

MONDAY

FEBRUARY 22, 2021

The Governing Body of the City of Pratt met in Regular 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
	Russell Rambat	Public Works Director
	Brad Blankenship	Building Inspector
	Jamie Huber	Director of Electric Utilities
	Nate Humble	Chief of Police

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

- February 01, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting
- February 16, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting

Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 01, 2021 regular meeting and the February 16, 2021 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and the motion and second carried unanimously.

BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM FUNDS TO PURCHASE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:

Chamber Director Kim DeClue informed the Commission that the Travel and Tourism Board met on February 16th and there was a request made to ask for approval of \$10,000 to be set aside for the next three years for new Christmas decorations on Highway 54. Ms. DeClue commented that she had concern due to being told that you could not ear-mark money for future years if using Tourism funds. Ms. DeClue explained that Tourism funds come from bed tax dollars and they were used for the City to use on the Recreation side, swimming pool repairs and advertising. Ms. DeClue added that they have a budget of

\$80,000. City Manager Pinkall stated that that fund was down about 23% due to the pandemic. Ms. DeClue stated that they had had other requests for money from Miss Kansas, Oktoberfest and the City Fire Department car show. Ms. DeClue commented that this was above what we usually give and they could go to the City Manager for requests under \$10,000. Mr. Pinkall stated that there would be enough money if you took away recreation and the other fund requests, but he had to wonder if we were going to continue down this path of the pandemic for several months. Ms. DeClue stated that there was also the large event that Ms. Stacey Hanson was planning to get people back to Pratt and they were expecting thousands of people and she would like to have funds to help bring that many people back to Pratt.

Commissioner Deeds asked what we had in terms of lights and what they were wanting on top of it. Commissioner Deeds commented that he thought that Tourism funds were to be used for things that would draw people to town and get them to stay overnight. Ms. DeClue stated that he was on the right track and we want to support those programs that put heads in the beds. Ms. DeClue added that it was hard to fund this if we were not giving back to this account.

Ms. DeClue explained that she had spoken to Director of Electric Utilities Huber and there were poles out there and they were running on 240. Mr. Huber added that, where the Christmas lights were was 110, but the street lights were 240 and that was in the ground. Mr. Huber explained that they would have to hang transformers and other things to go down First Street from Main Street to Highway 61 and that would cost thousands of dollars and a lot of employee time. Mr. Pinkall stated that it was not unusual for the City to spend money for Travel and Tourism since they bring people to town and we get the sales tax and promotion for the City. Ms. DeClue commented that Ms. Deb Goyen was going to replace all the bulbs in Lemon's with LED and that should be a cost savings for the City since they pick up the electric bill during the Christmas season.

Mr. Pinkall stated that he had looked at some of the lights with Mr. Huber and there were some that needed upgraded and he would like to see us look at that before expanding. Commissioner Peters clarified that her request was for \$10,000. Ms. DeClue stated that it was not her request, but it had come from the Tourism Board. Commissioner Peters commented that there was the realization of how much this was going to cost and he would rather see the decorations we currently have upgraded or fixed up. Ms. DeClue stated that she would do some research and see how much it might cost to retrofit, replace garland, etc. Commissioner Peters stated that he would like to table this until the next meeting. Ms. DeClue stated that, if they were going to order these decorations, they had to by the end of the month to get a discount. Ms. DeClue commented that this was coming from Lemon Park Lights and Ms. Goyen, who was also on the Travel and Tourism Board. Ms. DeClue added that they do get donations for the Lemon Park Lights. Mayor Schmidt asked how much they got this year. Ms. DeClue stated that she did not know, but she would make a call when she was done here to find out.

City Manager Pinkall stated that different groups and organizations contact Travel and Tourism for money and the board votes to approve and then it comes to the Commission for their approval, if necessary. Mr. Pinkall commented that they never know who might come and ask for money. Ms. DeClue stated that they cannot approve everyone, but they might offer them to use an advertising package. Ms. DeClue commented that the Open Range Gravel Race had 350 participants so far for this year, the Peace Treaty in Medicine Lodge had asked for \$3,000 and City Fire had asked for \$2,000 for their car show and those were ones that had not been approved yet. Ms. DeClue added that they do not give out money willy nelly. Mayor Schmidt asked if we were committed to three years at \$10,000 if we start with this first \$10,000. Ms. DeClue stated that that was her understanding.

