

COMMISSION MEETING**1:30 P.M.****JANUARY 5, 2022**

The Governing Body of the City of Emporia, Kansas, met in Regular Session, Wednesday, January 5, 2022, in the City Commission Meeting Room with Mayor Gilligan presiding and Commissioners Brinkman, Giefer, Sauder, and Smith present. Also present were City Manager Cocking, Assistant City Manager Massey, City Clerk Sull and City Attorney Montgomery.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Gilligan requested to remove item b. Consider ratification of Payroll Ordinance for the period ending on December 17, 2021; this item to be moved to the next regular meeting for approval.

It was moved Commissioner Giefer, seconded by Commissioner Sauder that the balance of the Consent Agenda listed below be ratified as a whole:

- a. Consider minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 15 and Adjourned Meeting held on December 22, 2021.

The vote follows: Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

**CITY COMMISSION
(Public Comment)**

This is the time for the public to make comments. No comments were made at this time.

Jennifer Danler, representing Sacred Heart Catholic School, was in attendance to accept a proclamation recognizing the week of January 30th through February 5th, 2022 as "Celebrating Catholic School Week" in Emporia. She stated each year the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas designates one week during the year to highlight Catholic Schools. The presence of a Catholic school in our community has proven to be additional amenity and incentive in the education of the youth of the City of Emporia. She stated Sacred Heart Catholic School is proud to be where students consistently work to their full potential. The legacy of Sacred Heart School will live on for many years thanks to dedicated administrators, teachers and students as well as a very supportive community.

Mayor Gilligan then presented the proclamation.

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
(Kansas State Water Revolving Loan Fund)
(Public Hearing)**

Dean Grant, Public Works Director, stated the City will need to conduct a public hearing to inform the public on the proposed application to Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund.

Thaniel Monaco, representing BG Consultants, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. He stated the City is seeking a loan from the Kansas State Water Supply Loan Fund for replacement, upgrade or add waterlines in the water distribution system not to exceed \$15,000,000.00. A list of potential projects will be reviewed at a later date. He stated the advantages of financing municipal water distribution system improvements from the loan fund are as follows:

The interest rate is subsidized by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and is lower than traditional methods of debt financing.

The initial borrowing costs are much lower than traditional debt financing.

The loan fund repayments are based on a 20-year amortization schedule, but the debt can be retired at anytime.

Interest only accrues on funds that are withdrawn during the construction period.

He stated the City is required to hold a public hearing regarding the loan prior to adoption of the resolution approving the application.

Mayor Gilligan then declared the public hearing opened.

As no one in the attendance wished to address the Governing Body, Mayor Gilligan then declared the public hearing closed.

**KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
(Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund)
(Application for Loan)
(Resolution Number 3661)**

Dean Grant, Public Works Director, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. He stated the adoption of this resolution is a necessary step in the process of securing a loan from the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund. The resolution authorized the completion and submittal of an

application to KDHE regarding the loan.

Commissioner Brinkman made a motion to approve Resolution Number 3661, a resolution authorizes the completion of an application to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment regarding a loan from the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund. Commissioner Giefer seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

BONDS
(Authorize Issuance of General Obligation Bonds)
(Purchase of Acquiring Equipment for City Street Department)
(Ordinance Number 22-01)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF EMPORIA, KANSAS TO PAY THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING EQUIPMENT FOR CITY SERVICES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 12, SECTION 5, OR THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, to which the City Clerk assigned Ordinance Number 22-01, was presented to the Governing Body for their consideration.

Janet Harrouff, Director of Administrative Services, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. She stated this ordinance authorizes General Obligations Bonds for the purchase of a Bucket Truck for \$162,481.00; a 2021 Elgin Whirlwind Street Sweeper for \$284,902.42 and a 2021 John Deere Backhoe for \$112,407.00 and all related equipment. The approval of this proposed ordinance will allow bonds to be issued in the amount of \$570,000.00.

