

MONDAY

MARCH 07, 2022

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

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

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| ALSO PRESENT: | Bruce Pinkall | City Manager |
| | LuAnn Kramer | City Clerk |
| | Regina Goff | City Attorney |
| | Brent Carver | Finance Director |
| | Nate Humble | Chief of Police |
| | Brad Blankenship | Building Inspector |
| | Jamie Huber | Dir. of Electric Utilities |
| | Larry Eisenhower | 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:

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

MINUTES:

- February 22, 2022 Regular City Commission Meeting (Amended)

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 regular City Commission meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siemens and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE USE OF LEMON PARK FOR DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN EVENT ON APRIL 30TH:

Ms. Joy Schwartz informed the Commission that they were going to be having an event at Lemon Park on April 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:0 p.m. called Pratt County Kansas Alliance for Durg Endangered Children. Ms. Schwartz explained that there would be EMS, fire, police and a helicopter there to interact with the children who attend. Ms. Schwartz asked that the Commission approve the closure of the park from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ms. Schwartz stated that she hoped that this would be one big community

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event. Commissioner Peters asked if this was a fund raiser for something. Ms. Schwartz stated that it was not and it was a grant that was helping put this on. Commissioner Siemens commented that it was more an educational event. Ms. Schwartz commented that that was correct.

Mayor Deeds asked City Manager Pinkall and Police Chief Humble is there were any concerns on their end. Chief Humble stated that Officer Gimple had been going to the meetings for this and it was a ongoing cycle with endangered kids. Chief Humble added that he thought this was wonderful that they were doing this. Chief Humble commented that this was also the weekend of the Open Gravel Bike Race, but he did not have a problem with manpower with all the people in town being in town. Mr. Pinkall stated that the bike race would base at the Municipal Building. Ms. Schwartz commented that they had visited with Mr. Eric Sutter, the coordinator of the bike race, and he would be handing out flyers to rider's families to have them come down to the park and join this event, so it should all work out.

Mr. Pinkall stated that the park usually puts out extra trash dumpsters and they have had a helicopter there before and she could get with Director of Electric Utilities Huber about any electrical questions she might have. Ms. Schwartz stated that they had also visited with the Pilot Club about the train in Sixth Street. With little more explanation or discussion, Commissioner Siemens made a motion to approve the use of Lemon Park on April 30th for the Drug Endangered Children Event. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF ONE EXHAUST VALVE FOR THE GENERATOR:

Director of Electric Utilities Humber stated that they were looking to purchase one exhaust valve for either one of the generators. Mr. Huber commented that Fairbanks Morse was the only place that they could get this. Power Plant Superintendent Evans stated that it was very unfortunate that we could not find used ones. Mr. Evans explained that they pull these valves and inspect them and that gives them insight of what is going on inside the cylinder liner and pistons and top of the heads. Mr. Evans added that they have had a lot of trouble with the heads in the past. Mr. Evans stated that, if they see any with damage, they send them down and have them rebuilt. Mr. Evans explained that the problem with that was that having one set being rebuilt leaves only one set to put in there if there would be trouble, so they cannot keep on doing the inspections. Mr. Evans commented that that was the reason why he was moving to get another set.

Mr. Evans stated that he was a little behind budget wise because they have been increasing about \$1,000 a year. Mr. Evans commented that we have the money for this one; however, it puts the next one off. Mr. Huber explained that they have \$50,000 in that line item, so they would probably put off getting another one until the end of the year. Commissioner Schmidt asked if there was just one exhaust valve per generator. Mr. Evans stated that there were two per cylinder and eighteen on each one for a total of seventy-two. Mr. Evans explained that there was a left set and a right set in each cylinder and you also have two intakes in the head itself.

With no more discussion, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to purchase one exhaust valve for the generator from Fairbanks Morse in the amount of \$17,248.27. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Siemens and carried unanimously.

OPEN AGENDA:

No one in the audience wished to address the Commission.

REPORTS:

City Manager:

- **Land Banks:**

City Manager Pinkall commented that there was a program put on call First Friday put on by the Kansas State Extension and the presenter was the former Mayor of Stafford, Julie Lynn and it was concerning Land Banks. Mr. Pinkall stated that he could forward the Commissioners the link if they were interested. Mr. Pinkall explained that they spoke about what they had done in Stafford. Mr. Pinkall commented that theirs was privately funded and the Commission had appointed a board. Mr. Pinkall stated that they had created an Ordinance to formulate the Land Bank and if it should be operated by the Commission as the Governing Body or assign three to five people or whatever number you chose to have. Mr. Pinkall added that they had created quite a bid of improvement and Ms. Lynn was driven as Mayor and she also had some property that she wanted taken care of. Mr. Pinkall commented that Mr. Kevin Cowan had given the City some information concerning Land Banks and should be viable options for the City. Mr. Pinkall stated that, by using the Land Bank controls and properties, they did not have to go through a lot of the processes that the City would have to. Mr. Pinkall commented that he had a lot of notes and he felt that we should look into it and consider it as an option down the road.

- **Taxing Entities meeting:**

Mr. Pinkall commented that there was a taxing entities meeting today and there were some good discussions. Mr. Pinkall stated that other taxing groups were dealing with some of the same things that Public Works Director Rambat was and that was the CDL drivers. Mr. Pinkall explained that the school was looking at smaller buses to deal with the driver issues. Mr. Pinkall commented that they had reached out to us to see if there was a way to cooperate with those who could drive buses; however, that did not fit into our schedules. Mr. Pinkall stated that USD 382 was leading that discussion, because they were struggling.

- **Burkes:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that Burkes was moving along and the taco truck had moved to another location. Mr. Pinkall added that they were working inside and have a sign.

- **ED Board meeting:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that there was an ED Board meeting Wednesday and their next project was the façade improvement program for the retail community. Mr. Pinkall commented that the grant program would help improve the façade up to \$5,000. Mr. Pinkall explained that this would an opportunity to those businesses that had not been able to use it before. Commissioner Farmer asked if they had used the matrix from last summer. Mr. Pinkall stated that they had not yet and that was one of the reasons they went to Great Bend.

- **Base Grant:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that they got the base grant submitted and they had chosen to the development of Well #17. Mr. Pinkall commented that this would help the nitrate issues and connect the lines out there that were dead end lines. Mr. Pinkall thanked EBH for their help in finalizing that grant.

- **Sportsmanship judge:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that he would be gone Wednesday and Friday this week to be a sportsmanship judge in Dodge City at the Kanas High School Activities Association State basketball tournament.

Building Inspections:

- **Burkes:**

Building Inspector Blankenship stated that he had gone to Burkes for a plumbing inspection for their bathrooms in the back and their kitchen sink and would be going there in the next couple of days to do the electrical in those areas. Mr. Blankenship commented that they had a long way to go in the main part. Mr. Blankenship added that they did get a large delivery today, so they were moving along.

- **Taco Truck:**

Mr. Blankenship commented that there was another taco truck that would be between Casey's and Oyo Hotel. Mr. Blankenship stated that they had paid for all their tap fees and Director of Electric Utilities Huber had all the electric there and Water Superintendent Clay had the meter in for the water in. Mr. Blankenship explained that they would have to work on the sewer, because the owner of the hotel was not going to let them dig across their drive way.

- **Town Hall meeting:**

Mr. Blankenship stated that the Planning Commission would be having their Town Hall meeting on Thursday, March 17th at 7:00 p.m. for the Comprehensive Planning meeting. Mr. Blankenship commented that it was on Facebook and our website. Mr. Blankenship stated that it would not be a full two hour child care meeting and we would be there to get some other ideas besides child care.

Electric Department: