

COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2024 6:30 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Room. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Vannoster.

Present:

COMMISSIONER PAM JONES
COMMISSIONER DEBORAH MAPLES
COMMISSIONER JASON SWINDELL
COMMISSIONER ANN MARIE VANNOSTER

Absent:

COMMISSIONER ROBERT YORK

City Staff in attendance:

INTERIM CITY MANAGER TIM WILSON
CITY CLERK MELISSA CARTER
CITY ATTORNEY PAUL KRITZ
DIRECTOR OF IT CHRIS FELIX
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS THOMAS OSBORN
DIRECTOR OF WATER SERVICES STEVE SMITH
DIRECTOR OF AIRPORT SERVICES JARROD POWERS
UTILITY COMPLIANCE MANAGER KEVIN MERSBERG
SUPERINTENDENT OF ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION STEVE PRATT

- A. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Ann Marie Vannoster
- B. ROLL CALL**
- C. INVOCATION** – Pastor Doug Mund, Grace Fellowship Church
- D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**
- E. REVIEW OF AGENDA**
- F. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 1. City Commission Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, December 26th, 2023
 - 2. 2024 Appropriation Ordinance No. AO-24-01 \$643,865.30

MOTION: Move to approve items 1 & 2 of the consent agenda as presented.

ACTION: MOTION: VANNOSTER SECOND: MAPLES
ROLL CALL: ALL PRESENT AYE

G. COMMENTS

1. Comments from Public

Any citizen desiring to address the Commission shall be recognized, advance to the podium, state his/her name and address for the record. Comments shall be limited to 3 minutes unless extended by a vote of the majority of the Commission. The Commission does not hear matters involving litigation or City Personnel. The Commission does not take action on subjects not on the agenda unless unusual or hardship conditions exist. Citizens may address the Commission on agenda items as they are brought to the floor.

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REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

H. PUBLIC HEARING(s), SPECIAL PRESENTATION(s), & PROCLAMATION(s).

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Resolution R-23-96 a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an Agreement with the City of Caney for the purpose of supplying the City of Caney with potable water.

Interim City Manager Tim Wilson said that we have been through this a few times but wanted to put a fine point on it. He said if you look at the steady decline in population for Coffeyville from 1960 and then look at the gallons of water we sell on annual basis you will see if we weren't adding out of area customers we would be shrinking dramatically and it would be difficult to make the Water Department a revenue producer. The Electric and Water Departments have done a great job replacing the effects of declining population. The point is that the way to be successful when your population is declining is to add customers. Mr. Wilson went over the entities we supply in bulk. He said when he looks at a project like this he asks himself two questions. The first question is it the right thing to do? He would say helping a sister community solve their water problems is an emphatic yes. The second question is it good business for the citizens of Coffeyville? That is an even more emphatic yes as adding customers is a good thing and it helps us maintain an active Water Department. Mayor Vannoster stated this is a win-win situation for both parties.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution R-23-96 as presented.

ACTION: MOTION: VANNOSTER SECOND: JONES
ROLL CALL: ALL PRESENT AYE

J. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. Present outgoing Commissioners Pam Jones, Jason Swindell and Bob York with plaques.
Mayor Vannoster and Commissioner Maples presented outgoing commissioners Pam Jones and Jason Swindell with plaques and thanked them for their service.
2. Swear in Commissioners Don Edwards, Jim Falkner and Alec Hendryx
City Clerk Melissa Carter gave the Loyalty Oath to swear in Commissioners Don Edwards, Jim Falkner & Alec Hendryx.
3. Select Mayor to serve until January 14, 2025.

MOTION: Move to nominate Alec Hendryx as Mayor of the City of Coffeyville to January 14th, 2025.

ACTION: MOTION: VANNOSTER SECOND: MAPLES
ROLL CALL: ALL AYE

4. Select Vice Mayor to serve until January 14, 2025.

MOTION: Move to nominate Jim Falkner as Vice Mayor of the City of Coffeyville to January 14th, 2025.

ACTION: MOTION: VANNOSTER SECOND: MAPLES
ROLL CALL: ALL AYE

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K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Action to make appointments to the Planning Commission.
City Clerk Melissa Carter went over the open positions on the Planning Commission.
Applicant Justin Martin came to the podium to say why he applied for the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Move to appoint Justin Martin and Joleen Swindell to the Planning Commission for terms expiring January 1st, 2027.

ACTION: MOTION: HENDRYX SECOND: FALKNER
ROLL CALL: ALL AYE

2. Resolution R-24-01 a Resolution to Authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order to B&L Construction for the relocation of a primary distribution line on South Buckeye and relocation of two poles on Sunflower for the City of Coffeyville Electric Utility.
Superintendent of Electric Distribution Steve Pratt came to the podium and said that they are looking to hire a contractor for the South Buckeye project that was put in place as we are on the County easement. There really is not a choice, they will have to relocate the line and they are getting close to the deadline of getting this completed. Mr. Pratt noted that he and Interim City Manager Tim Wilson had a successful meeting with County Commissioner Cordray and Jim Wilson to ask that more notification be given when these types of projects are in the works.