With little more discussion, Ms. DeClue asked to have a few minutes to call Ms. Goyen and get a few questions answered.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF REAPPOINTMENT OF TIM BARKER FOR ANOTHER 3 YEAR TERM TO THE AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD:

City Attorney Goff stated that she had looked at the ordinance pertaining to the length of time or how many terms a member could serve on the Airport Authority Board. Ms. Goff commented that, the way it was written, a board member could serve eight consecutive years. Ms. Goff explained that City Clerk Kramer had looked up the appointment letters that had been sent in for Mr. Barker and he started in 2015; therefore, he had two years left. Ms. Goff added that the terms were three years, so it did not line up with the ordinance. Commissioner Peters asked if they should appoint him to two more years. Ms. Goff explained that they would appointment him to an additional term on the board, but he would only be able to serve two years of the three-year term. City Manager Pinkall stated that he would contact Ms. Dix-Brown and let her know. Commissioner Peters asked if we could change the term limits. Ms. Goff stated that there could be a greater source of laws that dictate that and she would look into it. With no more discussion, Commissioner Peters made a motion to appointment Mr. Tim Barker to an additional three-year term on the Airport Authority Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 022221 ADOPTING THE KANSAS HOMELAND SECURITY REGION E HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:

City Attorney Goff stated that this resolution was for the Kansas Homeland Security Region E Hazard Mitigation Plan and Emergency Preparedness Director Tim Branscom had sent a letter requesting that the City pass it. Ms. Goff explained that this was needed so that we could get FEMA funds. Ms. Goff commented that the Plan used to be done by County on their own, but they were now doing it regionally and we had passed this resolution a few years ago. Ms. Goff stated that the current plan was the same as 2019 and it was only about the funding.

With no more discussion, the following Resolution 022221 was then presented to the Commission for their approval: **ADOPTING THE KANSAS HOMELAND SECURITY REGION E HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.** Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve Resolution 022221 adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region E Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siemens and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2103 REZONING 1121 W. 4TH:

Building Inspector Brad Blankenship stated that a public hearing was held at the last Planning and Zoning meeting last Thursday. Mr. Blankenship commented that this was the property at Iowa Street and Fourth Street or right by the KDOT yard. Mr. Blankenship explained that there was zoning of this type in the area, so they were not spot zoning. Mr. Blankenship stated that there was one neighbor that showed up for the hearing and was in complete support of the zoning change. Mayor Schmidt asked if this would be new construction. Mr. Blankenship commented that the house on the corner would be torn down and a duplex or multi family dwelling would be put there. Mr. Blankenship added that the son had gotten hold of him about a month ago and gave him a rendering of the idea on what they were wanting to do and he felt it was a good idea.

With no more discussion, the following Ordinance 2103 was presented to the Commission for their approval: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OR DISTRICT OF BLOCK TWENTY-FIVE (25) OF THE SUMMIT ADDITION OF THE CITY OF PRATT, PRATT COUNTY, KANSAS UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THE ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF PRATT, KANSAS, AS INCORPORATED IN**

THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PRATT, KANSAS. Mayor Schmidt made a motion to approve Ordinance 2103 amending the zoning classifications at 1121 W. 4th Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and carried unanimously.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE PURCHASE OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:

Ms. DeClue stated that the savings would be about 30% if the decorations were ordered by the end of the month. Ms. DeClue explained that she was told that the money was not coming out of Travel and Tourism; however, Ms. Goyen had informed her that this would be on the City, not Travel and Tourism. Ms. DeClue apologized for the confusion. Ms. DeClue commented that, in her conversation with Director of Electric Utilities Huber, he had stated that they would have to rewire, buy fittings and have the guys on Highway 54 working, which was not safe. Mayor Schmidt clarified that the money was not going to Travel and Tourism, but a donation to these lights. Ms. DeClue stated that that was correct and she had thought that this was part of Lemon Park.

