CITY OF FORT SCOTT
CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes of March 15, 2011 Regular Meeting #6

The regular meeting of the Fort Scott City Commission was held March 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, 123 S. Main, Fort Scott, Kansas.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Adams, Bukowski, Mason and Parker were present with Mayor Hedges presiding.

INVOCATION: Pastor Tim Davish, First Baptist Church said a prayer asking God for guidance for the city and all government and city officials.

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE: Ann Ackerman, Tim Davish, Ermalea Mitzner, Jim Pitts, Bill Harris, Audra Young, Darrell Parker, Kevin Allen, Ron Puterbaugh, Eric Bailey, Paul Ballou, Jim Shoemaker, Richard Cook, Cindy Bartelsmeyer, Lindsay Madison, Frank Adamson, and representing the press, Michael Pommier, Fort Scott Tribune.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND APPROPRIATIONS/CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Hedges asked that Item F – February financials be added to the Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of March 1st, 2011.

B. Approval of Appropriation Ordinances 681, 936-A, 937-A, and 938-A totaling $554,465.95.

C. Certificate of Appropriateness – Papa Don's Restaurant – 10 N. Main – Paint Scheme Approval (Contingent upon State Historical approval)

D. Request to Pay – Double S Dirtworks, Inc. - $33,321.92 – Gunn Park Spillway Modifications

E. Modification Order F-0020 – Remove one (1) 175 watt mercury vapor street lights on wood pole at 1109 Gunn Park. Install one (1) 70 watt high pressure sodium street light on wood pole at 1109 Gunn Park.

F. February financials

Bukowski moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of Item F. Mason seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF ITEM F.

APPEARANCE/COMMENTS/PUBLIC HEARING:

A. APPEARANCE: None

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS (Concerning Items Not on Agenda – 3 minute limit per citizen) - Bill Harris, Classic Country Music Show – Informed the Commission that he and the band are happy to be playing in Memorial Hall and look forward to performing for many years.

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

CONSIDERATION:

1. Consideration of Bids – Memorial Hall Sound System – City Manager informed the Commission that Bill Harris, Jim Shoemaker and Diane Clay review the bids that were received for the purchase of a sound system for Memorial Hall. There were 4 bids received with one bid that did not follow specifications. The bids received were from Sweetwater - $12,035.79; Guitar Center - $11,671.71; and Ruddick's - $12,434. The difference in the bids was $762.99 from highest to lowest. The recommendation is to go with the local bid from Ruddick's in the amount of $12,434. Carl Butler along with a sound technician will perform the installation along with some City workers. The Commission thanked Mr. Shoemaker for his assistance with the bids.

   Parker moved to approve the bid from Ruddick's in the amount of $12,434 and approved the installation from Carl Butler along with his technician and City workers. Adams seconded. All voted aye.

   APPROVED THE BID FROM RUDDICK'S IN THE AMOUNT OF $12,434 AND APPROVED THE INSTALLATION FROM CARL BUTLER AND HIS TECHNICIAN ALONG WITH CITY WORKERS.

2. Transient Guest Tax Request for Funding and Appointment of Board Members – Frank Adamson and Lindsay Madison appeared before the Commission to request the following items:

   1. The bylaws have been updated to reflect a change in the division structure of the Chamber. The Tourism and Downtown Divisions of the Chamber have been combined into one division – Community Promotion.
   2. Committee Membership: The bylaws state that the committee shall consist of 10 voting members, 6 of whom are engaged in the lodging industry in the city limits for Fort Scott, 2 who are engaged in retail business within the City, 1 who represents the Friends of the Fort and 1 who represents the Community Promotion division of the Chamber. The Chamber and Tourism Executive Director and the Chamber Board Chair shall sit as non voting ex-officio members. The proposed members include the following with their proposed expiration date:

Chair	Frank Adamson, Courtland Hotel	12/31/2012
Vice-Chair	Nate Lyons, Lyons Twin Mansion	12/31/2012
Member	Shilpa (Tina) Patel, 1st Interstate	12/31/2011
Member	Sunil Kumar, Azure Sky	12/31/2011
Member	Jan McArthur, Heritage Inn	12/31/2012
Member	Hem Patel, Red Ram Motel	12/31/2011
Member	Mark McCoy, McDonald's	12/31/2011
Member	Barbara Trimbur, Iron Star	12/31/2012
Member	Dale Johnson, Friends of Fort	12/31/2012
Member	Martha Scott, Promotion Chair	12/31/2011
Ex-Officio	Lindsay Madison, Chamber Executive Director	
Ex-Officio	Becky Tourtillott, Chamber Board Chair	

3. Budget Allocation: The committee recommends the majority of funds available after operating expenses be used for advertising and marketing. The amount used for the budget is $50,000 according to Susan Brown, Director of Finance.
4. FSNHS Allocation: Requesting $5,000 allocation from the City of Fort Scott to the Fort Scott National Historic Site for their 2011 programs and events.

Discussion was held by the Commissioners, Dave Martin and Susan Brown regarding Items #3 and #4.

Adams moved to table Items #3 and #4 until the April 5th, 2011 meeting. Hedges seconded. All voted aye.

TABLED ITEMS #3 AND #4 UNTIL THE APRIL 5th, 2011 CITY COMMISSION MEETING.

Adams moved to approve the proposed bylaws due to the change in structure at the Chamber and to approve the proposed membership and terms. It was also approved to allocate a partial payment of $10,000 to the Chamber for operating expenses and revisit this at the next meeting also. Parker seconded. All voted aye.

APPROVED THE PROPOSED BYLAWS DUE TO THE CHANGE IN STRUCTURE AT THE CHAMBER. APPROVED MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF EXPIRATION. APPROVED A PARTIAL ALLOCATION OF $10,000 TO THE CHAMBER FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND TO REVISIT THIS AT THE APRIL 5TH, 2011 MEETING.

COMMISSION/STAFF:

A. **City Commission:**

Adams – Nothing to report.

Mason – Reported he is working with the Sales Tax Wellness Committee and that he has heard good comments concerning the sales tax issue that will be voted on April 5th.

Parker – Remarked that she was glad to see all the people in attendance at the work session.

Bukowski – Remarked that he was glad 7th and National is open again.

Hedges – Remarked that the work session was democracy at its best tonight. There was a great crowd of people and great comments voiced both directions.

B. **City Attorney:** Nothing to report.

C. **Assistant City Manager: Nothing to report.**

D. City Manager:

1. Quarterly Meeting with City Employees – City Manager said he met Monday morning with all City employees and updated them on what was going on in the City. He will hold quarterly meetings for all employees.
2. Work Session – City Manager said he was proud of the work session held tonight and it was a great show of open government at City Hall.

3. Special Meeting – City Manager asked that a Special Meeting be held on Friday at 4:00 p.m. in the City Commission meeting room for the purchase and acquisition of the golf course.

   Adams moved to approve the Special Meeting on Friday, March 18th, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Mason seconded. All voted aye.

   APPROVED SPECIAL MEETING ON FRIDAY, MARCH 18th, 2011 at 4:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERATION OF THE PURCHASE AND ACQUISITION OF THE GOLF COURSE.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mason moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Adams seconded. All voted aye.

ADJOURNED MEETING AT 6:37 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on April 5th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

RECORDED BY:

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DIANE K. CLAY
CITY CLERK