Commissioner Brinkman made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 22-01, an ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligations Bonds for the purchase of acquiring equipment for City Street Department. Commissioner Giefer seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

**INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS
(S&S Quality Meats, LLC and Smoots Enterprises II, LLC)
(Approving Option to Purchase 2015 Series A and B IRB's)
(Resolution Number 3662)**

City Attorney Montgomery was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. She stated this resolution approves a request by Smoots Enterprises, II, LLC to exercise the option to purchase the 2015 Series A and B Industrial Revenue Bonds. These industrial revenue bonds were issued to finance development of the Fanestil refrigerated warehouse and fresh market. She stated this will allow Smoots Enterprises, II, LLC to proceed with refinancing the industrial revenue bonds as S&S Quality Meats, LLC and will repeal a similar resolution relating to an option to purchase in connection with the 2015 Bonds, which was anticipated in the fall of 2020, but not finalized.

Commissioner Giefer made a motion to approve Resolution Number 3662, a resolution approving the sale of a certain project financed with the proceeds of revenue bonds of the city; authorizing the execution and delivery of special warranty deed; a bill of sale; a termination and release of lease and satisfaction discharge and release of indenture. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

**INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS
(S&S Quality Meats, LLC)
(Authorize the Issuance of Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds Series 2022)
(Ordinance Number 22-02)**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF EMPORIA, KANSAS TO ISSUE ITS TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2002 (S&S QUALITY MEATS, LLC), IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,495,000 FOR THE PURPOSES OF REFUNDING, REDEEMING AND RETIRING THE CITY'S TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS, SERIES A, 2015 AND SUBORDINATED TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS, SERIES B, 2015 ORIGINALLY ISSUED TO FINANCE CERTAIN COMMERCIAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY ON BEHALF OF SMOOTS ENTERPRISES ii, LLC; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TRUST INDENTURE BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND SECURITY BANK OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, AS TRUSTEE, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND S&S QUALITY MEATS, LLC; APPROVING THE FORM OF GUARANTY AGREEMENTS; BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY, S&S QUALITY MEATS, LLC, AND RCB BANK, AS PURCHASER OF THE SERIES 2002 BONDS AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 20-26 OF THE CITY, to which

the City Clerk assigned Ordinance Number 22-02, was presented to the Governing Body for their consideration.

City Attorney Montgomery, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. She stated this ordinance authorizes the City of Emporia to issue taxable industrial revenue bonds, Series 2002 on behalf of S&S Quality Meats, LLC to refinance the 2015 Bonds which were issued to finance the existing refrigerated warehouse and fresh market operated by Fanestil. The issuance of the 2022 Industrial Revenue Bonds is in anticipation of the construction of a new production facility adjacent to the project financed by the 2015 Bonds. RCB Bank, the owner of the Series A, 2015 Bonds has restructured its loan and will purchase the Series 2022 Bonds. The ordinance repeals a similar ordinance for a refinancing of the 2015 Bonds, which was anticipated in the fall of 2020, but not finalized.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 22-02, an ordinance authorizing the issuance of taxable industrial revenue bonds Series 2022 to S&S Quality Meats, LLC, in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,495,000.00. Commissioner Giefer seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Smith, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

CITY OF EMPORIA
(Adopt 2022 Legislative Policy Statement)

City Attorney Montgomery, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. She stated the City adopts its legislative position detailing the City's goals from the State Legislature during the upcoming legislative session. The 2022 draft proposal is similar to the 2021 Legislative Policy Statement with additional sections in support of continuing the current revenue sharing formula for countrywide sales and use taxes and in opposition to industry specific property tax exemptions. She then reviewed the 2022 Legislative Policy Statement as follows:

HOME RULE - We believe the governing of public affairs should be as close to the people as possible and that Home Rule is essential to vigorous, effective and responsible local government under our representative system.

Home Rule is crucial to the continued ability of locally elected officials to solve problems in ways most appropriate to local needs and conditions. Legislative which affirms the ability to pass local laws on the same subject is strongly supported.

FUNDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT - Revenue streams designated for specific state aid programs should be directed to those programs without reallocating revenues to the state. Legislative action reducing local revenues must be matched with action to replace the reduced funds.

KDOT - The City supports full restoration of KDOT funding. State highway funds should be used for highway improvements only. The City-County Highway Fund is essential to maintaining local roads and should be fully funded. The City also supports increasing the amount of State funding which supports maintenance of State highways within city limits.

PUBLIC EDUCATION - We believe the state legislature should provide balanced education funding with continued support for K-12, job training, technical colleges and our state universities. Coordination of higher education program should be encouraged. To support a strong economic future, we need a prepared workforce.

