City Council Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2025

The meeting of the Frontenac City Council, January 8, 2025 was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Steve Morrison. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Roll call was answered by Mayor Steve Morrison, Nick Hansen, Joe Martin, Pat Clinton, Tom Sighel, Lynn Grant, LaDonna Pyle and Kyle Smalley. Marc McCully was absent.

Also present was the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Building Inspector, Director of Public Works, Library Director, City Attorney, City Clerk and City Administrator.

Sighel made a motion, seconded by Clinton, to approve the agenda. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the council.

Minutes from the December 6, 2024 council meeting was opened for discussion. Grant made the motion, seconded by Smalley. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the council.

Appropriations Ordinance # 1878 was opened for discussion. A motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance # 1878 was made by Pyle, seconded by Martin. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the Council.

Resolution 2025-01 – GAAP Waiver

Grant made a motion, seconded by Pyle, to approve Resolution 2025-01. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the Council

Resolution 2025-02 – Condemnation Order 507 N. Cayuga

Clinton made a motion, seconded by Martin, to approve Resolution 2025-02. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the Council

Resolution 2025-03 – Condemnation Order 204 E. Leighton

Smalley made a motion, seconded by Grant, to approve Resolution 2025-03. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the Council

Ordinance 2025-01 – Containers

City Staff and Council had a lengthy discussion regarding Ordinance 2025-01, the matter was tabled until the January 22nd meeting.

Ordinance 2025-02 – STO

Martin made a motion, seconded by Sighel, to approve Ordinance 2025-02. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the Council

Ordinance 2025-03 – UPOC

Smalley made a motion, seconded by Clinton, to approve Ordinance 2025-03. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the Council

Planning and Zoning – Petition to Vacate Mt. Carmel Alley

Zafuta gave a high-level overview of the Planning and Zoning Meetings that were held on November 14th and December 12th.

Mayor Morrison informed the Council of his communication with the property owners along the alley as well as residents that live on 1st and 2nd streets.

Pyle expressed her concerns with some of the Planning and Zoning Commission Members and how they interact with the constituents that attend the meetings. She would like to set forth expectations for the commission members.

Executive Session

At 6:37 pm, Pyle made a motion, seconded by Clinton, to recess into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel of the Police Department. The session included the City Council, Mayor, Police Chief, City Clerk, and City Administrator. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the Council.

At 6:43 pm, the Council returned to regular session. Pyle made a motion, seconded by Hansen, to approve hiring Kaitlyn Staten as a part-time dispatcher. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the Council

Executive Session

At 6:46 pm, Pyle made a motion, seconded by Sighel, to recess into executive session for 20 minutes for Attorney-Client Privilege regarding a potential Wastewater Contract. The session included the City Council, Mayor, Director of Public Works, City Clerk, and City Administrator. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved by the Council.

At 7:06 pm, the Council returned to regular session.

Old Business

Pyle asked for an update on Joe Saia Overpass and the Highway 160 sewer extension project.

City Administrator's Report

Zafuta thanked Public Works, the Police Department, and the Fire Department for their work during the recent winter storm. He gave an update on the water tower project.

Council Members' Comments

Martin and Grant thanked the Public Works Department for a job well done clearing and treating the streets during the recent winter weather.

Clinton asked if there would be a list of the coal miners at the park, Nutt informed her that it would be a memorial that will list all the fallen miners from the 1888 explosion.

Pyle asked Harrison if he would provide a year end report.

Smalley thanked the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Library Director for their reports.

Mayor Morrison thanked the Public Works Department as well.

Adjournment

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Sighel, seconded by Clinton. The motion was voted on and unanimously approved by the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Attest:

THE CITY OF FRONTENAC ★ SEAL ★ CRAWFORD COUNTY KANSAS

Jayme Mjelde – City Clerk

Steve Morrison - Mayor