

MONDAY

APRIL 01, 2019

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

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

ALSO PRESENT:	Roy Eckert	City Manager
	LuAnn Kramer	City Clerk
	Regina Probst	City Attorney
	Diana Garten	Finance Director
	Nate Humble	Chief of Police
	Russell Rambat	Public Works Director
	Brad Blankenship	Building Inspector
	Jamie Huber	Director of Electric Utilities
	Bruce Pinkall	Recreation Director

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Meyer. 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 staff and audience in the invocation and Mayor Meyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- March 18, 2019 Recessed City/County Commission Meeting
- March 18, 2019 Regular Commission Meeting

Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR LEGACY BANK TO HAVE AN OUTDOOR EVENT APRIL 26TH:

Legacy Representative Jack Galle reminded the Commission that the First National Bank was now Legacy Bank. Mr. Galle commented that it was National Community Bank Month and they wanted to celebrate on April 26th with an open house and they would be feeding the community. Mr. Galle

explained that there would be a cooker outside on Third Street and seating inside and outside. Mr. Galle stated that there would be things spring related to give away. Mr. Galle requested that several parking spots be blocked off on Third Street from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Public Works Director Rambat stated that he would drop off some barricades and they could set them up where they needed to and he would also make a note to deliver a few extra polycarts for trash. Mr. Galle thanked the Commission for the opportunity to make this request. The Commission were all in agreement to allow the parking spaces to be blocked off and seating on the sidewalk on April 26th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR THE USE OF JACK EWING PARK FOR THE ANNUAL BEAVER BACKER'S DUCK RACE:

Mr. Scott Goodheart, PCC Assistant Athletic Director, stated that the Third Annual Beaver Backer's Duck Race was scheduled for April 25th at Jack Ewing Park. Mr. Goodheart stated that the City's help was appreciated and he asked permission to do it again this year. Mr. Goodheart commented that the City helped with picnic tables, water and polycarts. Mr. Goodheart added that they would need the park from noon on. Mr. Rambat stated that they would get those things down there and get the water going about 5:30 p.m. Mr. Rambat asked if Mr. Goodheart had sandbags. Mr. Goodheart stated that he did not. Street Superintendent Sinclair stated that he would get them some. With no further discussion, Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve the use of Jack Ewing Park for the Third Annual Beaver Backer's Duck Race on April 25th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR A 5K RUN FOR HOPE ON APRIL 27TH:

Ms. Desiree Miller, SCK-SEC Representative, stated that they wanted to hold another 5K Run for Hope and there would be no changes from last year. Ms. Miller commented that the route would start at the high school, go down Taylor Street, up Tenth Street to West River Road and back to the high school. Ms. Miller stated that they had volunteers at certain points and they had not had any problems with traffic last year. Mr. Rambat stated that he thought they had dropped off about fifteen cones for them to use last year and would do the same this year. Ms. Miller commented that they had about eighty participants last year and had raised about \$1,200. Recreation Director Pinkall stated that that was the same day as the Open Range Gravel Race, but they would start at Lemon Park. Commissioner Deeds made a motion to approve the route for the 5K Run for Hope on April 27th as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leslie and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE PRATT LIBRARY BOARD:

Mayor Meyer stated that the appointments of Ms. Amy Schrag and Mr. Bob Lee would expire April 30th and the Library Director Eric Killough had sent a letter stating that Ms. Kristi Nelson and Ms. Griselda Castillo were willing to fill those positions on the Library Board. With no discussion, Commissioner Leslie made a motion to appoint Ms. Krista Nelson and Ms. Griselda Castillo to a four year term on the Pratt Library Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deeds and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AIR COMPRESSOR BID FOR STREET DEPARTMENT:

Public Works Director Rambat stated that he had gone out for bids for a replacement air compressor for the street department, which had been a budgeted item for a few years. Mr. Rambat commented that they had gotten three bids back and The Victor Phillips Company out of Wichita bid \$21,325, CRAFCO Inc. out of Chandler, Arizona bid \$19,425 and White Star Machinery and Supply bid \$21,903.18. Street

Superintendent Sinclair stated that they had a 2007 model that had about 2,000 hours on it and it was not worth trading in or giving to another department. Mr. Sinclair added that he would put it on Purple Wave, which had been a good connection for the City. Mr. Rambat recommended the purchase of the air compressor from CRAFCO Inc. in the amount of \$19,425. Mayor Meyer questioned how long it would take for it to be delivered. Mr. Sinclair stated that he did not think it would take too long. With no more discussion, Commissioner Leslie made a motion to approve the purchase of an air compressor for the street department from CRAFCO Inc. in the amount of \$19,425. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and carried unanimously.

