

MONDAY

JANUARY 20, 2020

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

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| PRESENT: | Gary Schmidt | Mayor |
| | Doug Meyer | Commissioner |
| | Don Peters | Commissioner |
| | Jason Leslie | Commissioner |
| | Zach Deeds | Commissioner |

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| ALSO PRESENT: | Bruce Pinkall | City Manager |
| | LuAnn Kramer | City Clerk |
| | Diana Garten | Finance Director |
| | Nate Humble | Chief of Police |
| | Brad Blankenship | Building Inspector |
| | Jamie Huber | Director of Electric Utilities |

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

- January 13, 2020 Regular Commission Meeting

Commissioner Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION ON CONTAINERS FOR TRAINING FACILITY:

Fire Chief David Kramer commented that they had been talking about a plan for a training facility north of the college for a couple of years. Chief Kramer stated that they would like to move forward by getting some containers. Chief Kramer explained that they had been to Wichita where they had a very well thought out process that dealt with different scenarios that they would go through. Chief Kramer commented that he had gone out to the property with a couple of the firemen and flagged the footprint of the structure that they would be doing. Chief Kramer explained that they were looking at getting six containers that were 40' long x 8' wide x 9' tall. Chief Kramer stated that, after listening to Wichita's process, they saw the advantage of the 9' tall containers and it would be a good investment that would allow them to do what they need to do to train.

Chief Kramer stated that he realized that there were budget restraints, but there was some money in their budget this year for a few containers and some encumbered from last year. Chief Kramer commented that each container was \$3,340, which was \$13,360 for four. Chief Kramer explained that he had taken City Manager Pinkall, Building Inspector Blankenship, Public Works Director Rambat and Street Superintendent Sinclair out there to make sure they were going to be positioned right. Chief Kramer added that they did not want to pose any problems for the street department. Mayor Schmidt asked if they would be doing grade or concrete. Chief Kramer stated that there would be a concrete pier about 4' wide. Chief Kramer added that they had talked about a two-story structure and having to take into consideration putting in the pier. Commissioner Meyer asked if the cost included delivery to Pratt. Chief Kramer stated that it did. Commissioner Peters questioned what else they would be doing to the containers. Chief Kramer explained that they would have to put them together and then actually set them up like a house with a living room, front door, bedrooms and a kitchen. Chief Kramer added that they could also have some metal cabinets or furniture to make it more real. Commissioner Leslie asked if the firemen would be doing most of the labor. Chief Kramer stated that they would be doing all that they could.

Commissioner Peters asked if using these funds would hinder them from getting other things they might need. Chief Kramer stated that this was one of their priorities and there were no other big target areas in this year's budget. Commissioner Meyer questioned if they would be adding to the three containers. Chief Kramer stated that they would be doing the ground base parts and the other two would be stacked on top. Commissioner Meyer asked if they get a price break on quantity. Chief Kramer commented that it was about \$25 or \$30 per container. Commissioner Peters stated that he thought it was a great idea and he also asked how they would get them stacked. Chief Kramer stated that they would have to have somebody come and do that. Chief Kramer added that Trand had been very good to them, but they did not expect that from them.

Commissioner Leslie asked if this would work with their budget. Finance Director Garten stated that she thought there was room for one to be encumbered in 2019 and three from the 2020 budget. Ms. Garten added that the unexpected purchase of the ladder truck put 2019 pretty tight. Commissioner Deeds asked City Manager Pinkall about the location. Mr. Pinkall stated that it was the only place that had been requested and it was in a place that would not be detrimental to the surrounding area. Mr. Pinkall added that there was not any where better. Building Inspector Blankenship stated that this was a pretty good spot and it was zoned heavy industrial. Mr. Blankenship added that they would have to get a conditional use permit. Mr. Blankenship explained that City, County, State and Federal buildings could be put on that and that fits this better than any commercial. Mr. Blankenship added that this location was less intrusive and a good place for a semi-permanent structure, because nothing permanent could go on there. Chief Kramer stated that they had visited with the neighbors in the area and there were no problems.

Commissioner Leslie questioned if this would be a training facility for other fire departments. Chief Kramer stated that it would be. Commissioner Leslie asked about surrounding counties. Chief Kramer stated that he had talked to County units, Sheriff's and others and they were all very supportive. Chief Kramer added that they hoped it would turn into a regional training facility. With no more discussion, Commissioner Meyer made a motion to approve the purchase of four 4' x 8' x 9' containers in the amount of \$13,360 for the fire department training facility. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leslie and carried unanimously.

Fire Department Car Show:

Fire Captain Todd Hoffman stated that the car show this year would also include a swap meet all day Friday, May 1st with a cruise that evening and conclude on Saturday the 2nd. Captain Hoffman added that this would be their 10th annual car show and would be held in Sixth Street, weather permitting.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2001 ALLOWING REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COST OF COLLECTIONS:

City Clerk Kramer explained that there were fees that were collected by the State Setoff Program and Midwest Service Bureau. Ms. Kramer explained that the fee was taken out of the money they collected for our bad debt accounts. Ms. Kramer stated that the State's percentage had been 19% and Midwest Service Bureau was 30%. Ms. Kramer commented that this Ordinance would allow the City to collect that fee if a customer returned to our service. Mayor Schmidt asked if this was done on a regular basis. Ms. Kramer stated that it was and it did add up on larger bad debts.

With no more discussion, Ordinance 2001 was then presented to the Commission for their approval: **AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COST OF COLLECTIONS TO THE CITY OF PRATT.** Commissioner Leslie made a motion to approve Ordinance 2001 allowing the reimbursement of the cost of collections to the City. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT AND RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE KMEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

City Manager Pinkall stated that there were two spots on the KMEA Board of Directors that the City needed to discuss and one was the expiring term of Director of Electric Utilities Huber and the appointment of himself to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Eckert. Mr. Pinkall commented that this board helps us keep abreast of what they had going and keeps our finger on the pulse.

