gary Schmidt	Commissioner
	Jeanette Siemens	Commissioner
	Kyle Farmer	Commissioner
	Doug Meyer	Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:	Bruce Pinkall	City Manager
	LuAnn Kramer	City Clerk
	Brent Carver	Finance Director
	Regina Goff	City Attorney
	Nate Humble	Chief of Police
	Russell Rambat	Public Works Director
	Jamie Huber	Director of Electric Utilities
	Larry Eisenhauer	Recreation Director

CALL TO ORDER:

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

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 06, 2023 regular Commission meeting. Commissioner Siemens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF REAPPOINTMENT OF CITY MANAGER PINKALL TO THE KMEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

City Manager Pinkall stated that this appointment would keep him on the KMEA Board of Directors for an additional two years. Mr. Pinkall added that Director of Electric Utilities Huber was also on that Board. With no discussion, Commissioner Siemens made a motion to approve the reappointment of City Manager Pinkall to the KMEA Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2302 ADDRESSING THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

City Attorney Goff stated that this ordinance would change the number of members on the Recreation Board from five to seven and she had also taken out some antiquated parts where the park and recreation departments were one department. Ms. Goff explained that she had separated out the park department from the recreation department and had the park department head report to the public works department head and the recreation department head report to the City Manager. Ms. Goff added that she had also changed the member number from five to seven.

Ms. Goff stated that she had taken out some antiquated ordinances that were no longer necessary and one refers to some funds that were present in the Parks Board before it became a City board and the other was the administrative property, because some of the property had not belonged to the City but now it all does. Recreation Director Eisenhauer stated that he was good with all the changes and the applications looked good. Ms. Goff stated that the application was in the information part of the packet.

With no more discussion, the following Ordinance 2302 was presented to the Commission for their approval: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 2.56.010; 2.56.020; 2.56.040; and 2.56.050 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRATT ADDRESSING THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF PRATT, AND REPEALING SECTIONS 2.56.030; 2.56.060; AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.**

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2302 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meyer and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2303 REVISING SUNDAY SALES:

City Attorney Goff stated that the liquor store owner requested, at the last meeting, expanded sales hours that included Labor Day, Memorial Day, and 4th of July. Ms. Goff commented that this came before this Commission last year when the State expanded the Statutes to allow alcohol sales on those days; however, this body decided not to do that. Ms. Goff stated that, at the last meeting, it was the consensus of this body to do that. Ms. Goff stated she had used the model ordinance that the League had drawn up. Ms. Goff explained that Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter were not listed because they had already been prohibited by the State. Commissioner Meyer asked if she gets to open as she had asked. Ms. Goff stated that she would be able to.

With no more discussion, the following Ordinance 2303 was then presented to the Commission for their approval: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUNDAY SALES OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IN THE ORIGINAL PACKAGE WITHIN THE CITY OF PRATT, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.** Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2303 as presented in the packet. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siemens and carried unanimously.

OPEN AGENDA:

No one in the audience wished to address the Commission.

REPORTS:

City Manager:

- **Chamber meeting:**

City Manager Pinkall stated that he had attended the last Chamber meeting and they were still working on getting the Child Task Force up and running. Mr. Pinkall commented that they were going to start a Chamber after Hours and would be going to different Chamber member's stores and it would be similar to Chamber Chats. Mr. Pinkall added that the next meeting would be at a local business on March 2nd.

- **PCC Foundation:**

Commissioner Schmidt asked if he knew any thing more about PCC Foundation and the escrow account for the turf. Mr. Pinkall stated that Mr. Kent Adams had been gone, but he should be back tomorrow. Mr. Pinkall commented that he should have the information he was wanting.

City Attorney:

- **Training:**

City Attorney Goff stated that she had attended a training last week that was funded by the Federal Department of Transportation concerning amendments to citations of CDL holders. Ms. Goff commented that that was a huge contention and a lot of our State was out of compliance. Ms. Goff stated that she hopes to give our Municipal Judge some guidance and help the Municipal Court Clerk in recording these. Ms. Goff commented that CDL's were a special type of license and they were not just governed by local ordinances or State Statutes, but they were regulated by the Federal Regulation Commission, which makes it very confusing.

