

City Council Minutes – February 22, 2000

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Topeka, Kansas, Tuesday, February 22, 2000. The Councilmembers of the City of Topeka met in regular session at 7:00 P.M., with the following Councilmembers present: Alcala, Lee, Dunn, Duffy, Carkhuff, Hill, and Gardner –7. Mayor Wagnon presided-1. Absent: Councilmembers Pomeroy and McClinton -2.

AFTER THE MEETING was called to order, prayer was offered by Dr. L.D. Holmes, Wanamaker Woods Nazarene Church.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present in the chamber.

Mayor Wagnon stated that Councilmember McClinton was absent because funeral services for his nephew were held today.

Mayor Wagnon stated that Item 2B, an ordinance relating to redemption of a dog from the humane shelter, would be removed from the consent agenda because of an interest from someone wanting to speak. She also stated that the Council would reconvene as the Long Range Planning Committee in the Executive Conference Room after the regular City Council meeting for discussion of annexation and planning issues.

THE CONSENT AGENDA was presented as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 17469 introduced by Mayor Joan Wagnon relating to daycare centers, repealing City of Topeka Code § 26-145. Section 305.1, division 3, group E occupancies, placed on first reading February 15, 2000, was again presented.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 2000, were presented.

Councilmember Lee moved to approve the consent agenda except for Item 2B. The motion seconded by Councilmember Hill carried unanimously. (7-0-0)

ORDINANCE NO. 17470 introduced by Mayor Joan Wagnon relating to redemption of a dog from the humane shelter, amending City of Topeka Code § 18-127 and repealing said original section, placed on first reading February 15, 2000, was again presented.

Linda Jeffrey, City Attorney stated that the ordinance is being presented to correct a technical error.

George Stiles appeared and complained about the current system and how it has cost him the loss of a dog. He stated that there needs to be a change in the make-up, action and procedures of the Municipal Court.

The ordinance was adopted on roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Councilmembers Gardner, Dunn, Carkhuff, Duffy, Hill, and Lee -6. Noes: Councilmember Alcala -1. Absent: Councilmembers Pomeroy and McClinton -2.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Mayor Joan Wagnon, apportioning and levying a special assessment on certain lots and pieces of ground in the City of Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas, for the improvement of lateral sanitary sewer with piping, manholes, engineering and all other contingencies needed to complete Lateral Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project No. 40872-H, as defined and described in Resolution No. 6874, adopted and approved April 28, 1998, was presented for first reading.

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Mayor Joan Wagnon, apportioning and levying a special assessment on certain lots and pieces of ground in the City of Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas, for the improvement of Street Improvement Project No. 60542-H with pavement, curb and gutter and all other contingencies needed to complete Street Improvement Project No. 60542-H as defined and described in Resolution No. 6920, adopted and approved September 16, 1998, was presented for first reading.

Bill McCarter, Engineer gave the staff report. He explained that a revised ordinance showing the correct amount of the final cost of the project was distributed to each of them.

Councilmember Lee expressed concerns regarding drainage of the area.

Councilmember Lee moved to adopt the revisions to the ordinance. The motion seconded by Councilmember Dunn carried unanimously. (7-0-0)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS, were presented.

Councilmember Lee announced that the Public Health and Safety Committee would meet on Thursday, February 24, 2000 at Fire House No. 8 from 6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. for discussion and coffee. She reminded everyone of the presentation scheduled by the Human Relations Commission on Friday, February 25, 2000.

PRESENTATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, were presented.

Councilmember Gardner congratulated Mayor Wagnon for the selection of Jerry Kingsley as the City's new Fire Chief. He also asked if there has been discussions regarding the City pursuing taking over American Medical Response ambulance service.

Mayor Wagnon stated that a study of the ambulance service is almost complete and will be presented to the Council when it is finished.

Councilmember Alcalá asked for additional information regarding the request for a contract with the City from the Executive Director of Recipients, Inc.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

Iris Walker
City Clerk