



# City of Lawrence

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## CITY COMMISSION

**MAYOR**  
MIKE AMYX

**COMMISSIONERS**  
JEREMY FARMER  
DR. TERRY RIORDAN  
ROBERT J. SCHUMM  
MICHAEL DEVER

November 4, 2014

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Lawrence met in regular session at 6:35 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers in City Hall with Mayor Amyx presiding and members Farmer, Riordan and Schumm present. Commissioner Dever was not present.

### **A. RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATION:**

1. Proclaim Monday, November 10, 2014 as Celebrate Marine Corps Birthday.

### **B. CONSENT AGENDA**

**It was moved by Riordan, seconded by Farmer,** to approve the consent agenda as below. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Received minutes from various boards and commissions:

Aviation Advisory Board meetings of 04/23/14 and 05/14/14  
Horizon 2020 Steering Committee meeting of 10/13/14

2. **PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE VOTE.** Approved claims to 194 vendors in the amount of \$3,283,301.10 and payroll from October 19, 2014 to November 1, 2014, in the amount of \$1,951,074.85.
3. Approved licenses as recommended by the City Clerk's Office.

### **Retail Liquor**

Glass House Liquor  
Glass House LLC  
2301 Wakarusa Dr., Suite C

### **Expiration**

November 3, 2014

### **Sidewalk Dining & Hospitality-Renewals November 1<sup>st</sup>**

8th Street Taproom	801 New Hampshire St
Aimees Cafe & Coffeehouse	1025 Massachusetts St
Aladdin Café	1021 Massachusetts St
Chipotle Mexican Grill	911 Massachusetts St
Dillons #98	1740 Massachusetts St
Einstein Bros Bagels #1290	1026 Massachusetts St



Fuzzys Taco Shop	1115 Massachusetts St
Franks North Star Tavern	508 Locust St.
Jimmy Johns	922 Massachusetts St
Mexquisito	712 Massachusetts St
Minsky's Pizza	934 Massachusetts St
Noodles & Company	8 West 8th St
Sandbar	17 East 8 <sup>th</sup> St
The Bourgeois Pig	6 East 9th St
The Mad Greek	907 Massachusetts St
The Roost	920 Massachusetts St
Wa Restaurant	740 Massachusetts St
Z's Divine Espresso	10 East 9 <sup>th</sup> St

4. Approved appointments as recommended by the Mayor.

Homeless Issues Advisory Committee:

Appoint Margaret Murphy to a term that expires 12/31/16.

Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission:

Appoint Mike Maude (785.554.8393) to a position that expires 01/31/17.

5. Bid and purchased items:

- a) Awarded Bid No. B1455; Water and Wastewater Treatment Chemicals for 2015, to the bidders marked by a triple asterisk (\*\*\*) on the bid summary.
- b) Authorized the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Belinda Sturm for technical and professional consulting services for \$37,800, with an option to extend annually at an adjusted rate for up to four (4) additional years.
- c) Awarded the purchase and installation of 180 street trees to Rosehill Gardens at a total price of \$42,300.

6. Approved contract with Iteris Inc. for Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture Update Project. This contract is between the City of Lawrence (on behalf of the Metropolitan Planning Organization) and Iteris Inc. for ITS services in support of the development of a new updated Regional ITS Architecture for the Lawrence-Douglas County Region.
7. Authorized staff to negotiate an Engineering Services Agreement with BG Consultants for Preliminary Engineering Services for Project UT1421 Kaw WTP Field Operations Building Expansion.
8. Authorized the Mayor to sign a Release of Mortgage for Angela Reinking, 1826 New Hampshire Street.

Amyx pulled consent agenda item no. 2 regarding claims for a separate vote.

**Moved by Farmer, seconded Schumm,** to approve non-Rock Chalk Park related claims to 191 vendors in the amount of \$3,246,620.36 and payroll from October 19, 2014 to November 1, 2014 in the amount of \$1,951,074.85. Aye: Amyx, Farmer, Riordan and Schumm. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

**Moved by Schumm, seconded by Riordan,** to approve Rock Chalk Park related claims to 3 vendors in the amount of \$36,680.74. Aye: Farmer, Riordan, and Schumm. Nay: Amyx. Motion carried.

**C. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

David Corliss, City Manager, presented the report regarding the September 2014 Monthly Building Permit Report. Also, this week we did get the second intake operational in the Kansas River. It's the first time we believe in Utility Department History that we now have two intakes in the river for the raw water to come in so that we can treat at the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Indiana Water Treatment Plant. That's a major accomplishment on the part of the department. Dave Wagner mentioned when he became the Department Director, he said that was one of the top priorities for that plant was to make sure we have good redundancy for raw water intake. Nobody noticed it, but they're not supposed to. It's a good accomplishment on the Utility Department site.

Amyx stated I always thought when that second pump started up the river would go dry, but it didn't quite happen.

Corliss stated we might try that some time, but with the new intake we have the ability to take 25 mgd.

Wagner stated a little over that, 27 mgd.