HIGHER EDUCATION - The City supports both ESU and the Flint Hills Technical College on their legislative issues and agendas. The City supports increased state funding for higher education in Kansas. Investment in higher education is investment in Kansas cities.

SALES TAX FAIRNESS - We are supportive of initiatives to eliminate sales tax on food at a state level. Should the state eliminate state sales tax on food, we believe municipalities should retain the ability to tax sales of food as food tax generates twenty to twenty-five percent of total sales tax revenue in the City of Emporia.

BUDGETING - The statutory timetable or budget preparation, publication, hearing, adoption and certification should be extended by at least one month. The increasingly efficient methods of communication and data transmission should allow such an extension without an undue impact upon county offices and would help ensure the municipality's receipt of accurate assessed valuation information.

EMS/HOSPITAL FUNDING - Emergency medical services and public hospitals must provide medical services without regard to ability of patients to pay. The expansion of Medicaid in Kansas would allow medical provides to be at least partially compensated for some medical services to economically disadvantaged citizens. We support the expansion of Medicaid in Kansas.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - We support the Department of Commerce economic development and workforce development incentives including Rural Housing Incentive Districts, the PEAK program and the HPIP program.

KPERS - The City supports the continued commitment to stabilize and fully fund the Kansas Public Employees Retirement Systems (KPERS).

COUNTYWIDE SALES AND USE TAXES - We support maintaining the existing city-county revenue sharing formula which benefits both city and county taxpayers and ensures there is a fair method to distribute funds that are generated primarily in cities.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS - We support a broad tax base and believe existing property tax base should be protected. We encourage the legislature to resist any proposal for industry specific exemptions.

Commissioner Sauder stated he felt Housing was an issue that needed to be addressed.

Following further discussion it was the consensus of the Commission to include a supportive housing statement as follows:

HOUSING - The lack of quality, affordable housing in the city and across the state creates an impediment to growth and economic development. We support programs that encourage access to quality housing, including but not limited to, the recommendations of the State Housing Study.

Commissioner Brinkman made a motion to adopt the City of Emporia 2022 Legislative Policy Statement. Commissioner Sauder seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

CITY COMMISSION

(Adopt 2022 Joint Legislative Statements for Emporia and Lyon County)

City Attorney Montgomery, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. She stated City staff met with the local Legislative Policy Committee whose members represent the Chamber of Commerce, Lyon County, City of Emporia and input from numerous community organizations. The statement was prepared by the Emporia Chamber of Commerce and addresses local priorities in areas of Safety, Tax Policy, Education, Health Care, Economic Development and Transportation. She stated the final document will be prepared after each organization has had an opportunity to review the draft document and make a participation decision. She stated staff was recommending approval of participation in the 2022 Joint Legislative Statement for Emporia and Lyon County. If any substantial changes are made

to proposed statement the final document will be returned to the Commission for review.

Commissioner Sauder made a motion to approve the 2022 Joint Legislative Statement for the Emporia and Lyon County Area. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follow: Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

Mayor Gilligan stated the City Manager should be authorized to approve on behalf of the City of Emporia.

Commissioner Sauder amended his original motion to authorize City Manager Cocking to approve the 2022 Joint Legislative Statement for the Emporia and Lyon County Area on behalf of the City of Emporia. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

**CITY COMMISSION
(City Manager's Report)**

This is a verbal report that announces upcoming events, recognized employees for outstanding contributions and provides the public information that may be of a general interest. The following information was presented at the meeting.

At the time this agenda was prepared, the following items were in the works:

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR JANUARY 12TH STUDY SESSION AT 10:30 a.m.

Discuss Strategic Planning.

Discuss Changes to City of Emporia Flag.

Discuss 12th Avenue Elevated Storage Tank Logo.

Discuss Change Orders for PWC Pavement Improvements Project for Addition to Existing Drainage.

Discuss Change Orders for PWC Pavement Improvements Project for 10ft. Additional concrete in eastside of Sanitation Barn.

Discuss Extra Strength Sewer Rate Increase.

Joint Luncheon w/BZA & Planning Commission

**2021 CITY COMMISSION
(State of City Speech)
(Mayor Robert Gilligan)**

By Tradition, the Mayor of Emporia has offered an annual update and assessment of our City as both an organization and a community during the annual State of the City address. In the past this would lead into our Spring election cycle or mid-term activities but with the change to the election calendar in 2017 this now serves to wrap up my year in the Mayor's seat, and set the stage for the coming year. I would like to begin today by looking at the City as an organization, to celebrate our successes but also highlight some opportunities that should be a priority for discussion and action in the coming months.

Financially the City of Emporia continues to be in strong shape, with our reserve levels at or above goal in all of our funds. 2021 continued to be a strong year for economic activity in our community continues to drive our sales tax collections.

Sales tax - city wide sales tax was \$5,439,665.64 an 8.98% increase over 2020 (\$448,071)

Sales tax - county wide sales tax was \$2,822,749 an 11.34% increase over 2020 (\$287513)

In November of 2022 the Voters of Lyon County overwhelming supported the renewal of the County Wide \$0.01 Sales tax for a 15-year extension through 2039. This revenue source, approved by voters three times now has provided the resources for the City of Emporia to make critical capital investments in our community. In 2021 the City's share of the County Wide sales tax invested in 3 areas of need:

\$1,760,000 spent on street paving and sidewalk projects

\$680,000 invested in City facilities and building improvements

And \$60,000 in storm water projects within Emporia.

In addition to the revenue generated by our citizens and visitors through property and sales taxes, City Staff continues to look for additional resources from Federal, State and Local programs to help fund projects and opportunities in our community.

In 2021 the City of Emporia received just over \$3.5 Million in grant funding for several critical projects. This funding includes:

\$1,865,839.55 in American Rescue Plan funding for projects and needs in reaction and recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Grants for the Emporia Municipal Airport from FFA in the amount of \$13,000 and \$32,000 for COVID relief as well as \$212,000 of funding through the FFA and KDOT for resurfacing, lighting improvements and the first steps of an

extension project that will help make are airport more accessible for private jet activity that is an important piece of our local business and industrial activity.

We were also awarded \$700,000 in CDBG for Rehab of Lift station #2 to help in our continued efforts for improving and updating our aging wastewater system infrastructure.

A \$525,000 grant to resurface streets in and around Industrial Park III to support the continued investment and job growth from our local industries like Simmons, Michelin, Hills and Norfolk Iron & Metal.

Finally, our housing specialist Jeff Lynch continues to show success in leveraging state resources by securing a \$200,000 Housing grant to assist with home rehab projects in Emporia.

Gifts and Contributions:

In 2021 our community was the beneficiary of the charitable support of many groups and individuals with significant contributions to current and future projects.

Phase 1 of the Emporia Friends of the Zoo Oasis Campaign came to fruition with the completion of the new Zoo Entrance, Donor Recognition Plaza, Pond redevelopment and Kookaburra Exhibit. These projects were made possible by the supporters of the \$4.1 Million Dollar Oasis campaign and we look to see continued projects and investments in 2022 with the expansion of the Zoo Education Center, additional parking and access improvements and continued exhibit improvements throughout the zoo.

A long-planned project for a basketball court and playground improvements in Eastside Community park was completed at the end of 2021. This is the latest of several park improvements made over the years with support from the Eastside Community Group as well as donors like the Jones Trust and Trusler Foundation.

The All-Veteran's Memorial Park at Soden's Grove saw its expansion project begin during the 4th quarter of 2021 that will allow for several more memorial stones to be added to our park. This expansion was made possible with financial support from our Veteran's Memorial Park Committee and also Frank & Barb Lowery who donated land for the expansion to take place on.

Finally, at the end of 2021 the City was able to open our newest addition, Reeble Park, home to 6 new dedicated Pickleball Courts. This project was several years in discussion but was made possible with the donation of land from the Emporia County Club and financial contributions from Jane and Bernie Reeble, Larry & Kathy Putnam, Stormy and Peggy Suprian, Bev & Larry Scott, Margie and Chuck Grimwood, Lu & Jerry Olmstead. This will serve as a great addition to our community for years to come.

