

MONDAY

MAY 06, 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
	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:**

- April 15, 2019 Special Call Commission Meeting
- April 15, 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:**

**PRESENTATION OF DIVIDEND CHECK:**

Mr. Rich Sanders, Sanders Agency and Real Estate, presented the Commission with the 2019 dividend check. Mr. Sanders reminded the Commission that the EMC commercial package was part of the KMU safety program and there were about 400 cities in the group. Mr. Sanders handed Mayor Meyer a check for \$88,546 and stated that he thought this was the largest check the City had ever had. Mr. Sanders explained that this was a little more than 20% of the premium back. Commissioner Peters questioned

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what this insurance was for. Mr. Sanders stated that it was liability, property, auto and workman's comp. Mr. Sanders added that the power plant was on a separate policy through Chubb Insurance.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MASTER GARDENERS ADDING FLOWERS TO SOUTH MAIN STREET PLANTERS:**

Ms. Linda Broce stated that the Pratt Garden Club and the Pratt Master Gardener's wanted to do a joint project to beautify downtown Pratt. Ms. Broce commented that they wanted to add some color to the planters that would add extra interest to them. Ms. Broce added that the Garden Club had funds from memorials for perennials, which would come back every year. Ms. Broce explained that they would also add some annuals that the group would supervise and work alongside City staff. Commissioner Peters stated that he thought that it was a great idea. Public Works Director Rambat stated that Park Superintendent Eckhoff was in charge of maintenance and the water system at the planters and asked if she had talked to him to get him on-board. Ms. Broce stated that she had visited with Mr. Eckhoff. Commissioner Peters asked if they would get it done this year. Ms. Broce stated that she would love to have that happen. With no further discussion, Commissioner Leslie made a motion to approve the addition of flowers to the planters on South Main Street as presented by the Master Gardeners. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deeds and carried unanimously.

**UPDATE ON BLYTHE FAMILY FITNESS EVENTS:**

Ms. Kristina Kaufman, Blythe Family Fitness Executive Director, stated that she wanted to come and update the Commission on what had been going on at Blythe. Ms. Kaufman stated that they had hosted the PCC Jamboree and there were eleven out of town teams that were there. Ms. Kaufman added that she was working to get them back next year. Ms. Kaufman commented that Blythe also helped out the middle and high school basketball teams so that they would not have to cancel their basketball tournament. Ms. Kaufman explained that the school and library had a Fifth Quarter and they were host for an after home football game activity. Ms. Kaufman stated that they had about one hundred kids and were there until about 11:30 p.m. with area churches coming to grill hot dogs.

Ms. Kaufman stated that they were busy from January to the third week of April with archery, basketball and all the other things. Ms. Kaufman commented that she was working on hosting the regional archery tournament for the high school and also the PCC wrestling tournament. Ms. Kaufman stated that she also had three hundred five gymnasts at the facility for two days. Commissioner Peters asked how she got the judges. Ms. Kaufman stated that she had to pay them and she also had to rent the equipment. Ms. Kaufman stated that it was a pretty big ordeal to transform the facilities. Commissioner Peters questioned if the school paid rent when they use Blythe. Ms. Kaufman stated that they did not. Ms. Kaufman added that they also help with their practices for long jump and different things.

Ms. Kaufman thanked the Commission for their support and added that they could not do it without them. Ms. Kaufman stated that they were headed for a busy summer and they were hoping to get another KU basketball player to come in to help with camp. Ms. Kaufman explained that they had seventy kids and only ten were from Pratt. Commissioner Peters commented that they had asked that organizations that the City helped financially, bring in their financials. Ms. Kaufman stated that she would be doing that.

**QUARTERLY REPORT ON TRAVEL AND TOURISM:**

This item was tabled until the next meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF GOOGLE BUS PARKING IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY MAY 30<sup>TH</sup>:**

Public Works Director Rambat stated that the Library Director had informed him that the Google bus would be coming to Pratt and was excited for the opportunity to have them. Mr. Rambat explained that he would drop off some cones the day before the event and the library personnel would put them out. Mr. Rambat added that school would be out by then so there should not be any parking problems. Mr. Rambat explained that he understood that this was for anyone that wanted to come and have them show off the power of Google. With no further discussion, Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve the Google bus parking in front of the library on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and carried unanimously.

#### **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF BIDS TO REPLACE THE LINE SHOP ROOF:**

In the absence of Director of Electric Utilities Huber, Mayor Meyer stated that these were bids for a new roof at the line shop. Commissioner Leslie asked if they were all bidding on the same thing. Mayor Meyer commented that metal was in the request and Titanium felt. Commissioner Peters questioned if they would be taking off the shingles. Mayor Meyer stated that they would if it was in the bid. Commissioner Leslie commented that Titanium was a brand. Public Works Director Rambat explained that, even if you send out minimums, you might not get back minimums and were given the opportunity to bid maximum. Mayor Meyer commented that the one bid was adding felt and shingles, but was still less than the other one. Commissioner Deeds stated that he was not sure it was apples to apples. Commissioner Peters stated that he was sure Mr. Huber had worked it all out. Commissioner Leslie made a motion to approve the line shop roof bid in the amount of \$21,058.80 from Kessler Construction, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deeds and carried unanimously.

#### **CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON MUNICIPAL BUILDING HVAC AND ELECTRIC UPGRADES:**

Recreation Director Pinkall stated that he had shown the Commission the facts and figures at the last meeting and they were in the packet again for them to review. Mr. Pinkall described and did a power point on some of the things that had been done at the Municipal Building over the years. Mr. Pinkall stated that the Municipal Building was built in 1929 and there was a plaque with the Commissioners' names on it at that time. Mr. Pinkall explained that the front entrance, as you walk in, was the same flooring and was kept clean and polished. Mr. Pinkall added that the east and west side entrances had that same flooring. Mr. Pinkall commented that the Commission room had had the tile removed and replaced with carpet squares a number of years ago, the walls painted, LED light fixtures installed and blinds put up on the windows.

Mr. Pinkall stated that the kitchen was a big project where they had replaced the tile with ceramic tile, added two movable islands with storage, two refrigerator/freezers and upgraded the electrical so that you could plug in numerous things at one time. Mr. Pinkall explained that they had taken out the dishwasher and replaced it with a washing and counter area. Mr. Pinkall commented that they also had two convectional ovens, exhaust fans installed and updated the serving window to the gym. Mr. Pinkall stated that the gym floor was maintained and refinished by the custodial staff; however, they had not refinished it last year due to the lack of air conditioning. Mr. Pinkall continued explaining that there was a new curtain in the gym that helped keep the sun out, a new curtain at the back of the stage and the big curtains come across the front of the stage opened electronically. Mr. Pinkall commented that the bathrooms had been upgraded by taking up the tile and putting down ceramic tile and there were three stalls for the women and four for the men.

Mr. Pinkall stated that the bids had come in and the bottom line was that Integreen had the low bid for all of the project. Mr. Pinkall commented that there was a USDA low interest loan program that was at

4.25% for a maximum of forty years or we could look at bonds with Gilmore and Bell at 2.5% interest for a shorter term. Mr. Pinkall stated that his recommendation was to look to at least get financing approved and get the electrical upgrade done and the HVAC installed in the gym for around \$170,000. Commissioner Peters questioned why Adams Electric did not bid on the electrical side. Mr. Pinkall stated that, in his opinion, he thought it was due to lack of manpower and being very busy.

Mr. Pinkall stated that the building itself had history and many uses for the community. Mr. Pinkall commented that there was something going on in the Municipal Building 224 days last year. Mr. Pinkall added that the Municipal Building was a very visible focal point and an important part of our downtown.

Mr. Pinkall stated that the scope of the project would be discussed during budget and he commented that they currently, and over the years, budgeted \$20,000 for upgrades and improvements; however, some of that had already been used for other projects. Mr. Pinkall commented that they could use that money for a loan payment if they found one with a low interest rate. Commissioner Leslie asked if the HVAC improvements would improve the expenses that we pay every year. Mr. Pinkall stated that it would be more efficient than it was now, but the building would not be. Commissioner Leslie questioned if it would have the same windows. Mr. Pinkall stated that it would, but this was a stair step process. Building Inspector Blankenship stated that the old boiler was about 65% efficient at its best when it was put in, so about \$.35 of every dollar was going out the door and a new one today would be about 97% efficient or \$.03 of every dollar going out the door. Mr. Pinkall explained that you set one temperature on the old system and that was for the whole building; however, the new one would let each office set their own.

Commissioner Peters asked if we had a way to finance the \$170,000 for phases 1 and 2 without getting a bond. Finance Director Garten stated that there were a couple of options and one was a bond issue and USDA purchasing it. Ms. Garten explained that we could do a short-term loan which would be for no more than four years or \$40,000 a year and we could do that. Ms. Garten commented that the other option would be to see what we had in reserves and liquidate what was available for maintenance. Mayor Meyer questioned if we could do the \$40,000 a year. Ms. Garten stated that we could because he had budgeted \$20,000 out of transfers from recreation for improvements and \$30,000 from the maintenance budget. Ms. Garten commented that not all of that was to go to the Municipal Building HVAC, but it could work if some things could be delayed; however, it would not give him anything to fall back on.

Commissioner Peters asked if phases 3 and 4 would be another loan. Mr. Pinkall stated that they could get by the summer with the window units and #4 was an alternate bid to get that stuff out of the basement. Mr. Pinkall explained that we could use City staff to do that and not have to spend that money. Mr. Pinkall continued to explain that he thought it would be good not to move the old boiler due to some asbestos issues. Commissioner Peters asked if there were asbestos problems and how much that was going to cost. Mr. Pinkall stated that he did not have a quote on that yet, but there was an inspection and they were surprised how very little asbestos there was. Mr. Pinkall added that there was some in the joints from the heating and air pipes and some in the tunnel; however, there were no marks on the ceiling tiles so it was better than he had thought it would be. Commissioner Leslie asked if the electrical roof work would be done in-house. Mr. Pinkall stated that some of it would be, but Mr. Huber might need money for the new service. Mr. Pinkall explained that the poles for the new transformer would need to be replaced and it would be located in the Southeast corner of the building. Mr. Pinkall added that everything coming into the building would be part of the bid.

Mr. Pinkall stated that they would be using some of the existing conduit to go up and down as they enter the building. Mr. Pinkall explained that they would remove the air handlers up by the gym and the condenser units would be on the back side of the building. Commissioner Leslie stated that he was impressed on how much money we were saving compared to the engineer's estimates. Mr. Pinkall stated

that he got scared when he found out that they were going to charge almost \$50,000 to help get specs and bids together. Mr. Pinkall commented that he got Public Works Director Rambat, Building Inspector Blankenship and Director of Electric Utilities to help him put something together for competitive bids.

Mayor Meyer stated that he appreciated all that Mr. Pinkall had done in putting together something that lets them know that the building was salvageable. Commissioner Peters commented that the sheet in 2018 had a total cost of \$2 million for the project and he questioned if there were things that we would still need to do. Mr. Pinkall stated that they were going to get rid of the two-pipe system that pumps water throughout the building and there would be forced air in the gym. Commissioner Peters asked if we could look at including phase #3 and do this all at one time. Mr. Pinkall commented that they would talk money and see in the next couple of months and it might be possible to make this a two-year project. Commissioner Deeds questioned what this would do to the usage. Mr. Pinkall stated that it would help to be able to control the climate in each room. Mayor Meyer commented that we might start losing events if we did not do something. Commissioner Peters asked if the loan was for only four years if we borrowed it from a bank. Ms. Garten stated that that would be temporary financing and after four years we would go out for a GEO bond.

Mr. Pinkall commented that Integreen was comfortable with their numbers. Commissioner Leslie asked if we were going to go with phases 1, 2 and 3. Ms. Garten stated that she thought that we could; however, we would have to talk to the bank. Commissioner Schmidt questioned if there were any other major problems or expenditures in other departments that could interfere with the budget. Ms. Garten explained that there had been a lot of money go out and not come back in yet, such as Lemon Park bathrooms. With little more discussion, Commissioner Leslie made a motion to approve the bid from Integreen in the amount of \$241,000 for phases 1, 2 and 3. Mayor Meyer seconded the bid and it carried unanimously. Ms. Garten added that we would have to be approved for financing also. With a unanimous show of hands, the Commissioners were all in agreement.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL TO CLOSE ROCHESTER STREET FROM THIRD STREET TO FOURTH STREET AND FOR THE USE OF THE SCOUT CABIN ON MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AND 11<sup>TH</sup> FOR A STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY PHS:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that the school had requested the closure of Rochester Street from Third Street to Fourth Street on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> for a State tennis tournament. Mr. Pinkall added that they also ask for use of the Scout Cabin. Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve the street closures as presented and for the use of the Scout Cabin on May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> for a State tennis tournament. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and carried unanimously.

**OPEN AGENDA:**

- **Bridge:**

Ms. Karen Detwiler explained to the Commission that there was a bridge on their property that was 20' long and 10' wide. Ms. Detwiler stated that there was City drainage across their property and had been maintained by the City at one time; however, they did not want to do it anymore. Ms. Detwiler commented that the drainage began at the Union Pacific RR north of Holly Street and ran between Thompson Street and Pine Street. Ms. Detwiler continued to explain that it went underground on Spruce Street and passed under eleven City streets and each of those streets had culverts on both sides. Ms. Detwiler explained that it entered Jack Ewing Park on Third Street, goes under Rochester Street and proceeds southeast under Sixth Street, along Haskell Street until it gets to a bridge south of the 700 block of Haskell Street. Ms. Detwiler stated that there was a right angle to the east and goes through the entire

width of their property and onto Dr. Dave Johnston's property. Ms. Detwiler commented that this was the point where it drops all the trash and debris that had been collected along the way.

Ms. Detwiler stated that they had replaced twenty planks on their own; however, the timbers that were holding the planks were rotting away and that was making their bridge an unsafe structure. Ms. Detwiler questioned if the City would consider doing steel beams since they had no way of handling anything that large. Ms. Detwiler commented that this bridge was used daily and the area was in the City limits. Ms. Detwiler added that it would be the only access if there were ever a fire back there. Public Works Director Rambat stated that he had not been on the structure. Mayor Meyer asked who owned the bridge. Ms. Detwiler stated that they would be called the owners, but the City had an easement at one time. Ms. Detwiler stated that the Commission and staff were welcome to go back there. Mayor Meyer asked if City Attorney Probst could check into an easement. Ms. Probst stated that she could. Ms. Detwiler commented that she might not find an easement since things were done on a handshake back then.

Commissioner Leslie asked what the cost of the beams would be. Mr. Rambat stated that he had no idea, but steel was expensive. Mr. Rambat added that he would have to have someone look at it for load bearing. City Manager Eckert stated that he had gone out there with Ms. Detwiler and he did not see a huge amount of money in it. Mr. Eckert commented that it made sense since the City did have access a while back and had stopped using it for whatever reason. Mr. Eckert added that a handshake used to be legal. Commissioner Leslie stated that Mr. and Mrs. Detwiler had donated a lot in the past and the City had an agreement in the past. Commissioner Leslie commented that it was a small thing of kindness. Mayor Meyer instructed Ms. Probst to look into the easement and for Mr. Rambat to check prices. Ms. Detwiler informed the Commission that there had been a pipeline that went to the City power plant at one time. Mayor Meyer stated that this would not be solved overnight, but we would work on it.

## **REPORTS:**

### **City Manager:**

- **Fincham Street drainage ditch:**

City Manager Eckert stated that he had given the Commissioners a list of things that he was involved in over the past several months. Mr. Eckert started with the drainage ditch on Sixth Street and Fincham Street and commented that this was something that we needed to be involved in. Mr. Eckert explained that there was critical runoff and erosion and this was City property. Mr. Eckert commented that there had been a sealed bid for over \$100,000. Commissioner Peters asked if he had the bids. Mr. Eckert stated that there were two people. Public Works Director Rambat suggested that we give the bidders the option to precast or build it in place. Mr. Rambat explained that precast took it front and center and bidding that way could be cheaper. Mr. Rambat commented that we should ask for a ballpark figure until we go out for bids. Mr. Rambat added that we could get four or five bids back and it depends on how hungry they were. Mayor Meyer stated that that was just an accident waiting to happen and questioned if it would have to be engineered. Mr. Rambat stated that it would go to EBH and get the standard bids for building specs. Mr. Rambat commented that we did not have to get KDOT tight; however, we wanted to make sure it would not fracture.

- **Municipal Building:**

Mr. Eckert stated that he agreed with all that was talked about already concerning the Municipal Building. Mr. Eckert commented that it might do well to get some information out to the public through the website and Facebook to explain that renovating the Municipal Building was a positive.

- **Carbon Tetrachloride:**

Mr. Eckert stated that Mayor Meyer and he were excited to set something up through our Senators and Representatives to meet with the military over the carbon tetrachloride issue at the airport. Mr. Eckert commented that the Army takes a lot of hits and spends millions on issues such as this. Mr. Eckert explained that the Army had not created carbon tetrachloride, but they get blamed for it. Mayor Meyer stated that the representative from Dodge City had done more than they had ever imagined. Mr. Eckert stated that we would like to have a military and civilian training facility at the airport that would train us on how to treat the ground water. Commissioner Peters commented that he would like to see Congressman Ron Estes on board. Mr. Eckert stated that they were waiting to hear back from the military, which could take a while.

