

February 24, 2020

6:00 P.M.

STATE OF KANSAS }
CITY OF SABETHA }SS

The Governing Body of the City of Sabetha met in regular session in the Commission Room at City Hall. In attendance were: Mayor Doug Clark, Commissioners Nick Aberle, Julie Burenheide, Maridel Wittmer and Norman Schmitt, Jr. Also, in attendance were Robert Ruddick, Matt Heiman, Roger Hartter, Linda Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Betty Niehues, Travis Hennigan, Lynn Hennigan, Anna Hennigan, Jessica McCulloch,, Jacob McCulloch, Jesse McCulloch, Jessica McCulloch, Sara Homan, Jay Barber, Jason Enneking, Alex Dawdy, Ed Steinlage, Dan Halstead, Donna Halstead, Cole Lehwald, Tim Kellenberger, Heather Stewart, Doug Allen, and Steve Compo.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approved the minutes from the February 10, 2020

MID-TOWN BUILDING

Mayor Clark addressed the attendees at the meeting, saying the board doesn't intend to take public comment on Midtown Building demolition. The commission has a motion, made by Commissioner Aberle with a second by Commissioner Burenheide to rescind the earlier decision to demo the building. Mayor Clark said he would like to open for discussion amongst the commission the motion to rescind the demolition decision. Nick Aberle stated he feels he made the decision a little too hastily. Now that we have had a public comment period and the estimates for roof repair: Specialty Roofing for 99,650 and Fletchall Roofing for 127,000, as well as demolition bids have been obtained, we have additional information. But I think we need to delay the decision for 6 to 12 months while we evaluate possible uses for the building. Commissioner Wittmer asked Administrator Allen if he has been approached by anyone wanting to purchase the building. He stated he has not. Discussion followed. Roger Hartter addressed the commission, saying you really need to consider what the public wants as well as what is financially best for the community. He said it seems you don't care. Mayor Clark responded we absolutely do care. With no other discussion, Mayor Clark said I think it's time we make a decision. He reminded everybody the motion by Aberle and seconded by Burenheide is to rescind the earlier decision to demo the building, meaning votes in the affirmative will be to save the building. The commission voted 3-2 to tear down the building with Mayor Clark, Commissioner Schmitt and Commissioner Wittmer voting for tearing down and Commissioner Aberle and Burenheide voting to rescind the decision to tear down the building. Following the vote, Mayor Clark allowed the public to make comments, with several reiterating their desire to see the building saved.

DEMOLITION BIDS

City Administrator Allen presented 3 bids for demolition of the Midtown Building for consideration: Herrmann Earth Moving for 144,900.00, Siebenmorgen Excavating for 163,000.00 and Bloom Excavating for 186,888.00. Commissioner Norm Schmitt, Jr. made a motion to accept the low bid from Herrmann Earth Moving for demolition of the Midtown Building. Commissioner Maridell Wittmer seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-2 with

Commissioner Nick Aberle and Commissioner Julie Burenheide voting against. Administrator Allen said he is looking for a timeline of mid-summer to fall to allow time for selling or salvaging things from the building.

OPEN GYM

Mayor Clark made a motion to leave the building open until demolition begins. Commissioner Norman Schmitt, Jr. seconded the motion. The Motion carried 5-0.

SPRING BURNING
DATES

Commissioner Nick Aberle made a motion to allow the spring burning dates of February 24, 2020 to May 4, 2020. Commissioner Julie Burenheide seconded the motion. The motion carried 5 – 0.

BUILDING
REPLACEMENT

Ed Steinlage ask Commissioner Norman Schmitt, Jr. if he could expand on some of his previous comments about a possible replacement for the building. Commissioner Schmitt said it is very preliminary, but an investor has approached me about the possibility of a building to expand on Shed Athletics recreational opportunities. The vision is for someone from the public like Dr. James Longabaugh or someone like that to run it. It wouldn't be the city running it. The investor has expressed interest in paying the majority of the cost.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk