

Eudora City Commission Meeting
City Hall – 4 E. 7th Street
Eudora, Kansas
August 24, 2020
7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Tim Reazin

Vice Mayor Ruth Hughs attended virtually

Commissioner Jolene Born attended virtually

Commissioner Roberta Lehmann attended virtually

Commissioner Tim Bruce attended virtually

Quorum noted.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Changes or additions to agenda

Mayor Reazin requested to remove the Executive Session from the agenda.

Mayor Reazin moved the City Commission approve the agenda with the removal of the Executive Session, motion seconded by Commissioner Hughs, all ayes, motion carried, 5-0.

Consent agenda items

- A. Consider minutes of August 10, 2020 Eudora City Commission meeting
- B. Consider minutes of August 18, 2020 Eudora City Commission special meeting
- C. Consider warrants against the City of Eudora

Mayor Reazin moved the City Commission approve the consent items, motion seconded by Commissioner Born, all ayes, motion carried, 5-0.

Public comments

Public comments were invited, and none were heard or submitted.

Business Items

- A. Consider Ordinance 1111, a Home Rule Ordinance of the City of Eudora, Kansas, approving the 2020-2025 Master Capital Improvement Plan for the city, including plans for certain infrastructure and site work projects and the financing thereof.

City Manager Matite noted that bond council, Kevin Wempe and financial advisor, Tom Kaleko, with Baker Tilly, are present to answer any questions the commission may have. Matite stated that a similar item was presented to the commission in February, but as the redefinition of the Nottingham Property takes place, adjustments were needed to the amount not to exceed accordingly and is the first step to financing the project.

Wempe stated the ordinance presented is for the issuance of general obligation bonds to complete site work and infrastructure at the Nottingham site. Wempe stated that the Resolution to issue the notes would come before the commission at the second meeting in September.

Mayor Reazin moved the City Commission approve Ordinance 1111 approving the 2020-2025 Master Capital Improvement Plan including certain infrastructure and site work projects and the financing and authorize the Mayor to sign the Ordinance, motion seconded by Commissioner Lehmann, all ayes, motion carried, 5-0.

- B. Consider Resolution 2020-08 authorizing the offering for sale of taxable general obligation temporary notes, Series 2020-A

City Manager Matite stated the Resolution is needed to provide an outline for the commissioners on the sell process for the bonds. The sell will be a competitive sell and will be conducted on September 28, 2020. Formal action will be brought to the commission at the September 28, 2020 meeting.

Mayor Reazin moved the City Commission approve Resolution 2020-08 authorizing the offering for sale of taxable General Obligation Temporary Notes, Series 2020-A, of the City of Eudora, Kansas and authorize the Mayor to sign the Resolution, motion seconded by Vice Mayor Hughs, all ayes, motion carried, 5-0.

- C. Consider Downtown Grant application for 706 Main Street

Management Analyst, Jeffrey Rhodes stated Mary Kirkendoll, Eudora Yoga Center at 706 Main St submitted an application requesting a \$1,000.00 grant for the property to repair window and door trim and general appearance of the building. He added that Kirkendoll would be providing matching funds to complete the project. Through the application scoring process, the applicant scored 85/100.

Mayor Reazin moved the City Commission approve the Downtown Grant Program request from the Eudora Yoga Center/Mary Kirkendoll for improvements to 706 Main Street in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 to be made payable once staff has received receipts for reimbursement of eligible grant expenses, motion seconded by Commissioner Born, all ayes, motion carried, 5-0.

- D. Friends of the Kaw update

Parks and Recreation Director, Sally Pennington introduced Kim Bellemere with Friends of the Kaw and Courtney Masterson with Native Lands, LLC to present the grant funded project for the Wakarusa Boat Ramp Restoration.

Bellemere provided an overview to the commission on Friends of the Kaw. Friends of the Kaw provides cleanups, installation of boat ramps, and restoration work to help preserve the Kansas River and promote it. Bellemere stated the importance of the Wakarusa boat ramp, being ½ mile from the Kansas River and providing an access point for individuals wanting to get on or off the Kansas River.

Bellemere stated the Wakarusa Riverbank Restoration Project is being paid for in part by the Douglas County Heritage Conservation Council. The project will be a two-year project, removing invasive vegetation and working to plant native vegetation, aiding in the filtration of debris and pollutants and provide habitat for wildlife, along with food sources for pollinators. Bellemere also noted the Eudora Parks and Recreation Foundation is committing \$3,000.00 for the bioswales.

