

MONDAY

MAY 04, 2020

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

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

ALSO PRESENT:	Bruce Pinkall	City Manager
	LuAnn Kramer	City Clerk
	Regina Probst	City Attorney (Remotely)
	Diana Garten	Finance Director (Remotely)
	Nate Humble	Chief of Police
	Russell Rambat	Public Works Director

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:

- April 20, 2020 Regular Commission Meeting

Mayor Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2020 Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leslie and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO AMENDMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR THE GLOBAL FEE ORDINANCE:

City Attorney Probst stated that these were more of the amendments in preparation for the global fee ordinance. Ms. Probst added that the specific dollar amounts had been taken out. With no discussion, the following Ordinances 2045 to Ordinance 2049 were presented to the Commission for their approval: **Ordinance 2045 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.20.120 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRATT REGARDING APPEAL OF REVOCATION OF CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE WITHIN THE CITY OF PRATT, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH; Ordinance 2046 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.20.130 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRATT**

REGARDING CHANGE OF LOCATION OF CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSEE WITHIN THE CITY OF PRATT, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH; Ordinance 2047 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.24.020 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRATT REGARDING OCCUPATIONAL TAX FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS WITHIN THE CITY OF PRATT, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH; Ordinance 2048 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.28.020 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRATT REGARDING OCCUPATIONAL TAX FOR CLASS A AND CLASS B PRIVATE CLUBS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF PRATT, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH and Ordinance 2049 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8.04.110 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PRATT REGARDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF SECTION 8.04.080 WITHIN THE CITY OF PRATT, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH. Commissioner Meyer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2045 – Appeal of Revocation of Cereal Malt Beverage License, Ordinance 2046 – Change of Location of Licensee, Ordinance 2047 – Occupational Tax for Retail Sales of Alcoholic Liquors, Ordinance 2048 – Occupational Tax for Class A & B Private Clubs and Ordinance 2049 – Penalty for Violation of Section 8.04.080. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leslie and carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

City Manager:

- **Budget:**

City Manager Pinkall stated that it was about time for budget and they were starting to get information together.

- **Staff Meeting:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that there would be a staff meeting this week to discuss how things were going to work.

- **Playgrounds open:**

Mr. Pinkall commented that there were some concerns on Facebook today wanting the playgrounds open and caution tape to be removed. Mr. Pinkall reminded the Commission that playground equipment would remain closed during Phase 1 of the reopening of Pratt County. Mr. Pinkall stated that citizens were doing an excellent job staying apart while going through the parks and they were being heavily used.

- **Commend staff:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that he wanted to commend the staff for how hard they were working. Mr. Pinkall commented that there had not been any real issues of being together and they were taking their tasks seriously. Mr. Pinkall added that they were being a good example.

- **Governor's guidelines:**

Commissioner Peters questioned if City Hall and the Court House were following Governor Kelly's guidelines. Mr. Pinkall stated that we had open control and we had talked about that pretty quickly at City Hall. Mr. Pinkall commented that things had been operating smoothly with bills and permits;

therefore, Phase 1 would allow us to be closed for another two weeks. Mr. Pinkall added that we would adjust as need be. Mr. Pinkall stated that the Court House was a County decision. Mr. Pinkall commented that a number of things that Governor Kelly released were left open and we could not make anything looser than what she had presented.

- **Working from home:**

Mayor Schmidt asked if we were still taking turns working from home. Mr. Pinkall stated that he thought that we were back to normal and we were not working from home. Mr. Pinkall commented that he was encouraging everyone to take State and Federal assistance to continue to help flatten the curve as we look at moving on to Phase 2. Mr. Pinkall stated that we wanted to be ready and not have to scramble. Commissioner Peters asked if the staff would be wearing masks to exercise caution once we open back up. Mr. Pinkall stated that those were things that we were thinking about and we had also discussed using plexiglass.

Mayor Schmidt asked if most businesses were self-policing if they were open unless they had a problem they could not handle. Police Chief Humble stated that it was a last effort for the police to get involved. Mr. Pinkall stated that there was one case of a guy rolling up the tape around the play equipment in the park and an officer stopped him and let him know they were closed. Mr. Pinkall added that they had gone back and forth on that, but no one had been up to talk to him as had been claimed. Mr. Pinkall commented that a Facebook post stated that this person had been to another community and asked why we were so different.

City Attorney:

- **Normal as can be:**

City Attorney Probst stated that she would be in town Thursday for first appearances in Municipal Court and would be doing court on Monday via email. Ms. Probst commented that everything was going as normal as it could be.

Public Works:

- **Pool:**

Public Works Director Rambat stated that he had a crew coming in from out of town to replace 100' of joint material between the concrete and joint at the pool. Mr. Rambat commented that the sharp paint would be removed and replaced with the joint material. Mr. Rambat added that a second crew would come in in a couple of weeks to apply adhesive on the baby end. Mr. Rambat stated that there was not a lot of expense, but we were moving forward even though we were not sure what was going to happen. Mr. Rambat commented that it could be a short season; however, it would be nice to get it open to give the kids something to do.

- **Airport project:**

Mr. Rambat stated that APAC continued working on the watermain project at the airport. Mr. Rambat explained that they had hit a gas main today and traffic had to be diverted, but we were all working together on that.

- **Clean-up week:**

Mr. Rambat stated that he had gotten a call from County Landfill Supervisor Jason Winkel about a clean-up week and having it temporarily postponed. Mr. Rambat commented that we would want to consider putting something on the bills that the City would not be involved this year except to take care of the tab. Commissioner Meyer clarified that we would still have a clean-up week; however, there would not be any City staff out at the landfill to help out. Mr. Rambat stated that that was correct. Commissioner Meyer stated that the Recycle Center was going to open up tomorrow. Mr. Rambat stated that this was a worthy cause and the cost was not that high.

Police Department:

- **Spike in thefts:**

Police Chief Humble stated that there had been a spike in thefts and he had been asked by the Tribune if it was related to COVID-19. Chief Humble commented that it had nothing to do with COVID-19 and was not abnormal. Chief Humble explained that there was an armed robbery at Kwik Shop Friday at 9:15 p.m. and there was video. Chief Humble stated that they had asked people for their help since they did not have a whole lot to work with.

Commissioner Peters questioned if they had any arrests in the burglaries at the Presbyterian and Sacred Heart Churches. Chief Humble stated that they did not, but it was a waiting game of getting information and tying things together. Commissioner Leslie asked if there had been residential burglaries. Chief Humble stated that vehicles had been broken into, but no residential homes. Commissioner Leslie asked if the vehicles were unlocked. Chief Humble stated that they were and people needed to keep valuable items out of sight or out of vehicles.

Finance Department:

- **Budget:**

Finance Director Garten stated that she had barely started the budget process with there being so many unknowns. Mayor Schmidt asked if we were eligible for any of the COVID-19 acts. Ms. Garten stated that we were not yet, but we might be for some FEMA assistance.

Mayor and Commission:

Executive Session:

Mayor Schmidt made a motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to last fifteen minutes returning at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meyer 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 Meyer and carried unanimously.

Public Comments through Zoom:

There were no public comments during the zoom meeting.

ADJOURN:

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Commissioner Leslie made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deeds and carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR:

GARY A. SCHMIDT, Mayor



ATTEST:

LUANN KRAMER, City Clerk