Corliss stated of course the plant can't take that, the plants about 13 or 14.

Wagner stated 16.

Corliss stated eventually in future decades, probably expand the Water Treatment Plant as well and we'll have the intake ability to do that.

Amyx stated I don't ever remember the second pump working, so good job.

**D. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. None

**E. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

K.T. Walsh stated Tony Krsnich the developer on the east side doesn't always agree on everything, but we share a passion for Quonset Huts as an architectural form. We were very surprised to read in the paper that Black Hills Energy wants to tear down and they're selling their land on East 8<sup>th</sup> Street, just north of the Poehler Lofts and they are going to tear down their Quonset Hut so I'm coming to you tonight with a request that when they apply for their demolition permit, if they haven't already, that we adhere to the 30 day delay and give us a chance to talk with Black Hills and see if they would at least let it go on to whoever the next owner is going to be. I want to explain my reasons. I know a lot of people think that's absurd, they don't understand the importance. In fact, I'm interested in a state-wide group, historic nomination for the still existing Quonset Huts throughout our state. East Lawrence Neighborhood Association is asking Black Hills to meet with us about this issue and part of that is because the Quonset Huts. There are three in that area. There's the Black Hills Quonset Hut which is very distinctive and has a peak roof and two doors. There are 18 different styles around the nation. This one is very distinctive and I have to do a lot of research, but I haven't seen many of them on the web. There's also a half of block across the tracts to the southeast, the Amtrak Railroad has another Quonset Hut and then a half a block south down Pennsylvania, the old Lawrence bus company Quonset Hut. These all tell the story of the industrial part of East Lawrence and that industrial district. They're restorable and repurposed for so many different uses. The other important architecturally is that they were invented in Brittan during World War 1. They came over to the US in 1941 and were adopted immediately by the military because they go up fast, they could be manufactured fast and they can be taken down and transported. After World War II, like all wars, new products are invented. They were sold off and they're everywhere around the nation. If you begin looking around everywhere you go for that curved

roof you'll see repurposed Quonset Huts all over Lawrence. In fact, one is out at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Haskell, the old roller rink as a repurposed Quonset hut. I don't mean to bore you, but I think they're important. Many of them are on the historic register across the US and I would just ask for your aid in helping to slow it down just a little. Two months ago we lost an 1880 storm house at 1225 Connecticut because a slumlord with many violations was allowed a pass on the 30 day delay. Several construction company people from East Lawrence looked at that house and said it could have stood a lot longer. I'm just hoping these people don't get a pass, at least let us chat with them.

Amyx asked if Dave would keep us up to date when the application comes and we'll see what we can do to help.

Dave Corliss, City Manager, stated we will.

**F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

David Corliss, City Manager, outlined potential future agenda items.

**G: COMMISSION ITEMS:**

Schumm stated because fiber is coming up next week. The question will be, "Shall we grant a loan or not to Wicked Broadband." I really don't like picking the winner and who the loser is going to be in this case. I really don't care who does it as long as it's open for competition and as long as everyone has a shot at it. I would ask you to think about changing it up a little bit and put in motion somewhat of a contest or competitive challenge that the first company that hooks up 500 new subscribers by December 31, 2015 or before, would receive a \$250,000 award from the City. I firmly believe we would want to see it sooner than later. We want to make a statement that we support this and in this way we could keep it truly in the competitive spirit of things and it made a statement that we're ready to involve ourselves in promoting entrepreneurship. It's something to think about because we're heading towards the single question of shall we grant a loan or not. Maybe there's another way to look at this and that would be my offering is that there's certainly a different way to look at that.

Amyx stated did you have an opportunity to visit with staff about where that money would come from.

Schumm stated we talked a little bit about it. There's no magic. There's no pot of gold sitting there with \$250,000 in it, but there's no pot of gold to back up a loan when it comes due if we're called upon that because we guaranteed it. It's just another option, another way to look at it. It certainly keeps it competitive. My way of thinking too is if you get 500 hookups then you're off and running and the rest is going to take place. You've got someone in there with enough strength and enough capacity that they're going to move forward with it to complete the whole job. That's a different option and I wanted to give people time to think about it before we have the hearing next Tuesday night.

Amyx stated Horizon 2020 is going to have a public gathering tomorrow evening from 6 to 8 pm at Lawrence High School.

**H: CALENDAR:**

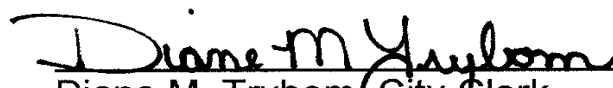
David Corliss, City Manager, reviewed calendar items

**I: CURRENT VACANCIES – BOARDS/COMMISSIONS:**

Existing and upcoming vacancies on City of Lawrence Boards and Commissions were listed on the agenda.

**Moved by Schumm, seconded by Farmer,** to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**MINUTES APPROVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION ON NOVEMBER 11, 2014.**

  
Diane M. Trybom (City Clerk)