We can also look forward to some great improvements in 2022 to our Santa Fe Park area because of local donors and young leaders that stepped forward to begin conversations. What started as an online petition organized by

Maddux Gutierrez in the summer of 2020 as our youth were doing their best to stay outside and active during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, to our commitment from the City Commission to engage the design services of the American Ramp Company specialist in designing Action Sports Park projects for Skating and Cycling concluded with a phone call from the Emporia Community Foundation that a local family that wished to remain anonymous would like to offer a lead gift for the improvements to be made at Santa Fe Park with a contribution of \$250,000 to our Kahola Park Fund held at the Foundation. The generosity of our community continues to shine through and this project will be another great improvement to look forward to in 2022.

The City of Emporia is made up of 256 budget positions across 17 different unique departments or programs that provide services to our community 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. More than any other governmental agency or organization, the City of Emporia impacts and serves our residents every single day in some capacity. The employees that make up our organization are the lifeblood our services and their dedication to serving our community is something that goes beyond the limited compensation and benefits that we offer. Our organization, just like many others in our community, is facing a labor shortage that leaves about 10% of our positions vacant and unfilled currently. This limits our ability to serve the community in the best way possible and places a greater burden of responsibility on those members of our organization that are here. In 2022, the City Commission in collaboration with our City Administration should put significant work into examining our current Organizational Chart, identifying what opportunities and needs we have and make an effort to continue to invest in our employees in a similar way to our first steps taken in 2021 with adjustments to our pay plan and wages within the 2022 budget.

I would be remiss to not recognize our leadership transition at the end of 2021 with Mark McAnarney retiring from the City of Emporia after 32 years of service. His leadership and love for our community was greatly appreciated and he will certainly be missed in that role, but we also look forward to new ideas and perspectives with new leadership from Trey Cocking as our new City Manager in Emporia.

From a Community perspective 2021 continued to be a year of activity and growth in Emporia as new projects and expansions in business and industry, retail and housing were completed, started or announced. From business and industry Dynamic Discs completed the process of moving their Distribution and headquarters from a 20,000 square foot warehouse on East 6th Ave to fill the recently vacated 80,000 square foot building at 840 Overlander Road, with a great redevelopment of that space and continued investment in growth and job creation. Michelin completed a multi-million-dollar expansion of their offices and location in Industrial Park 3 and continue to grow and add job opportunities in our community, and S&S Meats were able to break ground on their expansion and relocation project that will allow them to modernize and expand their business model for future job growth

here in Emporia. Several other local businesses continued to grow and add job opportunities in 2021 but our limited labor pool has proven to be a limiting factor and something that will need to be a priority for 2022.

Our retail sector saw several new additions and announcements in 2021, the opening of Union Street Social added a new dining opportunity for our community, the Pavilions announced and has begun construction on 3 new retail locations that will house a Marshall's, Shoe Show and Ross Dress for Less, that will help to fill a large gap in our soft goods retailer market locally. Many local businesses have continued to invest and grow as opportunities presented but once again, a limited labor market proves to be restrictive and a complicating factor.

For Emporia to continue to grow and thrive in 2022 our focus as a community and as a city organization should be in trying to help solve the bottleneck that our current housing situation has put on our community, just like many others. Our community continues to make investments, which can be seen by looking at our building permit numbers from 2021. All told we issued 755 building permits in 2021 with a total investment valuation of \$62,810,742.00. This includes our commercial investments, investments in our schools through the recently approved bond issue, investments in our existing homes and some new exciting multi-family projects with an expansion of the Whittier Place Apartment Complex as well as a new upper story redevelopment in downtown Emporia. But when it comes to the investment in single family homes 2021 was pretty much a stalemate. From January to December, we issued a total of 14 permits for new Single Family home builds in the Emporia City Limits, FOURTEEN! During that same year we issued 11 Demolition permits for single family residences leaving us with a net gain of 3 new single-family homes in 2021.

If the Emporia community is hoping to continue to grow and thrive our priority over the next several years should be to explore any and all options to improve our housing situation from both owner-occupied housing as well as rental housing. This can start by the city filling the important role our Human Relations Coordinator will play in helping us to respond to a growing problem of neglect in part of our local rental market. Next, the City will have to lead the way in housing development by supporting strategies to make lots available for development and looking at new and inventive strategies to redevelop the growing number of abandoned or vacant homes that are not currently habitable in our community. This will take an effort of both public sector, private sector, non-profit and others to tackle but our community is poised and ready to grow if we can help remove the barriers.