OPEN AGENDA:

No one in the audience wished to address the Commission.

REPORTS:

City Manager:

- **Succession Planning:**

City Manager Eckert stated that he was sending out a memo to staff about their succession plan for those that would be retiring in the near future. Mr. Eckert commented that he wanted this to be taken seriously and he wanted to do everything we could to get our kids to stay in town.

- **Bids on Municipal Building:**

Mr. Eckert stated that they would be going out for bids on the refurbishing of the Municipal Building. Mr. Eckert commented that we would see what way we want to go and being brain storming.

- **Long term ideas:**

Mr. Eckert stated that we would be setting aside a day to be with Ms. Paula Downs to discuss long term ideas for Pratt. Mr. Eckert commented that we needed to be thinking about where we want to be in twenty to thirty years and what we need to get people to come to Pratt and stay.

City Attorney:

- **Medicine Lodge Attorney:**

City Attorney Probst informed the Commission that Attorney Bob Christensen from Medicine Lodge had been killed while riding his bike. Ms. Probst stated that our Indigent Attorney Hannah Brass was his law partner and he was a good man. Ms. Probst added that Ms. Brass was doing remarkably well.

Public Works:

- **Chemicals:**

Public Works Director Rambat stated that he would be starting to purchase chemicals for the different departments.

- **Airport Waterline Project:**

Mr. Rambat commented that they had gone out for bids on the Airport Waterline Project after getting blessings from KDHE on the design.

- **Concrete Panels:**

Mr. Rambat stated that there were a couple of concrete panels that had cracked north of Skaggs Ace Hardware and the guys would be jumping in there and barricading it off on one of these mornings about 3:00 a.m. Mr. Rambat commented that he would let KDOT know ahead of time and traffic should be flowing again in two or three days. Mr. Rambat explained that that intersection gets beat up pretty bad by the trucks.

Building Inspections:

- **Dollar Tree:**

Building Inspector Blankenship stated that Dollar Tree was moving forward and they had cut the curb on North Fincham Road. Mr. Blankenship commented that it had been a busy place.

- **Americare:**

Mr. Blankenship stated that we had been contacted by Americare for permits and tap fees.

- **Houses on Agenda Last Month:**

Mayor Meyer asked how things were going with the houses that were on the agenda about a month ago. Mr. Blankenship stated that the one on Pearl Street had put up a fence and moved a dune buggy into the back and the owner of the house on South Oak Street had been moving things out and they were on course. Mr. Blankenship explained that his budget pays for mowing and trash pick-ups, but he was not sure about taking down more houses besides these two. Mr. Blankenship commented that they had been there for thirty years and he could not get them all torn down. Commissioner Peters questioned if they had not looked at raising those fees for mowing, etc. Mr. Blankenship stated that it had been talked about and they needed it to sting a little bit for the owners. Mr. Blankenship added that he thought we had done something that did not put a number on it, but a reasonable amount and he would check on that tomorrow.

Electric Department:

- **Wind Storm:**

Director of Electric Utilities Huber stated that they had lost a couple of poles in the rural areas during the wind storm the other day.

- **Projects:**

Mr. Huber stated that they had heated up Heavy Metal and Dollar Tree. Mr. Huber commented that they had also done a bore project on the North Main Street and they should be starting to get poles back on in that area. Mr. Huber explained that the cost had come in lower than anticipated, so he may look at boring the other side at the end of the year.

Recreation Department:

- **Events at the Parks:**

Recreation Director Pinkall stated that baseball and softball were beginning at Sixth Street, Lemon Park and Green Sports Complex. Mr. Pinkall commented that they had gone to the County to see if they could help assist in some of the costs since Skyline would be playing here and they had donated \$10,000, with the stipulation that they know what we spent it on. Mr. Pinkall stated that it would go towards the scoreboards and a few more things with the field.

