

MONDAY

August 19, 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:	Bruce Pinkall	Interim 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	Dir. of Electric Utilities

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:

Mayor Meyer led the staff in the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

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Commissioner Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deeds and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS:

INFORMATION ON OPEN HOUSE/OKTOBERFEST CAR SHOW ON OCTOBER 6TH AT PRATT HEALTH AND REHAB:

Mayor Meyer stated that no one from Pratt Health and Rehab had made it tonight, but the Commissioners were all in agreement that it was okay to have the event.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL FOR A MOVIE IN THE PARK ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2019:

Interim City Manager Pinkall stated that Mr. Dwight Crosby had talked to him about doing a movie in the park on September 21st. Mr. Pinkall commented that they would need to have a few extra trash carts and the movie would be in the south part of the llama area. Mr. Pinkall stated that they may also need to spray for mosquitoes. Mayor Meyer stated that he did not have a problem with this. Mr. Pinkall stated that he would confirm with him tomorrow. Public Works Director Rambat asked if they would start around dark. Mr. Pinkall said they would start around 7:00 p.m. Mr. Rambat commented that we should reserve part of the public facility even though it was off the beaten path. Mr. Pinkall explained that they had parked along the sides of the road last time and that did not work too well; therefore, he would promote parking in other areas. With no more discussion, Commissioner Deeds made a motion to approve Dwight Crosby to use Lemon Park on September 21st for movie in the park. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF LOW BID FOR THE 2019 CURB, SIDEWALK AND ADA RAMPS PROJECT:

Public Works Director Rambat stated that he had received two of the four bids back for the curb project. Mr. Rambat commented that everyone was really busy this year. Mr. Rambat stated that the low bid was from Arensdorf Construction in the amount of \$56,339.75. Mr. Rambat commented that he also got a bid from Smiley Concrete in the amount of \$85,258.85. Mr. Rambat informed the Commission that he had extended the date of completion to December 1st so that they could pull off this project for a week if they needed to. Mr. Rambat stated that he had encouraged them to help a citizen if they come out and want some work done.

Mr. Rambat explained that they would be working catty-corner from the Municipal Building on Third Street and would be taking out the grass and adding twelve more parking spaces and they may look at doing that someday on the north side of the fire station. Mr. Rambat added that this was part of the bid. Mr. Pinkall stated that this was not just a beautification project, but it was a quality of life project. Mr. Pinkall added that more parking was a good thing and this improves the arteries in town. Mayor Meyer asked if this would interfere with school. Mr. Rambat stated that it should not. Commissioner Deeds made a motion to accept the bid from Arensdorf Construction in the amount of \$56,339.75 for the 2019 curb, sidewalk and ADA ramp project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF BID FOR THE 2019 MILL AND OVERLAY PROJECT:

Mr. Rambat stated that he had picked out busy streets for the mill and overlay project that ride rough or need repairs. Mr. Rambat explained that he went out for bids on East Third Street, Rochester Street, Pine Street South to the railroad tracks and Fincham Street by Wal-Mart. Mr. Rambat stated that this process covers over the sand seal and adds more life to the streets. Mr. Rambat commented that they sent out three bids and got one returned from APAC-Kansas, Shears Division out of Hutchinson. Mr. Rambat commented that they were a good outfit to work with and good to notify people about parking. Mr. Rambat stated that he had asked that they not use vibration with the roller on South Pine Street since there was an old large water main and he had let them know that that was not a heavy truck traffic area. Mr. Rambat explained that this was a little bit smaller project than last year, but the pool issues had taken a lot of his time. Mr. Rambat recommended that the Commission approve the low bid from APAC-Kansas, Shears Division and informed them that the funds came from the ¼ cent sales tax. Commissioner Leslie made a motion to approve the 2019 mill and overlay project as presented to APAC-Kansas, Shears Division in the amount of \$127,322.32. Commissioner Deeds seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OPEN AGENDA:

No one in the audience wished to address the Commission.

REPORTS:

City Manager:

- **Busy couple of weeks:**

Interim City Manager Pinkall stated that this had been a productive couple of weeks, and he continued to learn a lot. Mr. Pinkall commented that he would continue to email the Commissioners about every ten days to hit the key things that were going on. Mr. Pinkall commented that the County meetings were positive even though not much had been accomplished today, but the dialogue was opened up and would make it easier to deal with. Mr. Pinkall stated that things were improving and they were closer on the LEC agreement.

- **Lemon Park lights:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that Director of Electric Utilities Huber and his crew had powered up the lights in Lemon Park. Mr. Pinkall explained that they would get the sprinklers moved and then that area would be cleaned up and ready to go.

- **Press welcome:**

Mayor Meyer stated that the press was always welcome to come to the City/County joint meetings.