Commissioner Peters asked if they spend all their money every year and if they knew what the balance was in that fund. Commissioner Peters commented that it was only February, so there was ten more months to go this year. Mr. Pinkall stated that he was not sure what was in the fund, but he would check on it. Commissioner Peters stated that he did not have a problem with upgrading what we had and, if there was a real need for that, he was more in agreement with that. Ms. DeClue commented that they could find things to get more for our money and she was not sure if now was the time to spend \$10,000 on Christmas lights with revenues down. Commissioner Deeds stated that he was not in favor of spending that money with no Finance Director in place. Ms. DeClue stated that she understood and they could come back next year. Commissioner Farmer commented that Mr. Huber's costs would be a lot on top of that. Commissioner Peters stated that he felt that Commissioner Deeds summed it up and it was not because we did not want Pratt to look good.

With no more discussion, Mayor Schmidt stated that there were no motions made to approve the \$10,000 for Christmas lights.

DISCUSS WORKSHOP/TRAINING:

City Manager Pinkall commented that Mayor Schmidt had made a list of several things he wanted the Commission and staff to talk about in a workshop type setting. Mr. Pinkall stated that this was scheduled for last weekend; however, he had decided that they needed to look at an alternative date due to short notice on his part. Mr. Pinkall explained that he had sent his thoughts and processes on those ideas to the Commission and he would be looking for feedback before the workshop. Commissioner Peters stated that they needed to do this and questioned if the City Attorney and department heads would be attending also. Mr. Pinkall commented that some of those pieces would be necessary.

Mr. Pinkall stated that the executive staff could bring their things to the meeting after meeting with their staff. Commissioner Peters commented that he would rather do this on a weekday due to Commissioner Deeds having commitments on weekends. Commissioner Peters questioned if Commissioner Farmer could get off if he gave the school at least three days' notice. Commissioner Farmer stated that he could. Mayor Schmidt stated that KOMA and KORA needed to be a part of the next meeting. Mr. Pinkall stated that that was a big piece and City Attorney Goff would be the one to put it on. Ms. Goff stated that her calendar looked good March 5th, 9th, 17th or 19th. Commissioner Peters commented that he liked the 5th, because we needed to get this done. After a little discussion, the Commission and staff agreed to March 5th starting at 8:30 a.m.

OPEN AGENDA:

No one in the audience wished to address the Commission.

REPORTS:

City Manager:

- **Turf project:**

City Manager Pinkall stated that the crew should have started today on the turf upgrade. Mr. Pinkall commented that they planned on moving dirt tomorrow. Mr. Pinkall added that the recreation guys had the sod cut and fence open so that it was ready for construction.

- **Municipal Building:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that there were a few pipes that froze at the Municipal Building, but everything should be back up and running on Wednesday. Mr. Pinkall commented that there were no heating issues and everything else handled the temperatures fine.

- **Finance Director position:**

Mr. Pinkall informed the Commission that applications were being accepted for the Finance Director position. Mr. Pinkall commented that the League felt that everything looked good and they would accept applications until March 17 and they would then check requirements and evaluate and rank them. Mr. Pinkall added that they would also help with questions for the interview process. Commissioner Peters asked if any applications would be sent here. Mr. Pinkall stated that, if they were sent here, he would give them the League's information.

- **Test wells:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that Public Works Director Rambat and Water Superintendent Clay were looking at water well locations near the solar farm and they would be testing well sites next week to see the viability of the water source. Mr. Pinkall commented that it should not take long to drill two or three. Commissioner Peters asked Mr. Rambat if the cost would be about \$5,000 or \$6,000 per well. Mr. Rambat stated that it would be close; however, the total would be under \$10,000. Mr. Pinkall commented that he thought it was around \$4,000 for each well. Mr. Pinkall added that Mr. Clay had been working with KDWR and would be using their recommendations.

- **Health Insurance:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that he had met with Blue Cross Blue Shield along with City Clerk Kramer so that we could see what our usage was up to this point and help us plan ahead. Mr. Pinkall commented that things did not look fantastic, but we were doing better than last year.

- **Lease/Purchase for Sanitation Truck:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that he had gone to the banks for finance bids on the lease/purchase of the new Sanitation truck that had been approved last year. Mr. Pinkall stated this would be on the next agenda.