Masterson stated her part of the project will be working with volunteers to educate them on native landscapes and restoring the ecosystem. She stated that the grassy hill will be short prairie grass and will be maintained by burning it off. Within the prairie grass area will also be wildflowers. She added that bioswales will be placed on the project where water flow is natural with plants that prefer extra water to help filter water before it enters the Wakarusa River and the riparian area along the river bank will be cleaned up and the bed will be planted with ferns and other plants with an open tree canopy to allow you to see the river, making it more inviting.

E. Consider contract for engineering services with BG Consultants, Inc.

Public Works Director, Branden Boyd stated in a previous work session, the need to separate the east and main lift stations along with phosphorus treatment for the wastewater plant. He stated the city received three bids for the design project and staff recommends moving forward with BG Consultants because they are familiar with the sewer plant, lift stations and sewer mains, and would allow the process to move forward more quickly.

Mayor Reazin moved the City Commission authorize the City Manager to execute the design contract with BG Consultants for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the design of the upgrades to the east and main lift stations, motion seconded by Commissioner Lehmann, all ayes, motion carried, 5-0.

F. Consider Proclamation declaring September as National Preparedness Month

Jillian Rodrique, Douglas County Emergency Management Deputy Director, thanked the City for elevating National Preparedness Month. Rodrique added that people need to remain prepared for emergencies, by taking a few moments and create an emergency kit in the event of a disaster.

Mayor Reazin moved the City Commission approve the proclamation declaring September National Preparedness Month, motion seconded by Commissioner Born, all ayes, motion carried, 5-0.

G. Consider Proclamation remembering 09/11/01

Commissioner Hughs moved the City Commission approve the proclamation declaring September 11th, 2020 a National Day of Service & Remembrance Day, motion seconded by Commissioner Born, all ayes, motion carried, 5-0.

Mayor and City Commission Comments

Mayor Reazin asked other commissioners their thoughts of expanding the Downtown grants to other businesses, not on Main Street, because multiple downtown businesses have received grants and funds are available.

Consensus by commissioners was to explore the idea.

Commissioner Bruce – No comment.

Vice Mayor Hughs commented that she visited with a friend who stated how easy it was working with the city manager's office on a grant application for the Eudora food pantry and thanked staff for providing exceptional service.

She also asked Jeffrey Rhoades to add something to the weekly update reminding citizens about the Eudora Times, and asked Lucy Krisman with the Eudora Times to remind citizens that they can sign up for the updates.

Commissioner Born – No comment.

Commissioner Lehmann noted seeing a post on social media stating the resident had reached out to the city about bricks on Church Street, but had not heard back from city staff and wanted to make sure staff had followed through and contacted the citizen.

City Manager and Staff Comments

City Manager Barack Matite commented that September 17th, from 1:30-3:00 there will be an announcement and asked the commissioners to try to be available. The event will take place at City Hall. Matite thanked Commissioner Bruce for assisting in the CMAR interview process. The firm selected will become part of the development team.

He also noted that the Eudora Times is active again, so they may reach out to commissioners for interviews on different stories.

City Management Analyst Jeff Rhodes commented that the city was approved for \$518,000.00 through the CARES Act and we are waiting on final approval by the State on the funding.

Director of Public Works Branden Boyd commented that the Bluejacket Park project will hopefully begin within the next week. There was a delay due to some paperwork that needed to be completed between KDOT and the contractor. He also noted that the brush dump will be pushed back a week due to Labor Day.

The 8th and 9th Street projects are moving along and will hopefully see pavement within the next few weeks. He said that the contractor for Peach Street was supposed to be here last week but has to be rescheduled and will hopefully be here this week, if not the city will move a few people from the 8th and 9th street project to pour the curb so asphalt can be placed.

Police Chief Wes Lovett – No comment.

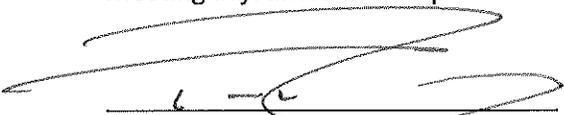
Fire Chief Ken Keiter commended that interviews have been completed and conditional offers have been made to seven new volunteer firefighters.

Parks & Recreation Director Sally Pennington commented that the Great Kaw Adventure Race has officially been cancelled for this year due to COVID-19.

City Clerk Pam Schmeck – No comment.

Mayor Reazin moved to adjourn, motion seconded by Commissioner Bruce, all ayes, motion carried, 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.



Tim Reazin, Mayor



Eric Strimple, Billing Specialist