

**CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
December 17, 2018
5:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jesse Marriott arrived at 5:03 p.m., Terry Gibson, Rocky Ruhnke and Matt Peterson

COUNCIL MEMBER ABSENT: Dana Clary

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: City Attorney Ted Collins, City Clerk Joann Karn, Police Chief Brandon Whetstine and Officer Tom Williams.

GUESTS PRESENT: Dennis Lentz

PRESIDING: Council President Peterson

President Peterson called the special council meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Terry Gibson moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 5:02 p.m. for 15 minutes for consultation with an attorney on legal matters that would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 5:17 p.m. Motion carried 3-0
President asked the city attorney to remain

Terry Gibson moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 5:17 p.m. for 5 minutes for consultation with an attorney on legal matters that would be deemed privileged in attorney-client relationship and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 5:22 p.m. Motion carried 4-0
President asked the city attorney to remain

Following explanation by Attorney Collins and discussion, Terry Gibson moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to sell, by public auction, the city-owned lots at the old railroad depot area. The auction to be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 10 a.m. at city hall. Lots 7 & 8 of Block 105 and Lots 11 & 12 of Block 106 to be sold, separately, as pairs. The city will notify the public and inform prospective purchaser(s) and adjacent landowner Dennis Lentz that the city will work with them on allowing the installation, at the cost of landowners, of a drainage tube in the Nebraska Street right of way from Virginia St. to Pennsylvania St., subject to the final approval and inspection of the project by the city. Motion carried 4-0

Following review of the lease agreement with Doniphan County Fire District #2, Rocky Ruhnke moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion to pay the balance of the debt, \$6,020.03. Motion carried 4-0

Jesse Marriott moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 5:30 p.m. for 30 minutes to review individual employee(s) pursuant to the non-elected personnel for the protection of the privacy rights of the protected employee(s) and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 4-0. President asked the city attorney to remain and was excused for the last 5 minutes, Clerk in for 2 minutes at 5:43

Jesse Marriott moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to recess into executive session at 6:00 p.m. for 5 minutes to review individual employee(s) pursuant to the non-elected personnel for the protection of the privacy rights of the protected employee(s) and the open meeting will resume in the city council chamber at 6:05 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Jesse Marriott moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to continue current insurance plans and give city employees Whetstine, Williams, Karn, Leach and Collins a five percent (5%) raise. Trevor Saunders is to receive a one dollar per hour raise, as opposed to the five percent. The municipal judge wages shall increase from \$250 to \$500 per month and city treasurer is to be paid \$50 instead of \$20 per month. All to become effective beginning January 5, 2019. Motion carried 4-0.

Rocky Ruhnke moved and Jesse Marriott seconded a motion to give full-time employees Whetstine, Williams, Karn, Leach, Saunders and attorney Collins a \$500 Christmas bonus, with a bonus of \$100 each to Judge Roy Roper and Treasurer Janet Tyler. Motion carried 4-0

For salaries to be in compliance with the ordinance, Jesse Marriott moved and Rocky Ruhnke seconded a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 549 which establishes the compensation to be received by the employees of the city. Roll call vote: Marriott – yes, Gibson – yes, Ruhnke – yes, Peterson – yes. Motion carried 4-0

Jesse Marriott moved and Terry Gibson seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried 4-0

Mayor

City Clerk