

MINUTES OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/  
CITY COMMISSIONERS JOINT MEETING  
ON March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Board of Kingman County Commissioners met in the North Room of the Kingman Expo Center, Kingman, Kansas on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Those present:

John Steffen, Chairman  
Fred Foley, Commissioner  
Jerry Henning, Commissioner  
Carol Noblit, County Clerk  
Stan Hacker, City Commissioner  
Mark Arensdorf, City Mayor  
Merlin McFarland, City Commissioner  
Charlus Bishop, City Commissioner  
Adrian Harrel, City Commissioner  
Cindy Conrardy, City Clerk  
Greg Graffman, City Manager  
Cody Smith, City Attorney

Visitors: Larry Landwehr; Gayle Dye; Carol Voran; Jason Jump, Kingman Leader Courier; Deanna Gerhardt and Ellen Hacker.

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Mendy Frampton, Kingman Expo Center Director.

Chairman Steffen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Stan Hacker, City Commissioner gave the prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Chairman Steffen asked if there was approval of the Agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mark Arensdorf, City Mayor started discussion on the North Main Project.

Chairman Steffen let the City Commissioners know that they have set a start date for March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for the North Main project and asked Charles Arensdorf to say a few things about the project.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director said that he hopes that the 2019 portion of the project goes better than the 2018 portion. Mr. Arensdorf let the boards know that the work hasn't been bad but that just getting it done has been a problem.

Mr. Arensdorf let the boards know that the intersection at Copeland will need to be grinded down. Also, the valley gutters and the edges of the brick will need to be grinded for the asphalt overlay.

Mr. Arensdorf said that if we would have had a steady schedule that the Contractor would of followed things would of went smoother.

Mark Arensdorf, City Mayor appreciated what the County has done to make North Main a better road.

Stan Hacker, City Commissioner was sorry that the County had an issue with the Contractor.

Charlus Bishop, City Commissioner said "Thank You for doing it".

Mayor Arensdorf asked if there was any further information on the North Main project and then proceeded with item B on the agenda which was landfill & demolition.

Greg Graffman, City Manager let the County Commissioners know that they have approved three grants for demolition. Two are on A Avenue and one on Marquette Street.

Chairman Steffen let the City Commission know that the County Commissioners discussed having the County Landfill open for the demolition materials to be dumped.

Mr. Graffman would like to know if there is any information that can be given out for the schedule of the Landfill.

Charles Arensdorf handed out a listing of the general hours of operation, acceptable waste and what cannot be brought to the landfill. Mr. Arensdorf let the City Commissioners know that the landowner would need to dump at the landfill outside the scheduled hours they would just need to call the Public Works Office and they would have someone available. Mr. Arensdorf also let the City Commissioners know that the pricing depends on the County Commissioners.

Stan Hacker, City Commissioner asked if roofing (shingles) and building materials need to be separated before bringing to the landfill.

Mr. Arensdorf let Mr. Hacker know that it is not necessary to separate the materials anymore.

Mr. Bishop asked Mr. Arensdorf what does white items mean on his list.

Mr. Arensdorf let Mr. Bishop know that would be refrigerators or any metal as it can't be taken at the landfill.

Mr. Graffman asked the County Commissioners if there was any incentive that the County would like to give to the homeowner doing the demolition to give them a break.

Mr. Graffman let the Commissioners know that the City is in the process of condemnation of a building.

Charles Arensdorf reminded the Commissioners if you give a precedence here it may go to other areas.

Chairman Steffen let the City Commissioners know they would talk about this at their next meeting and let them know.

Chairman Steffen asked Charlie if he has had many out of County people dumping at the County landfill.

Mr. Arensdorf said that there hasn't been much actually.

Mr. Graffman let the County Commissioners know that the City has budgeted to start this program to get rid of blighted properties in Kingman.

Chairman Steffen said it is hard to judge the benefits of this program because it will help with drugs and crime also.

Chairman Steffen let the City Commissioners know that the County Commissioners discussed that they would like to offer the use of the plow lot for limb disposal so that people will have a place to dispose of their limbs.

Mayor Arensdorf that would work well except sometimes you may get a couch but not often.

The County Commissioners asked if the City would help maintain the lot if it was given for this usage.

Mayor Arensdorf said that the City Commissioners would talk about it during their next meeting and that it would be very beneficial.