- **Economic Development:**

Mr. Eckert stated that he would like an executive session to discuss economic development at the end of the meeting.

- **Website:**

Mr. Eckert stated that everybody had done a great job on the new website and it was getting better every day. Mr. Eckert added that staff would continue to work on it and make it first class. Mr. Eckert stated that the track and soccer facility, the solar farm and other things were doing well and we needed to push these projects on the website.

- **Water rights:**

Mr. Eckert stated that we had to stay on top of the water rights and we had seven years to do so. Commissioner Peters asked how many gallons we were liable to lose. Public Works Director Rambat stated that he was not sure, but probably around an acre foot, which was a third of what we could have. Mr. Rambat commented that we would have to come up with a plan on selling water once we get KDWPT and the airport online. Mr. Eckert added that perfected water rights would help get businesses to come to Pratt.

- **Budget:**

Mr. Eckert stated that budget time was getting here and Finance Director Garten and he would be meeting with department heads next week. Mr. Eckert added that they would bring the budget to the Commission at the end of June.

- **Dog Ordinance:**

Mr. Eckert stated that there was a lot to discuss concerning the dog ordinance and he had met with Ms. April Hemphill at the Humane Society, Police Chief Humble and Commissioner Leslie. Commissioner Leslie stated that they were moving forward looking at dog complaints and the dog registration process. Commissioner Leslie commented that Ms. Hemphill had expressed interest in registration since they did not always know where a dog came from when it was brought to the Humane Society. Commissioner Leslie stated that the fees collected would go to the registration program and there would be no cost to the City to put it in place.

Commissioner Peters clarified that Commissioner Leslie wanted to make it mandatory. Commissioner Leslie stated that that was correct. Commissioner Peters stated that he had visited with Ms. Hemphill and she was glad to do this program and she had the software; however, he did not feel that this should be mandated for people who were in a situation where they were trying to make ends meet. Commissioner Peters stated that he felt it should be voluntary. Commissioner Leslie stated that it would be worthless if nobody would do it and we were not going out and actively enforcing it. Commissioner Leslie commented that a person would remember having to pick up their dog if they were made to pay fines, boarding and registration fees. Commissioner Peters stated that, he did not want to speak for Ms. Hemphill; however, he felt that she would not charge all those fees if they came in on their 'last leg'. Mayor Meyer questioned if those were Humane Society fees. Commissioner Leslie stated that they were. Commissioner Peters stated that he did not think that people were going to do it. Commissioner Leslie commented that you probably would not have a lot of people going in to register their dog.

Mayor Meyer questioned how much it would cost him to get his dog out of the pound if he had already gotten him registered and chipped. Chief Humble stated that he thought it was \$20 or \$25. Mayor Meyer clarified that those fees stayed at the Humane Society. Chief Humble stated that that was correct. Commissioner Leslie repeated that nobody would do it on a voluntary basis. Mayor Meyer questioned that Commissioner Leslie had just said that it was not going to be enforced. Commissioner Leslie stated that this was more or less for those who were violators and did not keep their dog properly restrained. Commissioner Peters asked Chief Humble how many dogs Animal Control had to take out to the Humane Society. Chief Humble stated that there was maybe an average of six a month; however, January and February there were very few. Commissioner Leslie questioned how many of those were repeat offenders. Chief Humble stated that he did not know since they go out to the Humane Society, but his guess would be about half. Chief Humble commented that he knows that Ms. Hemphill takes pride in the Shelter being a no kill shelter, which allows her to transport dogs to other shelters where they could be adopted out.

Commissioner Leslie stated that this would get an ordinance in place that we did not already have and start addressing things such as tethering and leash laws and implement stiffer laws. Mayor Meyer stated that we have a cruelty to animal ordinance. Commissioner Leslie stated that that only addressed cruelty. Commissioner Peters commented that he had friends that tether their dogs and stay with them, so they were not very happy that they might not be able to do that anymore. Commissioner Peters stated that he did not understand where Commissioner Leslie was coming from. Commissioner Leslie commented that he wanted to see common sense when it came to tethering and to make sure that there was no abuse. Commissioner Leslie stated that officers needed to see that the dog had been tied up for sometime with no water or food. City Attorney Probst stated that she was not comfortable writing an ordinance that was not clear and that did not give the officers clear direction. Ms. Probst added that we were saying that we would enforce it only if 'X', 'Y' and 'Z' exist. Ms. Probst added that no one knows how law enforcement officers or Commissioners were going to think and feel in ten years. Ms. Probst stated that what mattered was what we write and what we write was what we had to do.

