

CITY OF COFFEYVILLE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019
CITY HALL, 5:30 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners met in Special Session at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Paul Bauer.

Present:

COMMISSIONER JUSTIN DOANE
COMMISSIONER ANN MARIE VANNOSTER
COMMISSIONER PAUL BAUER
COMMISSIONER CHRIS WILLIAMS

Absent:

COMMISSIONER JIM C. TAYLOR,, JR

A. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Paul Bauer

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. 1 Kansas Department of Transportation US-166 and Willow Street project 063 KA-4255-01 NHPP-A425(501) discussion

City Manager Mark Hall and Superintendent of Engineering, Thomas Osborn, provided Commissioners extensive information regarding the progress on the KDOT US-166 and Willow Street project, beginning with project inception in 2015, right-of-way work in 2017, condemnation and payments to close entrances in 2018 in order for work to begin in 2019. KDOT entered into a 90/10 agreement with the City to complete the geometric improvements in the area. The contract allows the contractor 105 working days to complete and no liquidated damages are assessed until the end of the established working days. Excessive rain this season has delayed work on the project. Sub-contractors hired by KDOT to replace the water line in the construction area also had delays. KDOT and their Engineer established 105 working days as the basis for their contract. Superintendent of Engineering is the Liaison for the City of Coffeyville and meets weekly with a KDOT representative, Construction Company representative and the project Inspector regarding progress. The contractor made arrangements with property owners in the construction zone regarding placement of their trailer. Osborn explained the compaction and cure times required by KDOT in order to pour the road surface, and that without proper compaction/cure time/moisture content, KDOT will not allow them to proceed – meaning wait time for the project to dry out. Commissioners commented on receiving complaints from concerned citizens and asked when the project will be complete. Given perfect weather, the south side of the project could be complete by the first of November then the north side could be complete by later December or the first of January. Osborn noted that working days are Monday-Friday, the contract with KDOT does not require the contractor to work weekends. Also, if weather will not allow work to proceed for a minimum of 4 hours, it is not considered a work day.

Meeting was opened for public comment. Salvador Bermudez, 1308 West Fourth Street, commented regarding the decline in his business since the start of construction on this project. City staff and Commissioners answered numerous questions from Mr. Bermudez regarding the right-of-way, closing his entrance, who was paid for the

closure and how much, who gave permission for the trailer on his property, why his business didn't have a wayfinding sign at the beginning of the project, timing of progress meetings.

Dialogue continued between Mr. Bermudez, City Staff and Commissioners regarding options to assist Mr. Bermudez's business during this time. Commissioners asked to publicize on the City Website, Facebook and Channel 13 that businesses within the construction zone are still open to encourage additional foot traffic in the affected area. City Manager Mark Hall will meet with Mr. Bermudez regarding the economic impact of this project on his business to discuss additional options for relief. Osborn also noted that in late 2015 this project was selected by KDOT due to the 1700 semi trucks that travel US 166 daily which is roughly one in three of the vehicles traveling through. This area was selected as a detour route for when the railroad has 169 blocked.

Commissioner Doane commented that our citizens deserve better communication than what has been provided to date.

C. ADJOURN

MOTION: Move to adjourn.

ACTION: MOTION: BAUER SECOND: WILLIAMS
ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYE

Time the meeting was adjourned: 6:21 p.m.

Date the minutes were approved: 10/8/19



Allison Pryor, City Clerk