City Attorney:

- **Executive Session:**

City Attorney Probst stated that all she had was a request to have an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss potential settlement negotiations pertaining to attorney/client privilege pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2).

Public Works:

- **Opened Streets:**

Public Works Director Rambat stated that they had opened Tenth Street and he had not heard any complaints yet. Mr. Rambat added that they had also opened up Second Street parking by the Club D'Est.

- **Project approval:**

Mr. Rambat stated that he had been contacted by the Bureau of Local Projects that they were going to allow us to bypass the engineering selection system that they have in place for the project that was approved for next year from Mound Street to New Street. Mr. Rambat commented that that was great news for him, because it was usually four to six months of heavy paper work and this would save him

time and might streamline the project. Mr. Rambat stated that EBH would do the preliminary engineering and what we pay them would be applied to the cost sharing.

- **Pool:**

Mr. Rambat commented that the pool would be closing on Monday, September 2nd. Mr. Rambat stated that he would be getting together with Kyle McCawley and buckle down on where we need to go with the issues with the pool. Mr. Rambat added that he would have him come down and talk before a meeting with the staff.

Inspection Department:

- **Pilot Club Express Train:**

Building Inspector Blankenship stated that the train had been inspected and would not be a problem the next time. Mr. Blankenship commented that the inspector had canceled on him three times, but it was circumstances beyond his control. Mr. Blankenship explained that the permit was good for one year and they would redo it in July next year. Mr. Blankenship stated that the insurance part was good until the 9th of September. Mr. Blankenship commented that we were abiding with everything that was required. Commissioner Leslie suggested they be contacting any other carriers, because it might take two weeks to get anything back.

- **Americare:**

Mr. Blankenship stated that Americare was rolling along and the carpenters continued to push the concrete guys.

- **Mowing:**

Mr. Blankenship stated that the heat had slowed down the mowing and there were a couple of houses that were being taken care of by the City Attorney. Mr. Blankenship commented that KDHE Solid Waste Division would help with the one that Commissioner Leslie had asked about. Commissioner Leslie asked if they help the owners clean up. Mr. Blankenship stated that they do and it was a 25/75 split and we would use in-house workers. Mr. Blankenship explained that we would leave a dumpster out there and any large stuff that was not able to fit in that would be picked up by us. Mr. Blankenship stated that the owner had not cleaned up anything and it was his track record to clean it during litigation and then it goes back to the way it was. Mr. Blankenship explained that the owners would be responsible if it goes back to the way it was after thirty days.

Electric Department:

- **Lemon Park**

Director of Electric Utilities Huber stated that the Lemon Park project was complete and they would be aiming the lights this fall. Mr. Huber added that they would be doing the small diamonds next year.

- **Municipal Building:**

Mr. Huber stated that they would be tearing out the concrete at the Municipal Building and getting ready to get going. Mr. Huber commented that it should be done in a couple of weeks.

Police Department:

- **LEPC meeting:**

Police Chief Humble stated the Department of Homeland Security had the presentation at the LEPC meeting and it was very informative. Chief Humble commented that he would be attending a class on the 28th of August and that would get him more caught up on what was out there. Mayor Meyer stated that it would be great if he would come out and do an assessment for the City and County buildings. Mayor Meyer commented that we were vulnerable to terrorism.

Finance Department:

- **Financials out:**

Finance Director Garten stated that she had sent out the financials last week and everything looked good. Mayor Meyer commented that the July numbers were impressive.

- **KDOT meeting:**

Ms. Garten stated that she would be going to Hutchinson for the second round of the KDOT Local Projects meeting. Ms. Garten added that Interim City Manager Pinkall and Mayor Meyer would also attend.

Mayor and Commission:

- **Inovateus:**

Mayor Meyer stated that Inovateus was finally doing something with the logo and it was better than the first one. Mayor Meyer commented that they were incorporating winners' ideas into one picture with a few minor changes.

- **Detwiler bridge:**

Commissioner Peters asked Public Works Director Rambat if he had made any progress with the Detwiler bridge. Mr. Rambat stated that he had gotten hold of Mr. Jerry Henning and they had it on their job list for about \$6,000. Mr. Rambat explained that the concrete culverts would cost twice as much to rehabilitate what they had now.

- **Making everybody happy:**

Commissioner Schmidt stated that he wanted to compliment Mr. Rambat for the way he takes care of the City section by section. Commissioner Schmidt commented that you cannot always make everybody happy.

- **Executive Session:**

Mayor Meyer made a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential settlement negotiations pertaining to attorney/client privilege pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). Mayor Meyer added that they

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would reconvene in the Commission Room at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and carried unanimously.

Mayor Meyer made a motion to return from executive session at 6:00 p.m. with nothing to report. Commissioner Leslie seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Leslie made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Peters seconded and it passed unanimously.

DOUG MEYER, Mayor



ATTEST:

LUANN KRAMER, City Clerk