Commissioner Peters stated that he cast the deciding vote on this matter in an earlier meeting and he did that because there was something discussed about fines. Commissioner Peters commented that he learned from Ms. Hemphill that there was a limit you could do and she had the discretionary powers to do those fines. Commissioner Peters added that he would have voted with Commissioner Schmidt and Mayor Meyer had he known all that. Mayor Meyer stated that they were not going to solve this tonight. Commissioner Peters agreed and added that he understood the passion that Commissioner Leslie had about this; however, he felt that the ordinances we had in place were sufficient and let us go check things out if called upon. Commissioner Peters questioned if there were fines associated with this. Chief Humble stated that there were, but the Animal Control officer had to call an officer to write tickets.

Commissioner Leslie stated that we did not have a very detailed dog ordinance. Mayor Meyer stated that the Commission went through a very detailed process before approving the current ordinance and he was comfortable with it. Commissioner Leslie stated that all we had was a vicious animal ordinance. Commissioner Peters stated that that covered everything. Mayor Meyer commented that this was not an agenda item and they could not vote on anything, so we could put it on another agenda. Commissioner Deeds stated that Chief Humble and Ms. Hemphill had constructive conversations and he felt that Chief Humble had been ambushed tonight. Chief Humble stated that the current vicious animal ordinance worked well with any breed of dog. Chief Humble added that the registrations would come in handy when there was one that came in multiple times and then the officers would know who to issue the animal at large citation to.

City Manager Eckert stated that a few of the staff needed to sit down together and brainstorm with Ms. Probst. Ms. Probst commented that she was not opposed to reviewing all the fines, because it had been awhile since they had been looked at. Ms. Probst stated that she would look at other cities and compare them with ours.

- **Lemon Park:**

Mr. Eckert stated that the dirt work had been completed for the bathrooms in Lemon Park and we were just waiting on the blue prints. Mr. Eckert explained that we would move on once Building Inspector Blankenship reviewed them.

- **Dog Park:**

Mr. Eckert stated that he had researched dog parks and there were usually two major issues. Mr. Eckert explained that one issue was whether the dog had been vaccinated and the other was keeping the park picked up. Mr. Eckert stated that he found that some dog parks had been banned and some had been opened, but he was ready to get started on one here. Mr. Eckert explained that most vets did not like them and you had to decide if you wanted a park for big dogs and one for little ones. Commissioner Leslie stated that disease was a big part of a dog park. Public Works Director Rambat questioned if the dog park would be breed specific. Mayor Meyer stated that we had not lost anything if we did not do anything.

**City Attorney:**

- **Legislative Updates:**

Commissioner Peters questioned if City Attorney Probst had any legislative updates. Ms. Probst stated that there were some that were waiting the Governor's signature; however, the League would be doing a summary of what affected Cities at their annual conference in June. Mayor Meyer stated that the tax on food would affect Pratt. Finance Director Garten agreed. Commissioner Peters asked about tax on internet sales. Ms. Garten stated that that was also their claim.

**Public Works:**

- **Airport Project:**

Public Works Director Rambat stated that they were starting to put pipe into the ground for the City's portion of the Airport Project. Mr. Rambat commented that EBH was putting specs together and it could take KDHE a couple of months to approve the contract. Mr. Rambat added that they would get started in

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August or September; however, they could build a building if there was bad weather and lay pipe next spring.

- **Pool:**

Mr. Rambat stated that he would start filling the pool when he returns from vacation on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

- **FEMA Reimbursement:**

Mr. Rambat thanked Finance Director Garten for helping with the reimbursements from FEMA.

### **Recreation Department:**

- **Track and Soccer facility:**

Recreation Director Pinkall stated that the committee involving Commissioner Schmidt and Commissioner Deeds was going to start meeting the first Tuesday of each month at the track and soccer complex site. Mr. Pinkall thanked the Commissioners for coming to the meeting this morning. Mr. Pinkall added that he would be glad to take anyone out there or they could knock on the trailer door and get a hard hat and they would advise them where to go.

