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ELLIS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

January 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David McDaniel called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Council members Kellie Crnkovich, Devin Henderson, Martin LaBarge, Jolene Niernberger, Tricia Pritchett, and John Walz. Also present were Public Works Director John Leiker, City Clerk Amy Burton, and Police Officer Benjamin Kolas. City Attorney Olavee Raub attended virtually by Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

PUBLIC PRESENT

Glen Keller, Tammy Leiker, James Bell, and Neal Younger.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Devin Henderson moved to approve the consent agenda containing the Minutes from the Regular Meeting on December 20, 2021 and Bills Ordinance #2132. Council member Tricia Pritchett seconded the motion. The Council approved the consent agenda 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATIONS OF AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS, REQUESTS & PETITIONS (HEARINGS)

None

SPECIAL ORDER

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

General Government: Financial

Council member Martin LaBarge moved to approve Resolution No. 580 waiving Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for financial statement reporting for 2022. Council member John Walz seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

General Government: Policy

Annually, Council designates the official newspapers and official banks for the City to use. Council member John Walz moved to designate the Hays Daily News and Ellis Review as official newspapers; Equity Bank and Golden Belt Bank as official banks within the City limits; and Emprise Bank and Commerce Bank as the official banks outside the City limits. Council member Martin LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

General Government: Financial

City Clerk Amy Burton requested Council approval for incoming Clerk I Toni Jensen to have signature authority on certain bank information. Council member Jolene Niernberger moved to authorize Toni Jensen to have signature authority on the safe deposit box at Golden Belt Bank and the petty cash account at Equity Bank. Council member Devin Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS

Public Works

Public Works Director John Leiker presented his monthly report. Employees tended to a

water leak on Sunday in the area of Cottonwood and 14th Street. Residents in that area were personally notified of a boil order advisory.

Police

Police Officer Benjamin Kolas presented the Monthly Activity Report for December. The Department handled 1,586 incidents during 2021. Officer Kolas reported that two candidates for the vacant positions have been extended conditional offers of employment and both have accepted.

City Clerk

City Clerk Amy Burton distributed various council orientation resources in lieu of additional training. Ms. Burton reminded Council of the City Christmas party on January 8th at the VFW.

Attorney

Mayor Update and Announcements

Congressman Tracey Mann will be at the Hays Public Library on January 5th at 8:00 a.m. for a Town Hall meeting.

Mayor David McDaniel asked for Council to brainstorm Council goals for 2022 to discuss at the January 17, 2022 Council meeting and also asked for Council to offer possible candidates for annual City Committee appointments.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Mayor David McDaniel asked for a motion to recess into executive session. Council member John Walz moved for City Council to recess into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss staffing in the Police Department pursuant to the non-elected personnel matter exception, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1) with City Clerk Amy Burton present. The open meeting will resume at 7:55 p.m. Council member Martin LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. No action was taken in executive session and the open meeting resumed.

POST EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel: Position Change

Council member Martin LaBarge moved to approve the hiring of Avery Smith as the Ellis Chief of Police effective January 4, 2022. Council member Tricia Pritchett seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Martin LaBarge moved and Council member Devin Henderson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk