

**Minutes of
City of Baldwin City
Special Meeting of the Governing Body
Tuesday, October 26, 2010 – 6:30 P.M.
City Hall Conference Room**

Call to Order

The governing body of the City of Baldwin City, Kansas, met for a special session at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room with Mayor Wagner presiding. In attendance were Council Members Robin Bayer, Ted Brecheisen, Tom Farmer, Bonnie Plumberg and Mike Magers. City employees present were Jeff Dingman, and Bill Winegar.

New Business

Mayor Wagner presented for consideration authorizing the City Administrator to coordinate with Douglas County to submit an application to the KDOT Corridor Management Project Funding program for a project at US56 Highway and E 1600 Road, recognizing the requirement to share in funding the local match requirement.

Mayor Wagner explained that he and Bill Winegar attended the Douglas County Commission meeting last week. He spoke to the commission about this project, and the commission voted unanimously to approve participation in the project to 60% of the local funding match requirement, provided that the other 40% of funding for the local match come from the Baldwin community.

Mayor Wagner informed the council that the USD 348 has been contacted about participating in the local match portion, as the increased traffic at that intersection is a result of the school district developing their property and adding school traffic. The USD is consulting its attorney regarding its ability to contribute funds to a road project in this manner. The superintendent has indicated support of participating in the project if allowable, and believes that there is at least some support on the Board of Education as well, although official Board action on the matter won't be considered until at least November 8, which is passed the application deadline.

Keith Browning, Director of Public Works for Douglas County, addressed the council about the merits of the corridor management study, one of them being KDOT funding for projects to implement the improvements recommended by the plan. KDOT will fund 100% of construction costs of plan-recommended improvements up to \$1 million, or 90% of the total project cost, whichever is less. The County obtained an estimate on costs of adding the third lane/turning lane to the intersection, which in April, 2009 was estimated at \$550,875 for construction. According to the County's analysis, prevention of 2 or more injury accidents at that intersection makes the cost-benefit of this project favorable.

Assuming KDOT approves our project application, the local governments would be responsible for an estimated \$100,000 in engineering & design costs, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and construction inspection. Construction costs are estimated to be within the \$1 million limit, so the state would pay construction costs. Construction would need to happen within the state fiscal years 2011 & 2012.

Councilmember Brecheisen moved to authorize the project, capping the city's contribution to 20% of the required local match, and requiring the school district to agree to 20%. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Bayer moved to authorize the City Administrator to coordinate with Douglas County to submit application for Corridor Management Project funding for improvements to the intersection of US56 and E1600 Road, recognizing a city obligation to provide 40% of the required

local matching funds. Councilmember Magers seconded. In the discussion that followed, it was agreed that the city should ask the school district to commit to participation in the city's portion of the local match, but some of the members believed that the chance to partner with the state and the county to improve the safety of the intersection for all of the Baldwin City community was an important opportunity and shouldn't be missed. Councilmember Brecheisen stated that he preferred not to spend city funds outside the city limits when there are other projects within the city that need funding. Councilmember Farmer expressed that he would like to know more about the school district's willingness to participate. The motion carried by a 3-2 vote, with Brecheisen and Farmer opposed.

Adjournment

Councilmember Bayer moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Magers seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Dingman, City Administrator