

ADJOURNED

COMMISSION MEETING

9:30 A.M.

MAY 26, 2021

The Governing Body of the City of Emporia, Kansas, met in Adjourned Session, Wednesday, May 26, 2021 in the City Commission Meeting Room with Mayor Gilligan presiding and Commissioners Brinkman, Geitz, Giefer and Smith present. Also present were City Manager McAnarney, Assistant City Manager Massey, City Clerk Sull and City Attorney Montgomery.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Consider minutes of the Meeting held on May 19, 2021.

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

CITY COMMISSION

**(Request for Funding Support - Sponsor)
(Halfway To Everywhere 2021 Music Festival)**

City Manager McAnarney stated this item has been discussed at a previous study session. Hank Osterhouse, Executive Director Kansas Free for Arts, has requested financial support in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the City of Emporia. He stated the funds will be utilized to sponsor a stage at the Halfway To Everywhere 2021 Music Festival that will be held in downtown Emporia later in the year. He stated the funds will be paid from the Transient Guest Tax Fund.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the request for \$10,000.00 for the Halfway to Everywhere 2021 Music Festival payable from the Transient Guest Tax Fund. Commissioner Giefer seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Smith, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Geitz, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye. Commissioner Brinkman abstained.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(Consider Authorizing Emporia Enterprises to sell Building)

(3601 W. 6th Avenue)

City Manager McAnarney stated on December 16, 2020 the City Commission approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Emporia Enterprises for the purchase of the Dynamic Distribution building located at 3601 W. 6th Avenue. As part of the agreement, the City of Emporia needs to authorize the sale of the building if the purchase is less than \$650,000.00. He stated Emporia Enterprises has received an offer in the amount of \$575,000.00 and it is recommended to authorize Emporia Enterprises to sell the building.

Kent Heermann, President of the Regional Development Association (RDA), was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. He stated the Board of Directors accepted conditional on the City Commission approving the purchase contract. He stated the business who signed the lease with the buyer required the owner to sign a non-disclosure agreement. The business will be new to Emporia and will reveal its identity after the closing on the property.

Commissioner Geitz made a motion authorizing Emporia Enterprises to sell the Dynamic Distribution building located at 3601 W. 6th Avenue in the amount of \$575,000.00. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Geitz, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Brinkman made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss proprietary information of businesses within the City limits of Emporia and to invite Special Projects Manager Jim Witt, from 9:40 a.m. to 9:50 a.m., in the City Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Geitz seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Geitz, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

Upon reconvening the meeting in Adjourned Session at 9:50 a.m., this same date, in the City Commission Meeting Room, Mayor Gilligan stated they

had discussed proprietary information of businesses within the City limits of Emporia and no action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Geitz made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss non-elected personnel from 9:50 a.m. to 10:05 a.m., in the City Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Geitz, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Gilligan, aye.

Upon reconvening the meeting in Adjourned Session at 10:05 a.m., this same date, in the City Commission Meeting Room, Mayor Gilligan stated they had discussed non-elected personnel and no action was taken.

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

Robert F. Gilligan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kerry Sull, City Clerk