Charles Arensdorf let the Boards know that you will have to decide if you want the lot to be used as just residential or commercial also. Also, you would need to get with KDHE and see if there is anything you need to burn them.

Mayor Arensdorf said that Mr. Graffman and Cody Smith, City Attorney would look into it.

Mayor Arensdorf asked if there was anymore about the landfill and demolition and no further comments were made so Mr. Arensdorf moved on to item C on the agenda which was the indoor/outdoor arena.

Mark Arensdorf, Mayor asked the County Commissioners if they had decided what they would like to do.

Chairman Steffen said that they had asked Mendy Frampton if she would be willing to run the indoor and the outdoor arenas. Ms. Frampton let them know that she would be willing to run both but would like someone to let her know what all her responsibilities would be. Also, the County Commissioners would like to see a backup for Mendy so when she has something personal she would have someone to help out.

Chairman Steffen let the City Commissioners know that having a two-person committee for Mendy to go to when she has an issue would help her.

Mr. Steffen told the City Commissioners that the County Commissioners chose County Commissioner Jerry Henning for their representative on the two-person committee.

Mayor Arensdorf said that the City Commissioners discussed it at their last meeting and they agree that Mendy Frampton could manage both the indoor and outdoor arena. The City Commissioners also appointed Stan Hacker as their representative for the two-person committee.

Mayor Arensdorf let the County Commissioners know that they have gone out for bid on fencing for the outdoor arena but they may want to wait if we are going to do drainage repair.

Jerry Henning, County Commissioner said that we need to fix the drainage problem which will help with the presentation of the building.

Mayor Arensdorf talked about fixing the parking lot also to help with mud and tracking it into the facilities.

Fred Foley, County Commissioner said that when they had did the remodel they had wanted to put more concrete but it wasn't the Counties property.

Merlin McFarland, City Commissioner said that it is good that we are getting together to make this all work.

Mayor Arensdorf said it is very important to get this done and getting people to come to town.

Chairman Steffen said that the two-person committee main responsibility will be to help Mendy if she has an emergency and needs an answer quickly. This committee needs to go in with their eyes wide open.

Stan Hacker, City Commissioner said it is not to point fingers but to solve problems. We want to come together.

Jerry Henning, County Commissioner said we need to have a decent policy and everyone knows it and follows it.

Adrian Harrel, City Commissioner said the Committee should not back the person but the policy.

Chairman Steffen said that the Committee should back her if people are not following the policy.

Mayor Arensdorf said lets start from today and move forward.

Charlus Bishop asked what the current job title is for the Expo Center.

Chairman Steffen said Mendy is currently Expo Center Director.

Mayor Arensdorf said she should be Kingman Expo Center Executive Director because she will be taking care of both the indoor and outdoor arenas.

Mr. Graffman let the Boards know that he would like to take the two policies currently which one would be from the City and one from the county and make one policy.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to accept the contract to make Mendy Frampton the Kingman Expo Center Executive Director. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Graffman let the boards know that documents are what they do and it can be done.

Commissioner Henning said that the big point of this is that we can't expect Mendy Frampton to do this all by herself. If there is a situation and she needs to be gone there needs to be someone to back her up. She needs to have someone that she can train to do things in her absence.

Mayor Arensdorf said he would be glad to help her.

Commissioner Henning said that we need to get someone to help at the Kingman Expo Center.

Mayor Arensdorf let the County Commissioners know that the City would put it on their agenda for the next City meeting to discuss help for the Expo Center.

Merlin McFarland said we can look at some employees that may be able to help.

Commissioner Henning discussed that people use the indoor arena in the winter because it is heated.

Mayor Arensdorf said the rent needs to be paid if you use the facility and whoever rents it.

Commissioner Henning said we have changed charging the 4H for usage but it will take effect January 1, 2020 which will give them time to budget. Also, the 4-H County Fair will not be charged to use the facility.

Commissioner Henning said if the County could do a part-time and the City could do a part-time person to help at the Expo Center and if there is still issues then get back together and figure something out.

Mayor Arensdorf said we need to go forward and make it work.

Mr. Graffman said that the City Attorney will get the County Counselor to work out the agreement.

The City and County Boards discussed meeting again in April and were in agreement.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the City/County Joint Meeting at 7:05 p.m. Commissioner seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.