- **Track and Soccer Facility:**

Mr. Pinkall reminded the Commission of the college groundbreaking for the new track and soccer facility this Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Pinkall stated that they wanted a head count so that they had the right number of hard hats and shovels.

- **First Tournament:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that the first summer tournament was in two weeks and we would also be hosting Skyline's regionals this year.

- **Municipal Building Bids:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that bids went out today for the heating, air and electrical for the Municipal Building and they would be on the next agenda. Mr. Pinkall commented that he would not be looking for approval of those bids, but that they would be up for discussion. Mr. Pinkall explained that the bids would give them some numbers to look at and see where we could go with this project. Mayor Meyer asked if we would need to do a work session sometime. Mr. Pinkall stated that we might need to once we see the numbers. Mr. Pinkall added that the historic piece had been put on hold due to the expense.

- **Open Range Gravel Race:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that the Open Range Gravel Race would be April 27th and it would start at Lemon Park. Mayor Meyer asked if they usually come to the Commission for approval. Mr. Pinkall stated that they did, but he had not talked to Mr. Eric Sutter yet. Mr. Pinkall added that he would contact him tomorrow and get him on the next agenda.

- **Tennis Tournament:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that he would have requests to close Third Street and Fourth Street for the KSHAA State tennis tournament. Commissioner Peters stated that it was great to have the facilities we have to bring in what we do. Commissioner Peters added that Mr. Pinkall did a great job running the tournaments. Mr. Pinkall stated that we had a great relationship with scholastic sports.

Police Department:

- **Open Range Gravel Run:**

Police Chief Humble stated that they would be doing the same as last year in escorting the bikers at 7:30 a.m. on April 27th. Chief Humble added that they would open Lemon Park at 5:00 a.m. and be available if anyone needed anything.

- **Drug Take Back Program:**

Chief Humble stated that they would be doing the Drug Take Back Program on April 27th at Wal-Mart and at the County Preparedness Fair that would be at the armory. Chief Humble commented that they would have the pedal car for impaired driving and the K-9 at the Fair.

- **Insurance/LEC:**

Chief Humble stated that EMC had contacted him and the mold problem was not covered by insurance. Commissioner Leslie asked if they knew where the leaks were coming from. Chief Humble stated that it was from the flashing and the HVAC system that had been put in. Chief Humble added that some existed from the old boiler system. Chief Humble stated that he was working with Sheriff White and they were taking this situation seriously.

- **K-9:**

Commissioner Peters asked how often the K-9 was being used. Chief Humble stated that it was used quite a bit and they had also had a request from another agency to use the dog in another jurisdiction. Commissioner Peters questioned if they had to pay for that. Chief Humble stated that they did not. Commissioner Peters asked if they could call on him any time of day. Chief Humble commented that he was available 24/7.

Finance Department:

- **Budget Schedule:**

Finance Director Garten stated that she had put a budget time line for this year in the packet and asked for the Commissioners to look it over and let her know what works for them. Ms. Garten commented that this followed what was done last year.

- **Sales Tax:**

Ms. Garten stated that sales tax was still up 7% over last year.

- **Audit:**

Ms. Garten commented that the auditors would be here the week of April 15th. Ms. Garten added that this would be the second year for this company.

Mayor and Commission:

- **Solar Farm Contest:**

Mayor Meyer questioned when Inovateus would be naming the winner of the contest to name the Solar Farm. Mr. Eckert stated that he had talked to them and it should be ready by the end of the month.

- **Chamber Meeting:**

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Mayor Meyer stated that he had attended a Chamber meeting in Wichita with Chamber Director DeClue and they had promoted Wichita instead of Kansas City. Mayor Meyer commented that there was a pilot shortage and they had a mandatory retirement age of 65.

- **Bruce Pinkall:**

Commissioner Deeds took a moment to recognize Recreation Director Pinkall for doing an exceptional job with the Management Committee for the track and soccer facility. Commissioner Schmidt added that there was good leadership and that solved a lot of problems.

RECESS:

Mayor Meyer made a motion to recess until Thursday, April 4th at 11:00 a.m. for the groundbreaking for the track and soccer complex. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and carried unanimously.

Doug Meyer, Mayor



ATTEST:

LuAnn Kramer, City Clerk