

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 06, 2022

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

PRESENT:	Zach Deeds	Mayor
	Don Peters	Commissioner
	Gary Schmidt	Commissioner
	Jeanette Siemens	Commissioner
	Kyle Farmer	Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:	Bruce Pinkall	City Manager
	LuAnn Kramer	City Clerk
	Regina Goff	City Attorney
	Brent Carver	Finance Director
	Nate Humble	Chief of Police
	Russell Rambat	Public Works Director
	Brad Blankenship	Building Inspector
	Jamie Huber	Director of Electric Utilities
	Larry Eisenhauer	Recreation Director

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Deeds. The Mayor instructed the Clerk to note that all Commissioners were present.

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

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022 regular Commission meeting. Commissioner Schmidt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**BUSINESS:**

**2023 PROPOSED CITY OF PRATT BUDGET/REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE HEARING:**

- **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING BY MOTION:**

Commissioner Siemens made a motion to open the 2023 proposed City of Pratt budget/revenue neutral rate public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and carried unanimously.

- **DISCUSSION:**

Finance Director Carver stated that they had gone through this during the workshops in August and the budget for 2023 was \$29,524,611. Mr. Carver explained that there was a 30% increase in the cost of electric power due to the cost of power going up and we had to make enough money to pay for things. Mr. Carver stated that he had created and budgeted \$1.5 million for the first payment for the pool and increased the capital equipment reserves. Mr. Carver added that another big cost was inflation that effected motor fuel and equipment costs. Mr. Carver stated that the mil levy was expected to go up an extra mil in 2023 or from 53.1 to 53.141 or about a \$45,000 increase or a .15% increase to the total budget. Mr. Carver added that we continue to be good stewards of our money.

- **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING BY MOTION:**

Commissioner Schmidt made a motion to close the public hearing for the 2023 proposed City of Pratt budget/revenue neutral rate. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE 2023 CITY OF PRATT BUDGET/REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE:**

Commissioner Siemens made a motion to approve the 2023 City of Pratt budget/revenue neutral rate as presented. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 090622A LEVYING A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE:**

With no discussion, the following Resolution 090622A was presented to the Commission for their approval: **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PRATT, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE.** Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve Resolution 090622A to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate as presented. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE FINAL VERSION OF THE PRATT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND APPENDIX A & B:**

This agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

**CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF NOTE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH LEGACY BANK:**

City Manager Pinkall stated that we had sent out proposals to the three banks in Pratt for the temporary note and Legacy Bank came back with 3.1%, Peoples Bank was at 3.32% and Fusion Bank did not bid. Mr. Pinkall stated that he had consulted with Mr. Steve Shogren and Mr. Bret Shogren of Stifel Nicholas and they had approved of Legacy Bank's proposal of 3.10% to pay for the temporary notes to pay for the pool project. Finance Director Carver stated that he had been working with the Shogren's who had recommended a reinvestment process be in place so that, when we get the bond money, it would be receiving interest as soon as possible. Mr. Carver commented that they urged him to search out a Municipal Investment Pool (MIP) account or see if a local bank had the capability of matching those interest numbers. Mr. Carver explained that we Statutorily had to go through the local entity if they were able to meet the rate. Mr. Steve Shogren clarified that the Statute stated that if the local entity in the local taxing jurisdiction would be able to meet the MIP fund rate, you were to go with that particular bank; however, if they were not able to, you could go with the MIP account or with a bank outside your taxing entity. Mr. Carver stated that we went out for competitive bids and Stifel Nicholas also recommended

that we seek where we could reinvest it and make that an open process. Mr. Carver commented that the timeline on that was short; therefore, he would be starting that soon to have it all in place.

