

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF UDALL

Monday, December 14, 2020

The Udall City Council met for the Regular Council Meeting on *Monday, December 14, 2020*, at 6:30 p.m., at the Udall Community Building. Stephen R. **Brown**, Mayor, called the meeting to order. Council members present were Janette **Adams**, Kenneth **Ault**, Brandon **Lawrence**, Matt **McAllister**, and Carlton **Smal**. Quorum established. Also present were Rose Mary Saunders, Beth Warren, Mitch Kratochvil, David Devore, Gregory Harmon, Jason Tharp, Erik King, Eric Allen, Sara Barry and Lulita Hopkins.

MODIFICATION OF AGENDA: None

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Mitch Kratochvil addressed the council regarding KOMA requirements. Mr. Kratochvil will be notified of all council meetings.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: by **Adams**, second by **Smal**, to approve the consent agenda including the Regular Meeting minutes of November 9, 2020, Treasurer's and Clerk's reports for November, Expenditure Report in the amount of \$72,665.26 and Payroll Account Report of \$25,796.72. All voted aye, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Library/Wellness Center

a. Library bid award(s) - Rose Mary Saunders, of Ranson Financial, reported on the bids received November 18, 2020. There were seven with Harman Huffman being the apparent low bid. Their firm was submitted to CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) and certified and is in the process of certification with USDA. David Devore distributed the bid tab summaries to the Mayor and council members for their review. It reflected the various bid amounts and the base bid with three alternates from Harmon Huffman at \$826,500. He recommended awarding the bid to Harmon Huffman. There will also be a change order at the beginning of the project to remove sales tax as the entire project is sales tax exempt.

MOTION: by **Adams**, second by **Ault**, to approve the bid presented with three alternates of \$826,500 from Harmon Huffman. All voted aye, motion carried.

b. Beth Warren, of Ranson Financial, presented the council with information regarding the upcoming sale of General Obligation Temporary Notes Series 2021. This included a timeline of items leading up to the sale of bonds and closing to distribute funds on January 27, 2021. A resolution has been created allowing the sales of bonds.

MOTION: by **Smal**, seconded by **Adams**, to approve Resolution #335 authorizing the offering for sale of Temporary Notes, Series 2021, of the City of Udall, Kansas. Voting aye; **Adams, Ault, Lawrence, McAllister** and **Smal**. Motion carried. The Mayor declared the Resolution duly adopted by the Governing Body and the Clerk designated the same Resolution No. 335.

Beth added that the bids will be due at Ranson Financial by January 11, 2021, and presented at the council meeting for approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget Amendment – Information was presented that a budget amendment will be necessary for 2020. The circumstances include:

1) Inability to budget for the Library/Wellness center costs that are limited to the General fund. We were not awarded the grant until January 2020. Incurred expenses include \$88,959 to BG Consultants.

2) Unable to budget \$12,000 for the path in the park. Costs were covered by \$8,000 grant from Blue Cross & Blue Shield and a \$4,000 donation from Udall S.U.N. Club. The grant was awarded in March 2020.

MOTION: by **Adams**, second by **Lawrence**, all voted aye. Motion carried. The budget hearing will be scheduled for December 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Udall City Building. The notification will be published in the official newspaper for the City of Udall.

2. CMB license renewal applications have been received from One Stop and Udall Groceries.

MOTION: by **Ault**, second by **Lawrence**, to approve CMB license applications as presented. **Ault, Lawrence, McAllister** and **Smal** voted aye, motion carried.

3. Executive session

MOTION: by **Adams**, second by **Ault**, that the governing body recess into executive session to discuss claim(s) against the city, pursuant to attorney/client privilege. The open meeting will resume in ten minutes at 7:02 p.m. All voted aye, motion carried.

Meeting resumed at the proper place and time. No action taken.

4. Waste Connection rate review – Waste Connections has presented their rate increase for the council’s review. After considering their increase, the residential family cart will increase from \$13.50 to \$14.00. Recycling will remain free with the city paying for that service.

5. Executive session

MOTION: by *Adams*, second by *Ault*, that the governing body recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to attorney/client privilege. The open meeting will resume in five minutes at 7:10 p.m. All voted aye, motion carried.

Meeting resumed at the proper place and time. No action taken.

6. Employee rate increases

MOTION: by *Ault*, second by *Smail*, to increase pay rate to \$16.38 with first payroll in 2021, review in 6 months of continuing education, and second review in the next six months. All voted aye, motion carried.

MOTION: by *Ault*, second by *Lawrence*, to increase Sara Barry’s pay rate to \$19.00 with the December 7th payroll. All voted aye, motion carried.

7. New employee

MOTION: by *Ault*, second by *Lawrence*, to create new pay rate for Asst. City Clerk and Court Clerk, Brooke Arnold at \$14.00 with her hire date of December 14, 2020 . All voted aye, motion carried.

8. Update signature cards – With the retirement of Lulita Hopkins on February 1, it was discussed to begin the procedures required to update bank signature card information to reflect current signatures.

MOTION: by *Adams*, second by *Lawrence*, to update signatures cards at Union State Bank and RCB bank with the signatures of Sara Barry, Shalie Byers, Janette Adams and Steve Brown. This would remove the signature of Lulita Hopkins. All voted aye, motion carried.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

McAllister – Remotely attended the KPP Annual Meeting and found it very informative. The board advised of energy price increases in 2021 but that the KPP is out in front of the Kansas and federal legislative actions that impact their services. They are in the process of reducing dependence on coal.

Ault – Read a prepared statement on possible 24/7 police coverage and complaints about the Mayor on social media.

Adams – Commented on the accelerated progress of the Dollar General construction east of town.

STAFF REPORTS:

ADJOURN:

MOTION: by *Ault*, second by *Smail*, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye, motion carried. Lulita Hopkins, City Clerk