

MONDAY

August 16, 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
	Brent Carver	Finance Director
	Regina Goff	City Attorney (Remotely)
	Nate Humble	Chief of Police
	Russell Rambat	Public Works Director
	Brad Blankenship	Building Inspector
	Jamie Huber	Dir. of Electric Utilities
	Larry Eisenhauer	Recreation 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:

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

MINUTES:

- August 02, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 02, 2021 regular Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and the motion and second carried unanimously.

BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 081621 AUTHORIZING THE CONSUMPTION AND SALE OF ALCOHOL AT THE 6TH STREET PARK ON OCTOBER 09, 2021:

Attorney John Beverlin stated that he drafted these two resolutions and they were no different than the one he had done for Oktoberfest. City Attorney Goff stated that he had sent them to her to review and she had no problem with either one. Ms. Goff added that one was for Friday, October 8th at Fourth Street

between Main Street and Ninnescah and the other was for Saturday, October 9th at Sixth Street Park. Commissioner Deeds asked if Chief Humble was happy. Chief Humble stated that he was. Mayor Schmidt asked if we were doing 5.1 and 5.2 agenda items together. Ms. Goff explained that they were the same event but different days. Commissioner Farmer asked if there would be barriers around in Sixth Street Park for the alcohol restricted area. Ms. Stacey Hanson stated that there would be barricades on two sides on Fourth Street between the buildings and they would be using the t-ball field in Sixth Street. Recreation Director Eisenhower commented that there were no lights on the t-ball field. Ms. Hanson stated that there was going to be a band in the big field on Friday, so they would not need them.

With no more discussion, the following Resolution 081621 was presented to the Commission for their approval: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSUMPTION AND SALE OF ALCOHOL AT SIXTH STREET PARK, PRATT, KANSAS, FOR 2021 (BACK TO) PRATT JAMBOREE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021 PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 41-1201.** Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve Resolution 081621 authorizing the consumption and sale of alcohol at Sixth Street Park on October 9, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siemens and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 081621A AUTHORIZING THE CONSUMPTION AND SALE OF ALCOHOL ON EAST 4TH STREET BETWEEN MAIN AND NINNESCAH STREETS ON OCTOBER 08, 2021:

With no discussion, the following Resolution 081621A was presented to the Commission for their approval: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSUMPTION AND SALE OF ALCOHOL ON EAST 4TH STREET BETWEEN MAIN STREET AND NINNESCAH STREET, PRATT, KANSAS, FOR 2021 (BACK TO) PRATT JAMBOREE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2021 PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 41-1201.** Commissioner Deeds made a motion to approve Resolution 081621A authorizing the consumption and sale of alcohol on East 4th Street between Main Street and Ninnescah Street on October 8, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF 4TH STREET CLOSURE FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL DANCE SPONSORED BY TEEN CENTER ON AUGUST 28, 2021:

City Manager Pinkall stated that the Teen Center was requesting the closure of Fourth Street for a middle school back to school dance on August 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and high school from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Mr. Pinkall commented that he had talked to Ms. Brenda Ford about using Merchants Park and the power outlets there and using the Barron Theatre for restrooms. Mr. Pinkall added that she had not gotten back to him on that, but she thought it was a good idea. With little more discussion, Commissioner Siemens made a motion to approve the Fourth Street closure for the back-to-school dance on August 28th sponsored by the Pratt Teen Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deeds and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LOW BID FOR A TRAILER MOUNTED HYDRO VAC:

Director of Electric Utilities Huber stated that this item had been budgeted for several years and was long overdue. Mr. Huber explained that this was a hydro excavator and it was high pressured water that was shot into the ground. Mr. Huber stated that it could be sucked up just as soon as it goes into the ground to clear utilities safely. Mr. Huber commented that, with as much stuff that was in the ground, we have needed this for a while. Mr. Huber stated that a backhoe or heavy equipment could tear up what was in the ground and a big truck could do a similar thing. Mr. Huber stated that the water and electric departments would be sharing this piece of equipment and it would probably not be used every day. Mr. Huber commented that Water Superintendent Clay had gotten hold of these companies and had them

come out for us to try. Mr. Huber added that they got to try out one that someone did not pick up, because you could not buy used. Mr. Huber stated that the line guys had tried it out by putting power poles back up in Brendon Court and it saved in having to make repairs.