- **City/County meeting:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that he would like to discuss City/County meeting topics at the workshop on March 5th. Mr. Pinkall commented that we needed to get back in that communication mode and both Commissions had new members now.

- **LEC meeting:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that he had attended the LEC meeting last week along with Chief Humble, City Attorney Goff and Commissioner Peters. Mr. Pinkall added that they had very good conversations and County Commissioner Rick Shriver was a real asset to the committee since he had worked under Retired Sheriff Chinn for about ten years.

- **Finance department:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that he had visited with Ms. Rebecca Post, who was helping with the finance department temporarily, and she was getting ready to close out 2020. Mr. Pinkall explained that she had taken a lot of our information with her and she had until the end of March to get that done. Commissioner Peters questioned if we knew what all needed to be happening with funds and how it flows from January 1st. Mr. Pinkall stated that he did not have a specific answer, but he works with Ms. Aleta Eastes to go over accounts payable and he knows where we are with sales tax. Mr. Pinkall added that we were staying with the budget that we had last year.

Mr. Pinkall stated that Ms. Diana Garten had been a member of several Federal things for grants, census, etc.; however, he had lined himself up now and had then in his name. Mr. Pinkall commented that he had contacted the Census people and they had walked him through some of that. Mr. Pinkall stated that he could not say dollar for dollar on the budget, but he felt we were spending less. Commissioner Peters commented that his concern was that things were going smoothly and he wondered if we needed to bring someone from the outside to help. Mr. Pinkall stated that that was not a bad plan for him to consider. Mr. Pinkall added that he would update the Commission as he knows something. City Clerk Kramer commented that INCODE support could also be of help.

City Attorney:

- **New Public Defender:**

City Attorney Regina Goff stated that the City Manager and she had met with the new public defender; Mr. Robert Slinkard. Ms. Goff commented that his wife was a teacher here in Pratt and he was a very efficient attorney. Ms. Goff added that Mr. Slinkard was very good at helping clients know their limited options. Ms. Goff stated that his agreement would be on the next agenda for the Commission's approval.

Public Works:

- **Weather event:**

Public Works Director Rambat stated that we had been through quite the weather event, but Mother Nature was going to win this one. Mr. Rambat commented that he wanted to pat all the departments on the back for being out in that weather every day doing their job. Mr. Rambat added that they had about one hundred frozen meters and they had also helped out some plumbers if possible.

- **Bid requests:**

Mr. Rambat stated that he had gone out for bid requests for a stripping project on Highway 54. Mr. Rambat explained that the street department put down paint before the Miss Kansas Pageant and other events, but it was usually gone in about a month. Mr. Rambat explained that this bid was to sandblast and replace, which would make the town look better. Mr. Rambat added that he would be using Federal Exchange dollars.

- **Signs:**

Mr. Rambat stated that Street Superintendent Sinclair would be getting the new big green signs up this spring at the edge of town before the Miss Kansas Pageant.

- **APAC:**

Mr. Rambat stated that APAC would be getting the parking lot finished out when the temperatures go up.

- **Purchases:**

Mr. Rambat stated that the guys were not buying anything that they did not need and would continue to operate using last years budget. Mr. Rambat added that they would keep services going as best as they could.

Electric Department:

- **Energy rates:**

Director of Electric Utilities Huber stated that the rumors about energy rates were not all wrong and he wished he had answers. Mr. Huber commented that he had been on conference calls to find out what this was going to do to our electric rates. Mr. Huber explained that natural gas was causing a lot of problems and that was because it was a product that was not regulated, so they could do what they wanted. Mr. Huber stated that KMU had been involved in getting a hold of the Governor and Attorney General before it happened, but it just snowballed. Mr. Huber added that they were still trying and this could be prolonged over several months. Mr. Huber stated that he had been thinking about what we could do to ease the burden of the customers, but he was afraid that it was not going to be good.

