

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

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

PRESENT:	Zach Deeds	Mayor
	Gary Schmidt	Commissioner
	Jeanette Siemens	Commissioner
	Kyle Farmer	Commissioner
	Doug Meyer	Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:	Bruce Pinkall	City Manager
	Brianna Garten	City Clerk
	Aleta Eastes	Finance
	Nate Humble	Police Chief
	Regina Goff	City Attorney
	Brad Blankenship	Building Inspector
	Jamie Huber	Director of Electric Utilities
	Larry Eisenhower	Recreation Director

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Deeds. The mayor noted that all Commissioners were present.

Mayor Deeds reminded the audience that this meeting may be taped and/or recorded.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Siemens led the audience in the invocation and Mayor Deeds led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes of August 17, 2023 Recessed Meeting, August 21, 2023 Regular Meeting with an amendment to correct the date on page 4, and August 24, 2023 Recessed Meeting. Commissioner Meyers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

BUSINESS:

Consideration and/or Approval of Resolution 080523

The Governing Body heard from John Beverlin, Attorney at Law regarding Resolution 080523 authorizing the consumption of alcohol at a portion of S. Main Street. He stated that due to an event conflict, this resolution would not need to be considered today and would be brought before the commission at a later date.

Consideration and/or Approval of Ord. 2310 and Ord. 2311 Exemption Certain Streets and Certain City Owned Property from Prohibitions on Drinking or Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor

The Governing Body heard from John Beverlin, Attorney at Law regarding an ordinance to exempt certain streets and certain city owned property from prohibitions on drinking or consumption of alcoholic liquor. The Governing Body has had time to research and speak to other members of the community and businesses regarding the ordinances before them. After discussion and the Governing Body expressing concerns including location and safety, the consensus was to table this item.

Consideration and/or Approval for a Technical Field Advisor for Unit 5

The Governing Body heard from Electric Utility Director Jamie Huber, who reviewed bids for a Technical Field Advisor to oversee the on-site installation of a repaired bearing. Mr. Huber made a recommendation to go with FT Cotter due to the lowest cost. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve for the Technical Field Advisor services not to exceed \$22,000, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Siemens and it passed unanimously.

Consideration and/or Approval to Paint the Water Towers

The Governing Body heard from Public Works Director Russ Rambat, who reviewed a few options available to paint the city water towers and preserve this trademark of the City of Pratt. After discussion, and the Governing Body being in favor, Mayor Deeds asked Mr. Rambat to proceed with requesting bids to paint the water towers.

2024 Pool Dates and Hours Discussion and/or Approval

The Governing Body heard from City Manager Bruce Pinkall and City Attorney Regina Goff, who reviewed the hours and challenges from the 2023 season and discussed the following:

- The pool was a generous donor gift to the community and was designed to be inclusive of all ages
- Potentially expanding hours to ensure those citizens working until 5pm may have an opportunity to utilize the pool
- Setting stable hours and open dates that the public can look forward to for the upcoming 2024 season
- Preparing for the upcoming 2024 with appropriate and flexible staffing

Consideration and/or Approval of Ord. 2309 Amending City Attorney Duties

Mayor Deeds stated that the ordinance was drafted at the request of the Commissioners to describe the extended responsibilities of the City Attorney.

The Governing Body heard from City Manager Bruce Pinkall and City Attorney Regina Goff, who reviewed an ordinance amending the City Attorney duties. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve ordinance 2309 to amend the City Attorney duties as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and passed unanimously.

OPEN AGENDA:

Brittany Novotney, Executive Director of the Vernon Filley Art Museum spoke before the Governing Body to notify of their intent to serve alcohol at an upcoming fundraiser event possibly at the Municipal Building. Ms. Novotney was present to observe the meeting today and will be pursuing the correct process to move forward.

REPORTS:

City Manager's Comments

City Manager Bruce Pinkall updated the Governing Body on recent and upcoming events in the community.

Staffing

- The City of Pratt hosted a staff pool party that drew a good crowd. There is a possibility that this will be an annual event and was a great city activity. City Manager Bruce Pinkall thanked City Attorney Regina Goff for her hard work on organizing the event.
- Lola Shumway and Crystal Sweeney will attend the Chamber Job Fair on September 27th. The city will host a booth there at the Municipal building.
- Lola Shumway was voted in as secretary of the Kansas Association of flood plain management.

City Attorney's Comments

City Attorney Regina Goff updated the Governing Body on items she has been involved with recently. Ms. Goff met with The Peoples Bank to discuss our bank accounts to accrue more interest.

Public Works Director Comments

Public Works Director Russ Rambat updated the Governing Body on upcoming, current, and completed projects.

Building Inspector's Comments

Building Inspector Brad Blankenship thanked the City Manager and City Attorney for the pool party.

Electric Director's Comments

Electric Director Jamie Huber updated the Governing Body on completed projects.

Recreation Department Comments

Recreation Department Director Larry Eisenhauer updated the Governing Body on city activities and bids for the Municipal Building damages.

Police Department Comments

Police Chief Nate Humble updated the Governing Body on Animal Control staffing.

Finance Department Comments

AGH Representative Tara Laughlin advised the Governing Body on how to review the monthly reports she provides.

City Clerk's Comments

City Clerk Brianna Garten updated the governing body on recent meetings for a website redesign and payment processing.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Deeds stated there would be a brief executive session.

Commissioner's Comments

The Governing Body had no comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Deeds made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel until 6:45 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Deeds made a motion to return from executive session with nothing to report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer and carried unanimously.

RECESS:

The open meeting is to recess until September 11th at 5p.m. for the RNR Hearing and Budget Hearing with Scot Loyd. Mayor Deeds declared the meeting duly recessed.

ZACH DEEDS, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

BRIANNA GARTEN, City Clerk