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After USD 480 Board of Education members made a financial request at Liberal's City Commission meeting Tuesday evening, commissioners were left uncomfortable with the option of approving the proposed half-cent sales tax with a bond of 25 years. Thus, a motion to table this request for later discussion was approved 5-0.

Other items on the agenda included, Resolution No. 2177, a resolution authorizing the submittal of a 2013 USDA Section 523 USDA Mutual Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grant. It was approved 5-0.



Liberal Fire Chief Kelly Kirk sought approval to sell a used thermal imaging camera to the Turpin Fire Department.

According to Kirk, the Turpin Fire Department has had no thermal imaging cameras in their department, and since the fire department in Liberal already has thermal cameras handy at each station, the camera was not needed.

Since the camera was considered public property, it needed approval from the city to be sold. With a motion of 5-0, the thermal imaging camera is to be sold to the Turpin Fire Department for \$1.

Board appointment for the Convention and Visitors Bureau took place at the meeting as well.

CVB had two openings for members from the lodging industry. One was for the unexpired term of Jeff Granger who left the industry and the other was a full term vacated by Sam Bhakta who chose not to reapply.

The CVB Board recommended that Tyler Payne, general manager of the Holiday Inn Express, be appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of Jeff Granger.

Granger's term runs through November of 2014. For further recommendation, Vivek Bhakta, general manager of Hampton Inn and Suites, was appointed to a four-year term ending in October 2017.

These two appointments would bring the Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board back to the full seven members.

Motion for the approval of Vivek Bhakta and Tyler Payne passed with a vote of 5-0.

The 2013 LKM Annual conference will be in Overland Park on Oct. 12 and 13, and the City of Liberal is entitled to designate four voting delegates and four alternate voting delegates to represent the city in making decisions in the conduct and management of the affairs of the League at the business meeting.

The League of Kansas Municipalities Voting Delegates recommended for the Commission to appoint Mayor Dave Harrison, Vice Mayor Janet Willimon, Commissioner Dean Aragon, and Commissioner Joe Denoyer as voting delegates and Commissioner Ron Warren and City

Manager Mark Hall as alternates to this year's League annual conference.