Commissioner Peters questioned if we were not contracted with anyone for electric or gas. Mr. Huber explained that we were to a point and that we got 6 megawatts during the summer and then backed down to 4 megawatts in the winter due to the solar farm. Mr. Huber added that, with all the events, we needed sun for the solar farm and so it had not been running at potential, which leaves us having to go out to market. Mr. Huber stated that that was where the problem would be. Mr. Huber commented that Rainbow Energy and KMEA had been working for a week and a half on this and they were dumbfounded and had never seen anything like this. Mr. Huber stated that we were part of the SPP region and it had affected all of us.

Mr. Huber stated that he was not going to let the rolling blackouts happen. Mr. Huber commented that we were usually curtailed for running our units, but the Power Plant had gotten a call that let us know that we could run on diesel as long as we needed in this situation; however, we would usually get fined if we ran longer and it was a normal situation. Mr. Huber stated that he was not sure how we were going to get out of this. Commissioner Deeds stated that he thought what we could do was fantastic and this was a big deal for a small business. Commissioner Deeds commented that a lot of things that happened in other

places did not happen in Pratt. Commissioner Deeds added that this might be painful moving forward, but it would be less here than in other places. Commissioner Deeds stated that we would not be taxing the units if we got some decent weather and the solar farm could produce what we need it too. Mr. Huber stated that he was excited to see how this all plays out, but he was also worried. Mr. Huber commented that we would learn from this and know what you should do and not do in the future. Mr. Huber explained that we were lucky to have the dual fuel units so that we could run natural gas or diesel, because some run strictly off of natural gas. Mr. Huber concluded stating that wind and solar were great, but they had their purpose.

- **Christmas lights:**

Mr. Huber explained where the Christmas lights were on Highway 54 and that some of that was narrow, so he was reluctant to have a \$250,000 truck with two guys out there where they could get run over.

- **Wind generators:**

Mayor Schmidt questioned if wind generators freeze up. Mr. Huber stated that they did not, but they did shut off if they become unbalanced. Mr. Huber commented that there were twenty Power Plants that did not fire up, because they did not have anyone to operate them. Mr. Huber stated that we were going to have a few employees looking at retiring from the Power Plant in the next five to ten years and we needed to get the younger ones trained to do this. Commissioner Siemens thanked Mr. Huber for all the they did.

Police Department:

- **LEC meeting:**

Police Chief Humble stated that the understanding brought to the LEC meeting by County Commissioner Shriver was priceless. Chief Humble commented that this was the most productive meeting they had had and there were a lot of things moving forward.

- **Dispatch:**

Chief Humble commented that they were getting a much better understanding on how dispatch worked. Chief Humble stated that there was a number assigned that needed to be legally addressed and, had it not been for Dispatch Superintendent Walt Stockwell, they would have been shutdown within two weeks. Chief Humble added that they were moving in the right direction.

- **LEC repairs:**

Chief Humble stated that the roof at the LEC had been replaced and there were no leaks or problems with the last rain. Chief Humble commented that the County had gone out for bids several times and they finally accepted one. Chief Humble explained that there was no date set for the window project. Chief Humble stated that there had been talks on how they were going to move forward and what was needed since they were outgrowing the current building. Commissioner Peters stated that we had taken over dispatch and the County had taken the building in October 2019 and they had only repaired the roof since then. Commissioner Peters commented that County Counselor Eisenhauer had explained that they had gone out for bids twice and no one met the specs, but they were hoping to get started in May and the mold issues would be addressed after the window project was completed.

City Clerk/Utility Billing:

- **Automatic drafts:**

City Clerk Kramer stated that there had been something put on Facebook telling everyone to stop their auto drafts due to this natural gas situation and she wanted the Commission to know that that was not coming from anyone in the City. City Clerk Kramer commented that we bill about six weeks behind, so that we only bill a customer for what they use and not what we assume they were going to use, so that would make months bill the usage in late January and early February, so there should not be any changes in the ECA for the March bills. Mr. Huber stated that natural gas companies' product froze up and they were charging us for their problems.

