

**SPECIAL
COMMISSION MEETING**

9:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 23, 2019

The Governing Body of the City of Emporia, Kansas, met in Special Session at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 23, 2019, in the City Commission Meeting Room with Mayor Geitz presiding and Commissioners Giefer, Gilligan, Mlynar and Smith present. Also present were City Manager McAnarney, Assistant City Manager Massey, and City Clerk Sull. City Attorney Montgomery arrived at 9:02 a.m.

**CITY COMMISSION
(Agreement with Lyon County for Public Safety Equipment)
(Motorola 800MHz Radios and Equipment)**

Assistant City Manager Massey was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. He stated in 2018, the 911 Communications Board had a committee to discuss radio replacement pertaining to the 800Mhz system. In 2019, the radio committee presented a recommendation to the 911 Board and recommended the purchase of the Motorola KSICS system. He stated Lyon County is taking the lead on this project and is purchasing the system. This item is to consider the City of Emporia to enter into an agreement to purchase Motorola 800 Mhz radios from Lyon County. He stated this is continued discussion from a previous meeting and staff was prepared to answer any questions.

Mayor Geitz asked if the radios for Rural Fire District #4 had been addressed.

Assistant City Manager Massey stated Fire Chief Taylor was drafting a letter requesting payment of their radios.

Commissioner Smith asked if the radios for Facilities had been removed.

Assistant City Manager Massey stated those radios were included in the reduced number of radios to be purchased. He stated the radio list for the City had been reviewed again and the number of radios was reduced significantly from an earlier count. He stated purchasing the radios with Lyon County would give the City the benefit of a group discount on the cost of each radio.

Commissioner Giefer stated he wanted to verify that the contract with Rural Fire District No. 4 stated they would be responsible for

paying for the radios they use.

Commissioner Gilligan stated this was a reminder that the County was making all the arrangements for the radios. The City is not signing any contract, the City is making an agreement with the County that they are going to order everything and this is on a lease purchase agreement and the payment is due at a later time.

Assistant City Manager Massey stated that was correct and the payment was due in the 4th quarter of the year 2020.

Scott Price, Senior IT Technician, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. He briefly reviewed the schedule of implementation of the new radio system and thought everything would be in place late spring or early summer of 2020 weather permitting.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Smith made a motion authorizing the Mayor and Staff to enter into an agreement to purchase Motorola 800Mhz radios from Lyon County in an amount not to exceed \$810,000.00 with an anticipated payment date of October 31, 2020. Commissioner Giefer seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Smith, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Gilligan, aye; and Mayor Geitz, aye. Commissioner Mlynar abstained.

**CITY COMMISSION
(Authorize General Obligation Bonds - \$900,000.00)
(Public Safety Equipment - Radios)
(Ordinance Number 19-26)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EMPORIA, KANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACQUIRE PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PAY COSTS THEREOF, to which the City Clerk assigned Ordinance Number 19-26, was presented to the Governing Body for their consideration.

City Manager McAnarney stated this item is to establish an ordinance to issue General Obligation Bonds to pay for public safety equipment which includes the purchase of the new radios. Issuing bonds would be another way to pay for the radios if the Commission wants another way to pay the debt. If this is not used for that purpose then bonds will not be issued. This is a step in the process if the city proceeds.

Mayor Geitz asked if the financing of the radios would extend past the life of the radio.

City Manager McAnarney stated no it would not.

Scott Price, Senior IT Technician, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. He stated life of the radios should last about 8 years. Police and Fire will have radios put in the budget every 4 years, so there isn't a lump sum of radios purchased at the same time.

Commissioner Giefer asked if the radios from police and fire would be passed along to another department for use.

Scott Price stated if the radio was still in good working condition then it would be used in another department.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 19-26, an ordinance authorizing the City of Emporia to acquire public safety equipment general obligation bonds at an estimated cost of \$900,000.00. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; and Mayor Geitz, aye. Commissioner Mlynar abstained.

CITY COMMISSION

**(Amend Ord No. 14-01 Pertaining to 911 Dispatch Consolidation Center)
(Ordinance Number 19-27)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EMPORIA, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO THE LYON COUNTY 911 BOARD AND AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 21-223; MEMBERSHIP, TERM, to which the City Clerk assigned Ordinance Number 19-27, was presented to the Governing Body for their consideration.

City Attorney Montgomery was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. She stated the City of Emporia and Lyon County entered into an interlocal agreement in 2014 consolidating city's emergency communications with the county. The agreement also established the Lyon County 911 Board. The agreement was memorialized by county resolution and city ordinance number 14-01. Interest has been expressed in amending the agreement to include a city commissioner and county commissioner on the Lyon County 911 Board. She stated the agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the City and County through city ordinance and county

resolution.

Commissioner Gilligan stated he asked for this amendment. He felt this board was sometimes making policy decisions that is not an elected board and having a couple of elected officials there would have better communication for future partnership issues concerning budget and policy. He stated with the City adopting this ordinance does not change the board and the County would also have to adopt a resolution to make the amendment to Ordinance Number 14-01.

Commissioner Mlynar stated if the City adopted the ordinance and the County did not pass a resolution what did that mean.

City Attorney Montgomery stated the agreement can not be amended unless both parties agree. The City passing their ordinance does not make it effective until the County passes their resolution.

Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 19-27, an ordinance pertaining to membership of the Lyon County 911 Board and include an amendment to Section 4 adding this ordinance shall take effect after its publication in the official newspaper and the adoption of by Lyon County Commissioner resolution authorizing the change. Commissioner Giefer seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Mlynar, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Geitz, aye.

CITY COMMISSION
(Approve Transfer of Property into Land Bank)
(415 W. 4th Avenue and 323 Rural St.)

City Attorney Montgomery stated in June the City Commission discussed transferring properties at 415 W. 4th Avenue and 323 Rural Street to the Emporia Land Bank. The land bank has approved the acceptance of the properties and is ready to take ownership and they have a purchaser for the property at 415 W. 4th Avenue. She stated staff is recommending the transfer of the both of the properties and authorize the Mayor to sign the deeds.

Commissioner Gilligan made a motion to approve the transfer of the properties at 415 W. 4th Avenue and 323 Rural Street to the Emporia Land

Bank and authorize the Mayor to sign deeds. Commissioner Mlynar seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Gilligan, aye; Commissioner Mlynar, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Smith, aye; and Mayor Geitz, aye.

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

Jon Geitz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kerry Sull, City Clerk