MOTION: Move to approve Resolution R-24-01 as presented.

ACTION: MOTION: VANNOSTER SECOND: MAPLES
ROLL CALL: ALL AYE

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3. Ordinance G-24-01 an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article III, Division I, Section 2-50 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coffeyville, Kansas and replacing any conflicting Ordinances or parts thereof. (Employee Residency Requirements)

Interim City Manager Tim Wilson stated that it is a competitive employment environment and the City is struggling in a number of places. His goal is to have the best talent available for City employees. Mr. Wilson said if you look at the map, today the ordinance allows for a 45 mile semi-circle stopping at the state line. His recommendation is that we go to a 50 mile radius and eliminate the state line restriction. What this would do is take our current population pool of 78,000 and take it to a total of 305,000. The fear is that we will not have those employees living here but they will buy meals and go shopping here. Mr. Wilson is committed to report back every six months to the City Commission with data points because we will be tracking this. He is confident that this will help much needed positions get filled with the best talent available. Vice Mayor Falkner said he thinks this is a good move because the population of the City staff has been decimated and we need qualified applicants in every department. Commissioner Edwards said that he has been researching this for a couple of months and municipalities and government entities are getting rid of these types of living requirements all together. He mentioned that the City of Coffeyville is not the only entity having trouble hiring. Some of the positions in the City like the Police Department have several requirements that they have to go through to get hired. Commissioner Edwards said that sometimes our geography works in our favor and sometimes it doesn't.

MOTION: Move to approve Ordinance G-24-01 as presented.

ACTION: MOTION: EDWARDS SECOND: FALKNER
ROLL CALL: ALL AYE

4. City Manager's Report

Interim City Manager Tim Wilson said that he has some very productive meetings over the last couple of weeks with senior leaders and the Fire and Police Departments. Mr. Wilson said that he is working a land bank project as many people have brought it to his attention. He is going to reach out to neighboring communities that have one already in place. They are looking at what is going up at the tax sale in February to buy the right properties and then work with the right investors that will develop it. Mr. Wilson said that we have not filled the Director of Finance position which is badly needed. We will have to temporarily outsource this to Baker Tilly which is an organization the City has worked with in the past. Mr. Wilson said we have a lot of work to do and there are a lot of good opportunities. He has met with a lot of business leaders and had productive meetings where everyone is positive and ready to move the City forward and that is what we intend to do.

5. Comments from Commissioners and Staff

Mayor Hendryx said that it is an honor and privilege to be here and is looking forward to moving the City forward in a lot of positive ways, working as a team and working with City staff. Big changes are coming and there will be hurdles that we have to work through to make Coffeyville a city people want to live in. Vice Mayor Falkner thanked the voters of Coffeyville for having the confidence to put them up there. He said there is a great deal of untapped brain power in the community referring to business leaders, City Boards, Chamber of Commerce, Reawakening, civic organizations and graduates of the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita. He is going to suggest to these groups that they take the lead on various projects and work with the City. Vice Mayor Falkner stated that Leadership is not

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necessarily a position but it's an activity and anyone can be a leader for a project at any point in time. He stated they would be calling upon different civic leaders and organizations to help us out, we are all in this together. Commissioner Vannoster said that for anybody who did look at tonight's Agenda Packet on the Website it gave the 2023 Sales Tax collection. She stated that we ended the year on a very positive note. Last year we barely tipped 2 million and this year we went over that. Coffeyville should be very proud that people are spending their money here. For example last year, the Sales Tax that was passed in 2022 for housing, parks and downtown development generated a total of \$1,066,382.44. The parks fund got \$426,000 of that which surpassed what we were going to spend on Sycamore Park. Commissioner Vannoster thanked the community and people that have passed through for spending their money here because it helps grow the community. Vice Mayor Falkner said that today was national support your local police day so he thanked them for what they do and encouraged others to do the same.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION(s)

M. GENERAL STAFF, COMMITTEE & BOARD REPORTS AND MINUTES

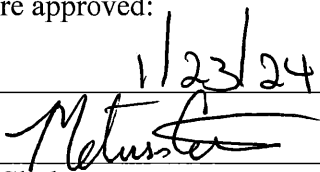
1. Sales Tax Report – December 2023
2. Coffeyville Police Department Crime Stats – December 2023
3. Hillcrest Golf Course – December 2023

N. ADJOURN

ACTION: MOTION: EDWARDS SECOND: HENDRYX
ROLL CALL: ALL AYE

Time the meeting was adjourned: 7:17 pm

Date the minutes were approved:

1/23/24


Melissa Carter, City Clerk