Mayor Deeds commented that he wanted to make sure that all the terms were understood by all so that they could compare with MIP. Mr. Steve Shogren stated that they were a division of the State Treasures' office and it was set up to accommodate municipalities as an investment alternative and it was safe and secure. Mr. Shogren stated that they had different pools, such as an overnight pool, a 30 to 89 day pool or an 89 to 189 day pool and longer. Mr. Shogren explained that it was not that competitive in the past as far as interest rates, because they would take the municipality's money for investment and they would match up by buying securities, which were mainly treasury bonds with lower interest rates. Mr. Shogren stated that they were pretty good right now and overnight a week ago at a 30 to 89 day pool was at 1.90% and 180 day and beyond was at 2.45%.

Mr. Shogren stated that they would like to keep the money local, but we wanted to do the best they could with the City's taxpayers' money. Mr. Shogren added that he felt that the City could get their money back with 24-hour notice to pay a contractor or cost of issuance type bill. Mayor Deeds asked if the City could portion it out. Mr. Shogren stated that they had told Mr. Carver to ask the pool advisor and develop a month to month draw schedule and that would tell you how much you could put back with the MIP or your local bank. Mr. Shogren stated that the payment of the gift was to come by December 15<sup>th</sup> or earlier each year and the payment is June 1<sup>st</sup> so there was six months to invest the money and that should be around \$20,000 each year.

Commissioner Peter asked how long it would be before we started paying out money. Public Works Director Rambat stated that it would be thirty days from the start date. Mr. Shogren added that the closing would be around the 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Carver stated that he had reached out to Dondlinger Construction about a schedule and they were working on that. City Attorney Goff stated that that should be on the next agenda. Mr. Rambat explained that some contractors go by the work that had been completed and some of the items have a long lead time. Mr. Rambat stated that they could be in the pre-construction phase, but they might have to put something down just to get them ordered. Commissioner Peters asked if they were looking at anyone local for the demolition of the pool. Mr. Rambat stated that they had a list of the locals so he assumed they were looking at them.

Mr. Carver commented that the Commission would have to approve the MIP account if we decided to do that and it might take a special call meeting. Mr. Shogren stated that he estimated that rate on temporary notes to be about 2.6% so Legacy Bank did a great job. With no more discussion, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the Note Purchase Agreement with Legacy Bank for 3.10%. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siemens and passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RES. 090622I AUTHORIZING & DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION TEMPORARY NOTES, SERIES 2022:**

City Attorney Goff stated that she had read through Resolution 090622I and Mr. Kevin Cowan had drafted it; therefore, she saw no issue with it. With no more discussion, the following Resolution 090622I was presented to the Commission for their approval: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF GENERAL OBLIGATION TEMPORARY NOTES, SERIES 2022, OF THE CITY OF PRATT, KANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AN ANNUAL TAX, IF NECESSARY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID NOTES AS THEY BECOME DUE; MAKING CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER**

**DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS CONNECTED THEREWITH.** Commissioner Schmidt made a motion to approve Resolution 090622I as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siemens and passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 090622 AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT LEMON PARK FOR OKTOBERFEST ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2022:**

Attorney John Beverlin stated that once Resolution 090622 was approved, he would send it to the State with the rest of the paperwork to get the Temporary Permit to sell alcoholic beverages in Lemon Park for Oktoberfest on September 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Mr. Dakota Holtgrieve commented that there was also a map of the layout that City Manager Pinkall had asked for in the Commissioner's packets. Mr. Holtgrieve pointed out where the rope would be for the bar area. Commissioner Farmer asked if parking was open on the west area. Mr. Holtgrieve stated that it was and it could possibly bleed over into Sixth Street. Commissioner Peters asked if he was going to be at Rotary and could give an update. Mr. Holtgrieve stated that he could do that.