Mayor and Commission:

- **Homeless:**

Mayor Schmidt asked what we were doing for the homeless in our area or if we had any. City Manager Pinkall stated that he thought that the Hope Center helps. Chief Humble commented that, if the funds were available, there was the Hope Center and they could put someone up in a hotel for a night or for a short amount of time to get them where they needed to be. Chief Humble added that this was not for locals unless they had been misplaced by fire or other disaster. Chief Humble stated that some people were having tough times; however, some of that was by choice. Commissioner Peters asked if we still get help from Red Cross if someone has a fire. Chief Humble stated that he was not sure, but they did refer most of those situations to the Hope Center for their knowledge.

- **Civic Community Engagement project:**

Commissioner Siemens stated that she wanted to visit with the Commission and staff about a project that was under the Chamber umbrella. Commissioner Siemens informed the Commission that she was on the Leadership Center's Advisory Board and the City was being asked to participate in an online Civic Community Engagement project. Commissioner Siemens stated that she had known and worked with Mr. David Chrislip from Denver for many years and he had also worked with the Leadership Center for that length of time.

Commissioner Siemens commented that we would have to identify fifty to one hundred fifty people willing to participate in the online project. Commissioner Siemens stated that the categories were racism and injustice, institutional synergy, engaging civic culture, organic coalitions, purposeful collaboration and learning together. Commissioner Siemens explained that each question would have a ranking from one to six with one being never and six being always. Commissioner Siemens stated that Colorado University would be sending out the survey and they would compile a report for us. Commissioner Siemens commented that Mr. Chrislip would report back virtually to a group of our choosing. Commissioner Siemens stated that this would help us look and develop what comes from this survey and inform us of what or how our citizens understand civic engagement.

Commissioner Siemens explained that the cost for the survey was \$5,000 and she was seeking that with requests for \$1,000 from the County, City, Chamber, ED and Leadership. Commissioner Siemens stated that the Chamber had already committed to the \$1,000 and gathering the names should not be hard. Commissioner Peter questioned if they were going to come here to give a presentation, Commissioner Siemens stated that it would be virtual, but there might be someone from Leadership that would come over. Commissioner Peters commented that he had concerns about the demographics. Commissioner Siemens commented that they were looking at including young professionals, seniors, businesses and representative of the community.

Commissioner Deeds asked if she was asking for the City's support. Commissioner Siemens stated that she was wanting them to say it was a good idea and help with the \$1,000 funding. Commissioner Farmer questioned where the money would come from. Mr. Pinkall stated that it could be taken from his budget and he had money there to support that. Mr. Pinkall added that he felt that this was a project that we should support. Mayor Schmidt asked what was in this for Colorado University. Commissioner Siemens stated that Mr. Crislip lived there, so it would be like working with KU or KSU. Commissioner Siemens commented that she had great trust in Leadership and this was to help build a better place to live. Commissioner Siemens added that she also knew Mr. Crislip very well and trusted him.

Mr. Doug Meyer, former City Commissioner, stated that he had been recruited by Commissioner Siemens and he would expect no less from her. Mr. Meyer stated that he knew that we might get answers that we did or did not want to hear. Mr. Meyer explained that we would have the chance to use this tool and people would see those articles and see that we are progressive and had taken a leap of faith. Mr. Meyer stated that he was skeptical at first, but now felt that it would be worthwhile and would be another tool for ED. Commissioner Deeds questioned if we would be asked about our deficiencies. Chamber Director DeClue stated that the Chamber was behind this and that we would get through this together. Ms. DeClue commented that she believed in Commissioner Siemens and Leadership. Ms. DeClue added that they were looking at all aspects of our community and we did not see what we did not want to see and some of that should be addressed. Ms. DeClue stated that, with all of us putting in money, we put our skin in the game. Mayor Schmidt asked if this would help with the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Siemens stated that she was not familiar with the Comprehensive Plan. Building Inspector Blankenship started that it gave direction for the future of the City and we were directed by Statute to do it. City Attorney Goff added that it was being created by EBH.

With little more discussion, Commissioner Siemens stated that she was requesting verbal support and the funding of \$1,000. Commissioner Peters stated that he had no problem with that. A consensus was then taken: Commissioner Siemens-abstain; Commissioner Deeds-yes; Mayor Schmidt-yes; Commissioner Peters-yes; Commissioner Farmer-yes.

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



ATTEST:

LUANN KRAMER, City Clerk