

Meeting Minutes

Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Alliance.

Roll Call

Murdock - Present	Ritter – Present
Daniels – Absent	Lane – Present
Honomichl – Present	

Councilmember Daniels was absent.

Consent Agenda Items will be acted upon by one motion unless a Council member requests an item be removed for discussion and separate action.

1. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Minutes of the Council Meeting on August 4, 2022.
 - b. Approve Pay Ordinance No. 932
 - c. Consider Temporary Use Permit for De Soto Family Fun Run 5K
 - d. Approve Agreements Needed for Ottawa Street Improvements
 - i. BNSF Agreement
 - ii. Stream Credits Agreement.
 - e. Approve Lease Agreements with Butch Murphy and Rhoda J. Powers for the 2022 – 2023 Arts in Public Place Program.
 - f. Approve Resolution 1082 Approving Public Property to be Used for Beer Garden During De Soto Days' Celebration.

Councilmember Daniels entered the meeting at 7:01pm.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to approve the consent agenda; Second by Councilmember Daniels.

Roll Call

Murdock – Yea	Ritter – Yea
Daniels – Yea	Lane – Yea
Honomichl – Yea	

Motion Carries

2. Call to Public:

Members of the public are welcome to use this time to comment about any matter relating to City business not listed on this Agenda. The comments that are discussed under Call to Public may or may not be acted upon by the Council during this meeting. **There is a four-minute time limit.** Please stand and wait to be recognized by the Mayor. You must state your name and address.

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business:

- a. Consider Incentive Request from Alcove Development for Lexington Avenue Property
Mr. Brungardt, City Administrator, led on the item. He noted that in April the City entered a real estate purchase contract with Alcove Development, LLC and DM Vet Properties, LLC to sell a 1.6-acre parcel along Lexington Avenue just north of Dollar General. The city is currently in a 6-month due diligence period, and Alcove Development and DM Vet Properties are pursuing zoning, platting, and economic incentive approvals. The Buyers have submitted an economic incentive request for a 75%, 10-year tax abatement. Mr. Brungardt announced that the incentives policy committee recommended that the Council approve the incentive request.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to grant the requested 75%, 10-year tax abatement request, and direct Staff to draft a Development Agreement granting the same; Second by Councilmember Honomichl.

Roll Call

Murdock - Yea

Ritter – Yea

Daniels – Yea

Lane – Yea

Honomichl – Yea

Motion Carries

- b. Consider Agreement with Shockey Consulting for Public Relations and Outreach Consulting

Mr. Brungardt led on this item. He announced that the Panasonic project and its associated levels of activity have necessitated the need for consulting assistance to manage media relations and public engagement. He noted that Shockey Communications and Mays Communications have engaged with the City in assisting with media communications there is an urgent need for consulting assistance to manage media relations and community engagement. As a sub-consultant to GBA, Shockey Consulting and Mays Communications have been assisting with media communications and ultimately connecting the City with the right resources to share our story and be a key player. Mr. Brungardt gave an overview of the scope of services for community engagement and media relations work for 2022 – 2023 and how they will coordinate with city staff including our Communications Director, Whitney Lange. He recommended that the council approve the agreement with Mays Communication and Shockey Consulting Services.

Ms. Nancy Mayes gave an overview of her experience including her work with the Johnson County Board of Commissioners and the University of Kansas. She gave a brief overview of the services her firm will provide. Ms. Sheila Shockey gave an overview of her firm's experience working with municipal organizations. She outlined the services the firm could provide for the City.

Councilmember Honomichl discussed how the consultant could help with a comprehensive plan update. Councilmembers Honomichl and Mayor Walker discussed how both firms have assisted the city in the early stages of its public engagement programming.

Councilmember Daniels discussed the overall cost of the agreement. Mr. Brungardt noted that the hourly rates should be considered not to exceed amounts.

Councilmember Ritter discussed how both firms could assist with the strategic planning process.

Motion by Councilmember Honomichl to approve the proposed scope of work and fee estimate from Mays Communications and direct staff to prepare a contract for the Mayor's signature; Second by Councilmember Murdock.

Roll Call

Murdock - Yea

Ritter – Yea

Daniels – Yea

Lane – Yea

Honomichl – Yea

Motion Carries

5. Executive Session:

6. Advisory Reports:

- a. City Administrator – No Report
- b. City Attorney- No Report
- c. City Planner – No Report
- d. Assistant City Administrator – Announced that weather permitting, the city will have its third summer concert on August 18th at Riverfest Park. He noted that the backup date is scheduled for Oct 29th.
- e. Council & Mayor Comments
Councilmember Honomichl - No Report
Councilmember Lane - No Report
Councilmember Murdock - No Report
Councilmember Daniels -No Report
Councilmember Ritter - No Report
Mayor Walker- Announced that Rev. Richard Copeland is retiring this month. He noted his decades of service to the community.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Murdock; Second by Councilmember Honomichl. All Council approved by "ayes." The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Respectively Submitted by:

Brandon Mills

Brandon Mills, MPA, City Clerk