The following Resolution 090622 was presented to the Commission for their approval: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT LEMON PARK, PRATT, KANSAS, FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PRATT OKTOBERFEST ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2022.** Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve Resolution 090622 authorizing the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at Lemon Park for Oktoberfest on September 24, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siemens. Commissioner Schmidt stated that he was on the Ninnescah Opioid Resource Group and it bothered him that we work towards prevention and the addiction problems that are out there. Commissioner Schmidt commented that the next two resolutions are setting a double standard that we continue to add more places that we can serve alcohol. Commissioner Schmidt added that there was a right to do that and he was not condemning anyone for doing that but as a Commission, we have a right to question if there is a conflict of having a double standard and what were our kids were thinking. With that being said, the motion and second passed with four approved and one opposed by Commissioner Schmidt.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 090622G AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET BETWEEN MAIN STREET AND NINNESCAH FOR 2022 PRATT JAMBOREE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022:**

Ms. Stacy Hanson stated that she also wrestled with the same issues as Commissioner Schmidt as this was her job and she had struggled; however, she was here to ask that the Commission approve the resolution for Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and the sale of alcoholic beverages on Fourth Street, east of Main Street, and Ninnescah Street for Pratt Jam. City Attorney Goff stated that we had not ever allowed the sale of alcohol on City streets before so she would like to hear from Police Chief Humble. Chief Humble stated that the streets would be sectioned off anyway for dancing and so it should not be a problem. Ms. Hanson commented that there would be a concert under the stars on Saturday in Merchant Park. Commissioner Peters clarified that you could not leave the area where the alcohol was sold and consumed. Ms. Hanson stated that no one was allowed in that area that was not 21 years of age. Commissioner Farmer asked about wrist bands. Ms. Hanson stated that there would be wrist bands.

With no more discussion, the following Resolution 090622G was then presented to the Commission for their approval: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSUMPTION AND SALE OF ALCOHOL ON EAST 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET BETWEEN MAIN STREET AND NINNESCAH STREET IN PRATT, KANSAS, FOR 2022 (BACK TO) PRATT JAMBOREE ON FRIDAY,**

**OCTOBER 7, 2022 PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 41-1201.** Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve Resolution 090622G authorizing the consumption and sale of alcoholic beverages on East 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Main Street and Ninnescah Street for 2022 Pratt Jamboree on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siemens. The motion and second passed with four approved and one opposed vote by Commissioner Schmidt.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 090622H AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET PARK FOR 2022 PRATT JAMBOREE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022:**

Ms. Hanson stated that this was going to be on the small ball diamond on the east side of Sixth Street Park and it was already fenced in and what was not would be roped off. Ms. Hanson commented that no one under the age of 21 would be allowed in and the entrances were small so they would be easy to control. Recreation Director Eisenhauer stated that the t-ball field was on the east side of the field and it did not have lights and it was not actually closed. Mr. Eisenhauer explained where he felt it would be best and they would get it figured out before the event.

With little more discussion, the following Resolution 090622H was presented to the Commission for their approval: **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSUMPTION AND SALE OF ALCOHOL AT SIXTH STREET PARK, PRATT, KANSAS, FOR 2022 (BACK TO) PRATT JAMBOREE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022 PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 41-1201.** Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve Resolution 090622H authorizing the sale and consumption of alcohol at Sixth Street Park for Pratt Jam on Saturday, October 8, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siemens. Police Chief Humble stated that they needed to be more specific on what field it was going to be on and he had concerns about shutting off Shaefer Road for parking. Chief Humble commented that he felt that it would clog up Sixth Street and that was a highly traveled street. Ms. Hanson stated that they were going to put their food vendors there and it would be safer for pedestrians. City Manager Pinkall stated that they could block off the street at the parking lot, they could be in the drive next to the t-ball field and the outfield of diamond 1. Ms. Hanson commented that they could use Lemon Park llama area for parking and have volunteers bring people over. Mr. Eisenhauer suggested putting the beer garden on diamond 1, which was completely enclosed and have the band on the T-ball field since they would probably have their own lights. With little more discussion, Commissioner Farmer amended his motion to say within diamond 1. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and it passed with four approved and one opposed vote by Commissioner Schmidt.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF UNSAFE STRUCTURES:**

- **803 S Iuka – Res. 090622C**
- **720 S Jackson – Res. 090622D**
- **721 N Thompson – Res. 090622E**
- **123 Washington – Res. 090622F**

Building Inspector Blankenship stated that these four structures were considered unsafe and the insurance was clear; therefore, there was no problem with that. Mr. Blankenship commented that 803 South Iuka Street had become unsafe and there was a hole in the roof and it was compromising the rafters and was unsanitary, which qualifies it as unsafe. City Attorney Goff stated that the Commission was not voting for demolition, but setting a date for public hearing and the home owner would be notified and would be heard on that date. Commissioner Peters asked if Mr. Blankenship would be able to get this done out of his 2022 budget. Ms. Goff stated that, if not, the money would be encumbered.

With no more discussion, the following Resolution 090622C was presented to the Commission for their approval: **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR HEARING ON UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 12-1750, et seq. AND PRATT MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.08.010 et seq.** Commissioner Siemens made a motion to approve Resolution 090622C setting a hearing for 803 South Iuka Street on November 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mr. Blankenship stated that 720 South Jackson Street was the old church and the roof was partially clamping and was unsafe. With no more discussion, the following Resolution 090622D was presented to the Commission for their approval: **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR HEARING ON UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 12-1750, et seq. AND PRATT MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.08.010 et seq.** Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve Resolution 090622D setting a hearing for 720 South Jackson Street on November 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mr. Blankenship stated that 721 North Thompson Street was the worst one and fits all the criteria. Mr. Blankenship commented that the City had torn down one for this owner earlier and had given time for the insurance settlement to get finished up. With no more discussion, the following Resolution 090622E was presented to the Commission for their approval: **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR HEARING ON UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 12-1750, et seq. AND PRATT MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.08.010 et seq.** Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve Resolution 090622E setting a hearing for 721 North Thompson Street on November 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mr. Blankenship stated that 123 Washington had a roof that was starting to be compromised and meets the criteria. With no more discussion, the following Resolution 090622F was presented to the Commission for their approval: **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR HEARING ON UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS STRUCTURE PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 12-1750, et seq. AND PRATT MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 8.08.010 et seq.** Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve Resolution 090622F setting a hearing for 123 Washington Street on November 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Peters seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

#### **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE BID FOR THE REPAIR OF A 500 KVA STEP-DOWN TRANSFORMER:**

Director of Electric Utilities Huber stated that this bid was to repair a 500 KVA step down transformer. Mr. Huber commented that it would have cost a little over \$10,000; however, with inflation, it was over \$16,000. Mr. Huber explained that a new one would be over \$30,000. Commissioner Peters asked about the warranty for a repaired one. Mr. Huber stated that it was probably around three years. Commissioner Peters asked about a new one. Mr. Huber stated that it was also three years. Commissioner Siemens questioned what the life of a transformer was. Mr. Huber stated that it might be eight years. Commissioner Peters asked if there were anymore in inventory. Mr. Huber commented that there were not any of this size, so this one would go into inventory. Commissioner Farmer asked if this would come out of the 2022 budget. Mr. Huber stated that it would be encumbered and taken out of capital improvements. With no more discussion, Commissioner Siemens made a motion to approve the bid from Solomon Corporation for the repair of the 500 KVA step down transformer in the amount of \$16,985 without tax. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and carried unanimously.

#### **CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ENGINEER SERVICE CONTRACT WITH TOTH & ASSOCIATES FOR AN ELECTRIC RATE STUDY:**

Director of Electric Utilities Huber stated that the electric study was something that he had been kicking around since February 2021. Mr. Huber commented that City Manager Pinkall had the funds in his budget and he knew this group. Mr. Huber stated that this group had done about one hundred rate studies since last February. Mr. Huber explained that they would be able to tell us where we should be. Mr. Huber commented that our last rate study was in November 2017 and that was a different time. Mr. Huber stated that City Attorney Goff had looked over the contract and she had approved what was written.

Mayor Deeds asked what the expectations were for tonight. Mr. Huber stated that it was to get the contract signed. Mr. Huber added that they could get the study done in ninety to one hundred twenty days and we could make any changes by the first of the year. Ms. Goff stated that she had asked for some changes and they did take out the paragraph she requested. With no more discussion, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the Engineering Service Contract with Toth & Associates as presented and not to exceed \$25,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Schmidt and carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT ON THE SALE OF SEVERAL LOTS AT SANDY CREEK TO DON KLAUSMEYER CONSTRUCTION LLC:**

Building Inspector Blankenship stated that these lots were being sold to a contractor out of Wichita and, when they first met with him, he did not want to step on the toes of anyone here in Pratt. Mr. Blankenship commented that he assured him that everyone here was busy and that he was not going to hurt their feelings. Mr. Blankenship stated that Mr. Klausmeyer of Klausmeyer Construction agreed to buy eleven lots at Sandy Creek with some concession and he was a very aggressive builder. Mr. Blankenship commented that he would probably not get started until after the first of the year, but they would go up pretty quickly. Mr. Blankenship added that this was a much needed boost for housing that the City has needed. Commissioner Peters asked if they would be able to combine two lots. Mr. Blankenship stated that they would not because there were utilities on each and every one and the zoning ordinance would not let the lots be split. Mayor Deeds stated that the provisions that he asked for had to do with variances and nothing to do with zoning. With no further discussion, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the agreement with Klausmeyer Construction LLC for the purchase of several lots in Sandy Creek Addition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF LOT 7 AT SANDY CREEK:**

City Manager Pinkall stated that this lot was the last lot platted on the south side and was sold to Brian Arensdorf's mother-in-law. With no more discussion needed, Commissioner Siemens made a motion to approve the agreement for the sale of Lot 7 in Sandy Creek Addition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peters and carried unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 090622B INDICATING THE INTENT TO ANNEX CERTAIN LAND:**

City Manager Pinkall stated that this had been an ongoing project and was property that was surrounded by City property. Mr. Pinkall explained that, with that being the case, the City could unilaterally annex that property. Mr. Pinkall stated that it was his recommendation that the City go ahead and unilaterally annex the property at 1401 Parkview Drive. Mr. Pinkall commented that this meets all the statutory requirements and was in the best interest of the community and our citizens. City Attorney Goff stated that this resolution sets the hearing date for November 7, 2022, which was no less than 60 days and no more than 70 days after the passage of the resolution.

With no further discussion, the following Resolution 090622B was presented to the Commission for their approval: **A RESOLUTION INDICATING THE INTENT OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PRATT, KANSAS TO ANNEX CERTAIN LAND PURSUANT TO K.S.A. § 12-520(a)(4) and 12-520a.** Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve Resolution 090622B indicating the intent to annex certain land as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siemens and the motion and second passed with four approved and one abstained vote by Mayor Deeds.

**OPEN AGENDA:**

No one in the audience wished to address the Commission.

**REPORTS:**

**Electric Department:**

- **Employee shortage:**

Director of Electric Utilities Huber reported that he was short four employees at the power plant. Mr. Huber added that the line guys would be going there to help cover shifts.

**Recreation Department:**

- **Fall Schedule:**

Recreation Director Eisenhauer stated that the fall schedule had started and they had around 500 kids. Mr. Eisenhauer added that this included football and soccer and about half of them were from out of town.

- **KCAC:**

Mr. Eisenhauer stated that they had put in a bid for the 2024/2025 KCAC season. Mr. Eisenhauer explained that it would consist of two weekends, 260 rooms, and 2,000 bodies and that was just teams. Mr. Eisenhauer stated that they would be here in the next couple of weeks to check out our facilities and we should know something in November. Mr. Eisenhauer commented that they were going to Great Bend this year. Commissioner Peters asked what all you had to put in a bid. Mr. Eisenhauer stated that you had to find advertisers and a brochure and show that we have sufficient and affordable hotels between \$90 to \$120 and enough eating establishments and our facilities. Mr. Eisenhauer explained that one downer was that we did not have locker rooms, but neither does Great Bend. Mr. Eisenhauer stated that our motels are less than one mile from the facilities, which was positive. Mayor Deeds stated that he had coached for a lot of years and they had the draft last Wednesday and had sixteen teams, with most being from out of town, to come play on the turf. Mr. Eisenhauer listed teams from Greensburg, Macksville, Coldwater, Cunningham, Stafford, St. John, and Kingman. Mayor Deeds commented that one family had moved here from Macksville, so Pratt has it going on.

- **Gaga Ball:**

Commissioner Farmer asked if Mr. Colby Gordon had gotten approved for the gaga ball in Lemon Park. Recreation Director Eisenhauer stated that he did not show up, but the Recreation Board thought it was a good thing. Commissioner Farmer asked if it had to be approved by this Commission. Mr. Eisenhauer



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stated that they already had approved it. Commissioner Farmer stated that he would tell him at school tomorrow.

**Police Department:**

- **Kick Ball:**

Police Chief Humble stated that there had been the kick ball game out at Green Sports between the fire department and the police department for a community event. Chief Humble commented that there were about 400 people there and they raised about \$725 and food for the food bank. Chief Humble added that it was a lot of fun and they plan on doing it again.

- **Fully Staffed:**

Chief Humble stated that he would have a dispatcher going to the academy on December 9<sup>th</sup> and he had attended a class on retention and recruiting.

**Mayor and Commission:**

- **Process for board appointments:**

Mayor Deeds commented that he had been considering a process for any citizen that would consider being on any of the City boards. Mayor Deeds stated that, in an effort to be transparent, we needed to have a path for a citizen to have the opportunity to be on a committee by filling out some form of an application that describes the board and how they are funded. Mayor Deeds explained that that application would go through the City Manager. Mayor Deeds stated that that was how he understood the ordinance read. City Attorney Goff clarified that the ordinance did not say that they would submit an application. Commissioner Peters questioned if there was not a cap on how many could be on certain committees. Mayor Deeds stated that everything about those committees were decided up here. Ms. Goff stated that that was true; however, a number of the committees were not operating on how the ordinance dictates. Ms. Goff commented that some of the boards were making decisions without bringing them to the Commission. Ms. Goff added that an application did a number of things, such as why they wanted to be on a board, their contact information and it would give the Commission a little more information on who they were voting for. Mayor Deeds stated that we just needed to get back to what was described in the ordinance.

- **New Chamber Director:**

Commissioner Farmer asked how the new Chamber Director was working out. City Manager Pinkall stated that she was busy and slightly overwhelmed. Mr. Pinkall commented that he had attended a couple of meetings and things were moving forward.

- **Dog Park:**

Commissioner Farmer updated the Commissioners on the dog park and let them know that they were working on another grant worth \$50,000 and they should know something by the end of the month. Commissioner Farmer commented that the pool would be open Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the dogs to go swimming in the shallow end of the pool. Commissioner Farmer stated that they were still raising funds for the park and they had officially named the park Marco Teske Dog Park after Randy and Susan Teske's service dog who passed away. Commissioner Farmer stated that he was also working on a

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liability form for the doggy day at the pool so that the City would not be liable for anything that could happen.

Finance Director Carver asked where those donations were going for the park. Commissioner Farmer stated that they were going to the South Central Kansas Foundation and the grant money would go there also.

- **First Thursday of the month:**

Commissioner Siemens stated that the new Chamber Director has set the first Thursday of the month as an open house. Commissioner Siemens commented that it was for visibility and connection and it would be opened for businesses to sponsor it.

- **Pratt Night Out:**

Commissioner Siemens stated that Pratt Night Out was very successful and the little kids had a blast.

- **Art exhibit:**

Commissioner Siemens commented that Vernon Filley Art Museum had an art exhibit about a month ago that involved artists from across the State and Colorado. Commissioner Siemens stated that it was full of people from out of town and there were groups in our cafes and they were here for the night.

**ADJOURN:**

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siemens and carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR:

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ZACH DEEDS, Mayor



ATTEST:

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LUANN KRAMER, City Clerk