Emporia continues to be an example of a community that does more than can be expected and certainly outperforms many other communities both similar in size and larger in many ways. Our future looks positive if we are willing to look and take on new opportunities, challenge our traditional strategies for new or better performance and continue to make the

investments in our people and our community to set the stage for growth and prosperity. I hope that we the Emporia City Commission can take this opportunity we have before us in 2022 and help lead the way to a continued brighter future for our entire community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn into Executive to discuss a legal matter with the City Attorney and to invite Kevin Hanlin, WLW Facilities Manager, from 2:15 p.m. to 2:25 p.m., in the City Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Giefer seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Smith, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

Upon reconvening the meeting in Regular Session at 2:25 p.m., this same date, in the City Commission Meeting Room, Mayor Gilligan stated they had discussed a legal matter with the City Attorney and no action was taken.

Commissioner Brinkman then made a motion to adjourn sine die. Commissioner Giefer seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Giefer, aye.

Robert F. Gilligan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kerry Sull, City Clerk

Commissioners Brinkman, Giefer, Gilligan, Sauder and Smith convened as the Governing Body.

City Clerk Sull administered the Oath of Office.

Commissioner Giefer made a motion nominating Becky Smith to serve as Mayor for the coming year. Commissioner Sauder seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Gilligan, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

Commissioner Giefer made a motion nominating Danny Giefer to serve as Vice-Mayor for the coming year. Commissioner Sauder seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Gilligan, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

CITY COMMISSION
(Approve Surety Bonds)

Commissioner Brinkman made a motion to approve Surety Bonds for the City Manager Cocking, City Clerk Sull and City Treasurer Harrouff. The City has obtained Surety Bonds from Cincinnati Insurance Co. for the 2022 fiscal year. Commissioner Giefer seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

CITY COMMISSION
(Designate Official City Newspaper)

Commissioner Giefer made a motion to designate The Emporia Gazette to be the official City newspaper, as per K.S.A. 12-1420. The City is required by State law to designate an official newspaper, which must have a general circulation in the City. Commissioner Sauder seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Gilligan, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye;

CITY COMMISSION
(Designate Financial Institutions)

Commissioner Giefer made a motion to designate the following financial institution to serve as depositories of funds of the City of Emporia, per K.S.A. Supp. 9-401: Citizens State Bank; Community National Bank & Trust; ESB Financial; Lyon County State Bank and Capital Federal. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF EAST-CENTRAL KANSAS BOARD
(Appoint Governing Body Representation)

Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to appoint Commissioner Sauder as the representative of the Governing Body to participate in the activities of the Regional Development Associate of East-Central Kansas Board. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Geitz, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
(Appoint Governing Body Representation)

Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to appoint Commissioner Brinkman as a representative of the Governing Body to participate in the activities of the Joint Economic Development Advisory Council. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

RECREATION COMMISSION
(Appoint Governing Body Representation)

Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to appoint Commissioner Giefer as a representative of the Governing Body to participate in the activities of the Emporia Recreation Commission. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

EMPORIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOARD
(Appoint Governing Body Representation)

Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to appoint Mayor Smith as a representative of the Governing Body to participate in the activities of the Emporia Community Foundation Board. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner

Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

**WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
(Appoint Governing Body Representation)**

Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to appoint Mayor Smith as a representative of the Governing Body to participate in the activities of the William Allen White Community Partnership. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

**EMPORIA ENTERPRISES
(Appoint Governing Body Representation)**

Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to appoint Commissioner Sauder as a representative of the Governing Body to participate in the activities of the Emporia Enterprises Board. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

**EMPORIA CONVENTION AND ADVISORY BOARD
(Appoint Governing Body Representation)**

Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to appoint Commissioner Brinkman as a representative of the Governing Body to participate in the activities of the Emporia Convention and Advisory Board. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

**JOINT CITY/COUNTY FACILITIES AND SERVICES COMMUNITY BOARD
(Appoint Governing Body Representation)**

Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to appoint Commissioner Gilligan as a representative of the Governing Body to participate in the activities of the Joint City/County Facilities and Services Community Board. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

Commissioner Giefer then made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gilligan seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

Becky Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kerry Sull, City Clerk