With no discussion, Commissioner Deeds made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Director of Electric Utilities Huber and the appointment of City Manager Pinkall to the KMEA Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leslie and carried unanimously.

OPEN AGENDA:

No one in the audience wished to address the Commission.

REPORTS:

City Manager:

- **Solar Farm meeting:**

City Manager Pinkall stated that it was a good meeting with Mr. Jordan Richardson concerning the solar farm. Mr. Pinkall commented that he had learned a lot from listening. Mr. Pinkall explained that they had delivered the checks to the schools, which then gave the City some positive public relations.

- **Bond Issue for Pool:**

Mr. Pinkall commented that there was a group of staff that had met with Bond Council Kevin Cowan concerning the options for the pool. Mr. Pinkall stated that they discussed the options and how to get into position to get the City in line for the pool project.

- **Pool Committee:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that the pool committee would begin meeting again since the holidays were over. Mr. Pinkall commented that they would begin involving the community. Mr. Pinkall added that the survey was still out there and people were still replying.

- **County Commission meeting:**

Mr. Pinkall commented that he would be going to the County Commission meeting tomorrow to discuss their utility bill at the LEC. Commissioner Peters commented that he thought we were done with all that. Mr. Pinkall explained that they wanted clarification on how it was being done. Mr. Pinkall stated that City Clerk Kramer had gotten with INCODE and everything had been done internally and would be divided $\frac{3}{4}$ to the County and $\frac{1}{4}$ to the City. Mr. Pinkall added that it was not questions concerning the agreement.

- **Track and Soccer Facility:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that Mr. Larry Eisenhauer and Ms. Amber Chisham had met with the college to discuss different things concerning the Track and Soccer Facility. Mr. Pinkall commented that Mr. Eisenhauer and Ms. Chisham had created a goggle document to help with scheduling and that would not be able to be adjusted. Mr. Pinkall explained that there would be discussion on the operation of concessions, looking at score boards and PA systems. Mr. Pinkall stated that they would begin with seeing what the college already had and take a look at Angood Field. Mr. Pinkall added that the expenditures would be more on the college side and they would also be talking about fund raising.

- **Chamber Retreat:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that he would be attending the Chamber retreat tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- **Public Works Director:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that Public Works Director Rambat had slipped on his porch last Friday and landed on the stairs and injured his back. Mr. Pinkall commented that he was going to be sore for the next day or so and would be going back to the surgeon to assure that things were okay.

- **Soccer Complex numbers:**

Mayor Schmidt asked if we had any information from the college on the final numbers. Mr. Pinkall stated that we did not, but the final project had come in under their anticipation. Mr. Pinkall commented that the equipment needs would have some savings. Mr. Pinkall stated that we needed to get together to finalize the scheduling. Commissioner Leslie asked if the parking lot was going to be gravel. Mr. Pinkall stated that there was no plan for concrete and it was not feasible on the college side. Mr. Pinkall commented that they were going to look at materials and see what type of rock was out there that would make a more welcoming parking lot. Commissioner Peters asked if this had not been part of the original plan. Mr. Pinkall commented that this issue had come up when a local vendor had a mix in a five-gallon bucket at an EBH meeting and it was not as good of a material as was first thought. Mayor Schmidt stated that he had been looking at it the other day and it was getting torn up pretty good from traffic. Mr. Pinkall stated that they would be moving the gate for practice to alleviate the mudding that had gone on.

Mayor Schmidt asked what had been done at Green Sports Complex years ago. Mr. Pinkall stated that it started out as all gravel and they had taken power poles to make numerous rows. Mr. Pinkall explained that there had been some handicap accessible issued and they then put down more millings. Mr. Pinkall

commented that Public Works Director Rambat had eventually helped finish the parking lot as part of a street project. Commissioner Schmidt stated that it would eliminate some of the traffic the sooner we get something in there. Mr. Pinkall stated that they were working on that part. Building Inspector Blankenship stated that Mr. Rambat did a calculation on that parking lot and, going off of EBH and KDOT's recommendations, it came up to about \$55,000. Mr. Pinkall stated that there was a decent base and AB3 was good as a road and was solid. Commissioner Peters asked if the college was responsible for that. Mr. Pinkall commented that that was part of what they needed to look at. Mr. Pinkall stated that this should go to the committee first and then they would explore farther if they could not come up with a solution.

Electric Department:

- **2019 Review:**

Director of Electric Utilities Huber stated that he would have the electric department review for 2019 at the next meeting. Mr. Pinkall commented that it was very informative.

Police Department:

- **Year-end numbers:**

Police Chief Humble stated that he would also have year end numbers at the next meeting.

Mayor and Commissioners:

- **Legal stance:**

Mayor Schmidt stated that he had lunch with City Attorney Probst and they had discussed a variety of issues. Mayor Schmidt commented that Commissioner Meyer and he had talked to her about how to share information without violating KOMA.

- **PAHS:**

Commissioner Peters stated that he thought that PAHS had given them good information on the number of animals and important year end information.

Executive Session:

Mayor Schmidt made a motion to enter into executive session for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties to start at 5:47 p.m. to last twenty minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leslie and carried unanimously.

Mayor Schmidt made a motion to return from executive session at 6:00 p.m. with nothing to report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

A motion by Commissioner Peters to adjourn was seconded by Commissioner Leslie. The motion and second passed unanimously.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR:

GARY A. SCHMIDT, Mayor



ATTEST:

LUANN KRAMER, City Clerk