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**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**BASEHOR CITY COUNCIL**

**August 7, 2003**

**8:00 AM**

**Basehor City Hall**

**Official Presiding: Mayor Joseph Scherer**

**Members Present: Pres. Julian Espinoza, John Bonee, Iris Dysart, Bill Hooker,  
Keith Sifford**

**Staff Present: Mary Mogle, Baron Powell, John Thompson**

**Others Present: Kenny Wilkes, State Representative**

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Mayor Scherer announced the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the proposed 2004 Budget and meet with Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) regarding the entrance of Falcon Lakes Development onto K-7 Highway.

**2004 BUDGET**

City treasurer, Baron Powell, explained the proposed 2004 Budget fund by fund. He reassured the governing body that although the budget is set, and the public hearing is scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>, they would have flexibility regarding expenditures and fund line items. Line items may be changed at a later date as long as the bottom line stays the same. If the fund exceeds the submitted budget authority, the 2004 Budget must be amended prior to December 31, 2004.

Councilman Bonee stated he would like to see the capital improvements fund grow so that major road and sewer projects could be constructed. He noted the city needs to develop a long-term plan because that is what citizens want to see. They want to know how their tax dollars and being spent.

Mr. Powell stated although he agrees with Mr. Bonee, the City is required by law to spend down the general fund, "money in-money out". He explained the money left in the fund at the end of the year is carried over as a reserve. He must always start the next year with a reserve fund. The city treasurer explained the necessity of increasing the sewer rates in order to make the State Revolving Loan payments.

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Councilman Hooker stated he anticipated the budget would be less than projected. Mr. Powell stated it was his opinion the budget is right on target.

Councilman Bonee requested a separate worksession devoted to discussing future street projects and urged the governing body to concentrate on bringing existing streets up to standards. Mayor Scherer stated the City has only enough money to survive and not a surplus to do other projects. He stated taxes need to be raised in year 2005 to fix immediate problems and hopefully in ten years, taxes would decrease due to an increase in economic development.

At this time Mayor Scherer announced the Council would meet with representatives from Kansas Department of Transportation with discussions regarding the 2004 Budget resuming after this session.

### **KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Kansas Department of Transportation met with the City Council regarding the problems developer Rustom Ferzandi was experiencing with KDOT regarding the access road from Falcon Lakes development east to K-7 Highway.

Sally Howard, Chief Counsel for KDOT started the discussion by announcing the current administration was not involved in negotiations with Rustom Ferzandi, developer of Falcon Lakes LLC.; however, her goal was to find a solution to create a good access for Falcon Lakes residents; without compromising their safety. Ms. Howard reported KDOT has been in negotiates with Mr. Fazandi to upgrade a portion of Donohoo and Hollingsworth Road; however, the developer still wants the originally proposed access from his subdivision onto K-7 Highway.

The counselor reported KDOT has plans to make K-7 a Freeway and it was important to stay with that concept when approving development along the K-7 corridor. Mayor Scherer stated the City would be more willing to support the "Freeway" concept if they were guaranteed access every mile; however, it is apparent KDOT was going to cooperate since they have already eliminated the Falcon Lakes access.

KDOT engineer, Mic Halter, announced a recent traffic study performed on K-7 Highway showed traffic would double and create a potential safety hazard. KDOT was currently working on a long-range plan that would be fair to the affected cities and KDOT.

KDOT counselor, Tim Orrick reported Unified Government of Kansas City Kansas has developed a plan for the east side of K-7 Highway which KDOT would try to work with; however, KDOT cannot be concerned with just Falcon Lakes Subdivision

since they have the entire K-7 corridor to be concerned with, further more, the City of Basehor has "only" one mile of frontage.

Mayor Scherer at this pointed expressed his dissatisfaction with the comments made by Mr. Orrick regarding the fact that City of Basehor has only one mile of frontage to be concerned about. The City of Basehor has more potential than any other city with a possible frontage of four miles. The mayor stated he would like to see accesses every mile and questioned the proposed interchange at Donohoo Rd. Ms. Howard stated she was not comfortable talking about the interchange in open session. At this time, Mayor Scherer asked for an executive session.

A motion was made by J. Espinoza and seconded by J. Bonee to recess into an executive session for a period of up to one hour to discuss legal matters. All aye. Motion carried 5-0. (9:30 am)

At 10:40 am, Mayor Scherer reconvened announcing there was no formal action taken in the executive session.

Councilman Bonee stated he would be more comfortable receiving written documentation depicting what actions were to be taken by KDOT.

Mr. Halter stated KDOT would like to provide a written plan and have all entities sign off, that way there is one concept that is agreed upon. He noted the corridor plan is complete; however, design work has yet to be done.

State Representative, Kenny Wilkes, recapped the City of Basehor's "want list" (1) access to Hollingsworth and Donohoo Roads (2) written documentation of KDOT's long-range plan for the K-7 corridor (3) open communication between the two entities.

Ms. Howard thanked the governing body for meeting with them and hoped that this meeting would be the first of many.

A motion was made by B. Hooker and seconded by J. Bonee to recess for fifteen minutes. All aye. Motion carried 5-0.

At 10:47 am, Mayor Scherer called the 2004 Budget session back to order asking Council if they wished to proceed with scheduling a meeting with Governor Sebelius regarding the entrance to Falcon Lakes Subdivision. City attorney John Thompson stated, in his opinion, the City should continue to pursue access to K-7 Highway and recommended meeting with Governor Sebelius.

**Continuation of 2004 Budget Discussion . . .**

The city treasurer explained it was necessary to amend the 2003 Budget due to a misunderstanding between him and the auditor, Tom Singleton. Mr. Powell explained he did not realize some funds had to be budgeted until after the preliminary annual audit was performed and he was notified by Mr. Singleton.

Various funds, expenditures, revenues and transfers were explained by Mr. Powell. He explained although the General Fund must be drawn down at the end of every year, the Capital Improvement and Equipment Reserve funds can accrue money. Those two funds are ninety-nine percent funded by transfers from the General Fund with approximately 1% being derived from interest. Mr. Powell reported around \$240,000 has been budgeted for infrastructure in 2004 which is the most the City has ever been able to transfer. Mayor Scherer stated he was pleased knowing that ample funds were being set aside for future infrastructure and wanted to make it clear he did not feel that department supervisors had been greedy with their projects requests for 2004.

The mill levy for 2004 Budget would be 29.686, same as year 2003.

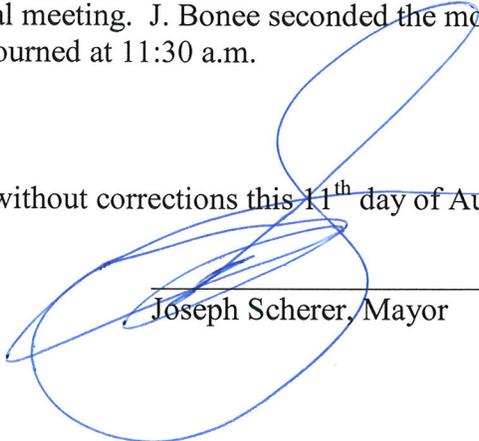
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, a motion was made by B. Hooker to adjourn the special meeting. J. Bonee seconded the motion. All aye. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted for Council approval without corrections this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.



  
Mary A. Mogle, CMC City Clerk

  
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Joseph Scherer, Mayor