Mr. Huber stated that they had sent out four bids and three were returned. Mr. Huber commented that Foley CAT returned a bid of \$83,709 with sales tax and a lead time of 90 days, Vermeer Great Plains bid \$84,521.50 with a delivery date of February 2022, Wolverine Hydrovac Services bid \$234,350 with tax and delivery as soon as possible and Ditch Witch did not get a bid in on time. Mr. Huber stated that Mr. Clay had room in one of his shops for this equipment so it would not be sitting outside. Mr. Huber commented that the funds would be coming out of both of the departments' capital equipment line item. Commissioner Peters asked if they tried out both Vermeer and Foley. Mr. Clay stated that they did and there were more safety features on Foley and it was easy to operate. Commissioner Peters asked if they would be replacing something. Mr. Huber stated that they would not be. Public Works Director Rambat stated that this would make work faster and safer and it would help get Mr. Clay a boring machine. Mr. Huber stated that it has been needed for a long time.

Mr. Huber recommended that the Commission approve the bid from Foley CAT for \$83,709. With no more discussion, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the purchase of the Trailer Mounted Hydro Vac from Foley CAT for \$83,709. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siemens and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF BID FOR MAIN STREET ALLEY REPLACEMENT:

Public Works Director Rambat stated that he had replaced the south half of the alley behind Legacy Bank a couple of years ago and he had gone out for bids to do the north half of the alley in the 200 block of Main Street. Mr. Rambat stated that he had sent out four bids and two were returned. Mr. Rambat explained that Arensdorf Construction bid \$16,000 and B&H Builders bid \$16,830. Mr. Rambat stated that Arensdorf had done very good on the other product and he would recommend them as the low bid for the north half of the alley on the west side of the 200 block of Main Street. Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve the low bid for the north half of the alley on the west side of the 200 block of Main Street to Arensdorf Construction for \$16,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF GLOBAL FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT – RESOLUTION 081621B:

City Attorney Goff stated that the last paragraph of the resolution states that the Comprehensive Fee Schedule shall be amended effective immediately to include \$100.00 annual fee to register any and all work-site utility vehicles, micro utility vehicles, utility terrain vehicles, and golf carts driven on the streets within the corporate limits of the City of Pratt as authorized by Ordinance No. 2115. Commissioner Farmer asked if we could set a date when they were going to do that. Ms. Goff stated that that was an administrative decision. Chief Humble commented that there was no preference, but the first of the year was when they do their farm equipment. Ms. Goff commented that, regardless, they pay the whole year if they want to use it right now. Commissioner Farmer clarified that they pay \$100.00 for the rest of this year. Ms. Goff stated that was correct. Mayor Schmidt questioned that it includes the liability insurance. Ms. Goff commented that that was in the ordinance.

With no more discussion, the following Resolution 081621B was presented to the Commission for their approval: **A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF PRATT COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE FEES REQUIRED TO REGISTER WORK-SITE UTILITY VEHICLES, MICRO UTILITY VEHICLES, UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES, AND GOLF**

CARTS IN THE CITY OF PRATT. Commissioner Deeds made a motion to approve Resolution 081621B amending the City of Pratt comprehensive fee schedule to include fees required to register work-site utility vehicles, micro utility vehicles, utility terrain vehicles, and golf carts in the City of Pratt. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and carried unanimously.

OPEN AGENDA:

No one wished to address the Commission.

REPORTS:

City Manager:

- **Budget information:**

City Manager Pinkall thanked Finance Director Carver and City Clerk Kramer for going above and beyond on getting the budget binders put together and out last week.

- **Official Newspaper:**

Mr. Pinkall commented that there have been challenges with the publication of the budget. Mr. Pinkall stated that we could do everything that we could, but it might not get published correctly or in a timely manner. Mr. Pinkall suggested considering the Hutchinson News as our official newspaper. Mr. Pinkall explained that they have more options and they publish more than once a week. Mr. Pinkall added that we could get things published without any fear of them dropping the ball and, with the budget timeline, this might be a solution. Mayor Schmidt suggested that they discuss this more tomorrow during the budget work session.

- **Budget Work Session:**

Mr. Pinkall commented that the budget workshop had been adjusted and it would not be a 100% for everybody. Mr. Pinkall stated that one of the things worked on was to record it so that you could hear it and then meet with anyone that misses it and get some feedback. Commissioner Farmer stated that he could not make any of it and, as a first year Commissioner, he did not know what he was looking at and was disappointed that he could not make it. Commissioner Farmer added that he thought that they had agreed on a time. Mayor Schmidt stated that some have a special crisis and did not have time three or four times ahead of time. Mr. Pinkall apologized to Commissioner Farmer and stated that he would do what he could to help him be a part of it.

Public Works:

- **Car Show:**

Public Works Director Rambat stated that he had talked to Captain Todd Hoffman about the Fire Department Car Show this weekend and he would be providing them barricades and polycarts. Mr. Rambat added that they would not be closing off the park.

- **Highway project:**

Mr. Rambat stated that the State highway project should be starting August 23rd.

- **Street Projects:**

Mr. Rambat stated that the street department had been doing some coal mix asphalt on several blocks and would be doing Logan Street tomorrow.

- **New Services at Airport:**

Mr. Rambat stated that there were a couple of new services tied in at the airport. Mr. Rambat commented that the State provided the contractor and they were taken off the contaminated wells. Mayor Schmidt asked if that was of any cost to them. Mr. Rambat stated that there was not.

Electric Department:

- **Steam Unit:**

Director of Electric Utilities Huber stated that they had tested the steam unit and it ran awesome and the guys did a really good job. Mr. Huber commented that he and a couple of the power plant guys took a trip to Nebraska and looked at generators, which were the kind of dual fuel they were kicking around using and they would also be going to Stillwater, Oklahoma this Thursday. Mr. Huber stated that they were in the same boat as us in February and were not notified to run and were not even called.

- **Poles ordered:**

Mr. Huber stated that he had poles ordered, but they would not be here for six weeks.

- **1984 Tree Trimming Truck:**

Mr. Huber stated that their 1984 tree trimming truck was at Southwest Truck Parts and the transmission was about to go out, so he might be coming to the Commission about replacing that.

Recreation Department:

- **Tennis Court, Complex and Community Center:**

Recreation Director Eisenhower stated that he had gotten one bid back on the tennis courts, so he should have something for the next meeting. Mr. Eisenhower commented that they had received some information on another sponsor for the Complex. Mr. Eisenhower stated that the Community Center had half of the face lift done.

- **Municipal Building:**

Mr. Eisenhower explained to the Commission that there was a big hump by the west door at the Municipal Building and they were going to send off samples to see if there was any asbestos. Mr. Eisenhower commented that they did not think there was any structural damage, but that maybe it had frozen and maybe popped the concrete. Mr. Eisenhower added that they were keeping the door locked until they find out what the problem is.

Police Department:

- **Staff News:**

Chief Humble stated that Sgt. Ed Gimpel would be retiring August 31st and they did not have a replacement for his position, but the job was posted. Chief Humble commented that dispatch was fully staffed and he would see how that goes. Chief Humble informed the Commission that the two new officers were in their second week of the academy.

- **Chips for vehicles:**

Chief Humble stated that the computer chips for the patrol vehicles were available; therefore, he would be getting bids for his vehicles.

- **LEC:**

Chief Humble stated that all the windows and doors for the LEC on the police side had been replaced and works with the security system. Chief Humble commented that there was not anything left on our side, but there was nothing done on the evidence side.

Finance Department:

- **Proposed Budget Time:**

Finance Director Carver commented that there was a new proposed budget time and it would start Tuesday morning and out by 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday until after lunch.

- **Adjustments:**

Mr. Carver stated that there were a few updates and a couple of adjustments and reprints of the proposed budget, but he would show what he was talking about tomorrow.

City Clerk/Utilities:

- **Staff Changes:**

City Clerk Kramer informed the Commission that she had hired Ms. Laci Brown. Ms. Kramer commented that Mr. Brian Stecklein would still be retiring at the end of September and Ms. Angie Branscom would be taking over his duties and Ms. Brown would assume her duties. Ms. Kramer stated that Ms. Brown would fit in very well with everyone in the office.

Mayor and Commission:

- **Swimming Pool:**

Commissioner Farmer asked Mr. Rambat when the pool was closing. Mr. Rambat stated that it was usually Labor Day weekend.

- **Cathy's Closet:**

Commissioner Farmer thanked Mr. Rambat for helping out Cathy's Closet with the ramp. Mr. Rambat commented that the railing should be here in another couple of weeks.

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- **Chamber Director:**

Commissioner Farmer asked if they had hired a new Chamber Director yet. Mr. Pinkall stated that they had not made a final decision.

Executive Session:

Mayor Schmidt made a motion to go into executive session for non-elective personnel to last forty-five minutes at 6:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and passed unanimously.

Mayor Schmidt made a motion to return from executive session at 7:20 p.m. with nothing to report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and carried unanimously.

RECESS:

Mayor Schmidt made a motion to recess until Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. for budget work session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and passed unanimously.

GARY A. SCHMIDT, Mayor

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ATTEST:

LUANN KRAMER, City Clerk