- **Youth track meet:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that about one hundred sixty kids participated in a youth track meet at Zerger Field and at Southwest School on Saturday. Mr. Pinkall explained that the Track Club was involved and he thanked Commissioner Deeds for his help.

- **Tournaments:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that they were in full swing with lots of tournaments with Pratt High baseball/softball games Friday and Saturday and a thirty-four team tournament this weekend. Mr. Pinkall commented that they would be hosting the 2 1-A Regional softball on Monday and Tuesday of next week and Wednesday they would host 4-A Regional softball. Mr. Pinkall stated that they would be off a week and then host 2 1-A State softball.

### **Police Department:**

- **New vehicles:**

Chief Humble stated that they had received both new vehicles and traded in the two used ones. Chief Humble commented that they did have some equipment ordered.

- **Meth Conference:**

Chief Humble informed the Commission that they were hosting a Meth Conference that started today and went until Wednesday. Chief Humble stated that there were twenty-three participants and it was being held in the fire department training room.

- **Juul or Vapes:**

Mayor Meyer stated that he was in a meeting the other day and three high school students talked about issues in the schools with vapes and juuls. Chief Humble stated that that was a big concern. Chief Humble explained that a juul pod equaled a pack of cigarettes and smoking juul through vapes could go undetected. Chief Humble commented that the juul had the appearance of a little flash drive and anyone could walk with their head down and you never knew they were doing it. Chief Humble stated that you see them everywhere and we would not see the affect to kids for years.

- **LEC:**

Commissioner Peters asked if there was anything new from Sheriff White on the LEC. Chief Humble stated that there was nothing to report, but Sheriff White and he were wanting to have a conversation with City Manager Eckert. Chief Humble explained that they had dispatch things going on and other endeavors they were working on right now.

**Finance Department:**

- **Audit:**

Finance Director Garten stated that the audit field work was done and there were no issues. Ms. Garten commented that they would be here to present the audit to the Commission during one of the meetings in June.

- **Budget:**

Ms. Garten commented that she was working on the budget.

- **FEMA Reimbursement:**

Ms. Garten stated that the FEMA reimbursement discussed was for the flood in September. Ms. Garten explained that things were categorized and we had received our first disbursement for emergency preparedness and preventive measures. Ms. Garten added that we had gotten some for mosquito abatement that Mr. Rambat did not think we would get. Ms. Garten stated that the debris removal category had been approved and a check was expected soon and the road repairs and parks were being reviewed and would be our largest claim.

**City Clerk/Utility Billing Department:**

- **E-mailing bills:**

City Clerk Kramer stated that the utility billing department now had the ability to e-mail customers their bills. Ms. Kramer commented that this was a long time coming.

- **Fire Department:**

Ms. Kramer informed the Commission that the fire department had helped pay tribute to a Kansas Highway Patrolman from Greensburg that had died. Ms. Kramer stated that the City ladder truck and the County ladder truck had secured a flag between them and across the street as Kansas Highway Patrol vehicles, family and others left the service.

- **County meeting:**

Ms. Kramer reminded the Commission that they needed to check their calendars for a new meeting date to meet with the County. With other discussion coming up, no date was chosen.

**Mayor and Commission:**

- **Paula Downs:**

Mayor Meyer stated that everyone should have a copy of the materials given to them at the meetings with Ms. Paula Downs from WSU. Mayor Meyer commented that there was a lot of information in there, so we would not have to reinvent the wheel.

**Executive Session #1:**

Mayor Meyer made a motion to go into executive session at 7:26 p.m. for non-elected personnel to last fifteen minutes. Commissioner Deeds seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Meyer made a motion to return from executive session at 7:35 p.m. with nothing to report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and carried unanimously.

**Executive Session #2:**

Mayor Meyer made a motion to go into executive session at 7:36 p.m. for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties to last fifteen minutes. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Meyer made a motion to return from executive session at 7:43 p.m. with nothing to report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and carried unanimously.

**Executive Session #3:**

Mayor Meyer made a motion to go into executive session at 7:43 p.m. for non-elected personnel to last fifteen minutes. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Meyer made a motion to return from executive session at 7:57 p.m. with nothing to report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leslie and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:**

Upon proper motion, the meeting was adjourned.

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DOUG MEYER, Mayor



ATTEST:

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LUANN KRAMER, City Clerk