Public Works:

- **Application for Spring Cost Share:**

Public Works Director Rambat stated that he would be starting to fill out the application for the spring cost share and this would be his third time. Mr. Rambat commented that this would be the two blocks on North Jackson Street and Pitzer Street, to help the businesses out.

- **Pool project:**

Mr. Rambat stated that the pool project was moving along and they had some of the footings poured on the guard house. Mr. Rambat added that they might be trying to pour more of the concrete slabs in the pool today or tomorrow. Mr. Rambat commented that they would be bringing in several extra crewmen.

- **Sidewalk project:**

Mr. Rambat informed that Commission that Mr. Brian Arensdorf was still working on last year's sidewalk project and they were getting positive feedback. Mr. Rambat stated that he would be putting another project together soon.

Electric Department:

- **Journeyman program:**

Director of Electric Utilities Huber stated that he had one of his guys pass the academic side of the journeyman program and that was the hard part. Mr. Huber commented that it would become official for

Mr. Jacob Ediger in August and there were four more on his heels. Mr. Huber stated that all his linemen could be journeymen within a year.

Recreation Department:

- **Getting busy:**

Recreation Director Eisenhauer stated that they would be getting busy with PCC soccer beginning in mid-March and there would be six or seven track meets this year between Skyline, Pratt, Liberty and PCC. Mr. Eisenhauer stated that they would go right into summer tournaments and they would jump right in with the promotion of Pratt things and they were working with Chamber Director Smith and KSN, Eagle Media, and KWCH. Mr. Eisenhauer commented that the Chamber and City/Recreation Facebook pages would all interlink. Mr. Eisenhauer stated that he did not know much about GO fencing, but it pumps your paid ads in that area while you were there and that would be huge for us. Mr. Eisenhauer commented that they also had the cooperation of Wildlife and Parks.

- **Athletics:**

Mayor Deeds stated that Dr. Calvert had shared that athletes were around twenty-five; however, since the track was built, the number of participants had increased to sixty. Mayor Deeds stated that the funding was so critical and that translates to PCC's success. Mr. Eisenhauer added that they increased their female flag football by twenty-four.

Police Department:

- **Endangered Children:**

Police Chief Humble stated that the Drug and Endangered Children's Fair would be in Lemon Park on April 22nd and they would be coming in to do their spiel for the Commission.

Finance Department:

- **911 Committee:**

Finance Director Carver stated that the 911 Committee had requested that the financials be sent to the County Commissioners and the City Commissioners each month. Mr. Carver commented that he had sent the County's over to the County Clerk. Mr. Carver stated that the 911 had an annual submission and he should be done with that tomorrow.

- **Definitions:**

Mr. Carver stated that he had included definitions and notes in the packet about what accounting was, etc. Mr. Carver commented that it would be helpful to have something to look back on.

Mayor and Commission:

- **Pool updates:**

Mayor Deeds asked that the pool updates get put on Facebook.

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- **Dog Park:**

Commissioner Farmer stated that he had attended the Dog Park Committee meeting and they had raised \$8,759.01 and their goal was to build a sign and put it where to dog park was going to be built.

- **Trouble with Dogs in the Park:**

Commissioner Siemens stated that she was hearing of more problems with dogs in the park and chasing people on bikes. Commissioner Siemens asked where we were with cameras at the entrance and signs. City Manager Pinkall stated that they were waiting for IdeaTek to get access to the front of the park. Mayor Deeds stated that we need to move forward with this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Deeds made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel until 5:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Deeds made a motion to return from executive session at 5:45 p.m. with nothing to report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meyer and carried unanimously.

CORRECTION ON ORDINANCE 2302:

City Attorney Goff informed the Commission that the wrong Ordinance 2302 was in the packet and she explained. With no discussion, the corrected copy of Ordinance 2302 was presented to the Commission for their approval: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 2.56.010; 2.56.020; 2.56.040; and 2.56.050 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRATT ADDRESSING THE PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF PRATT, AND REPEALING SECTIONS 2.56.030; 2.56.060; AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.**

Commissioner Farmer amended his motion to approve the corrected copy of Ordinance 2302 as presented by City Attorney Goff. Commissioner Meyer seconded the correction and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned upon proper motion.

ZACH DEEDS, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

LUANN KRAMER, City Clerk