

City Council Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2018

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were: Jesse Knight, Mark Berner, Jeff Blosser, Mark Brooks, Keith Wessel, and Sharon Haun. City Attorney Randy Heilman and City Administrator Nick Jones were also present. Others attending were: Kay Hutchinson, Robert Herbig, Larry Heyka, Mike Bacon, Kathy Miller, Roberto Trillo, Jo King, Tad Fuller, Lindsey Boyer, Larry Berner, Road & Parks Superintendent Jeff Barbo, Building Inspector Larry Siegrist, Deputy Building Inspector James Masters, Marcus Hernandez, and Megan Glotzbach.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

Lindsey Boyer, representing the Washunga Days Committee, thanked the City for their help during Washunga Days. The Council thanked the Washunga Days Committee for all of their hard work.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Jesse Knight seconded the motion. The consent agenda consisted of:

- June 5, 2018 Minutes.
- June 5, 2018 to Current Appropriations.
- Transfer: K-23 from Diana Autry to Carolyn B. Conley, Emporia, KS.

The Council voted 5-0 in favor with Councilperson Mark Brooks abstaining. Motion carried. 6-0

OLD BUSINESS

- **1014 Guston Street Update**

Deputy Building Inspector James Masters noted the 15 day extension is expired; some work has been done; new items have been brought onto the property; a new structure is being built without a permit. Mike Bacon, the owner's son, noted a few loads have been taken out and that they are still working on it. Two neighbors expressed their concern regarding when work was started, the number of extensions already granted, and the items added onto the property. Mr. Bacon requested two more weeks and he will make sure the cleanup is progressing. After discussion Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to have the City Attorney draft a Show Cause Hearing Resolution for 1014 Guston Street. Councilperson Jeff Blosser seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

- **Rocking KM Vet Services**

City Administrator Nick Jones reminded the Council members what the options are for the new veterinarian. Both options are for a one year contract. After discussion Councilperson Jesse Knight made a motion to accept option 2 and request the contract include a clause stating that either party can cancel with 30 day notice. Councilperson Jeff Blosser seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Economic Development Recommendations**

Councilperson Jesse Knight noted the Economic Development Committee would like to implement a 50/50 match grant program. Grants have been received from Minnesota Housing, \$10,000.00, and the City of Council Grove, \$10,000.00, with more applications out for other grants. Councilperson Knight noted if the amount of monies collected stays the same then the max match will be \$2,000.00. Councilperson Knight noted the grant application still needs to be reviewed by the City Attorney.

- **Road Committee Recommendations**

The County Chip-n-Seals one mile of City streets every year. Councilperson Jeff Blosser noted the Road Committee recommends section around the Elementary School for a double Chip-n-Seal on the following areas: 5 blocks of Spencer St. (from Main St. to Valley St.,) 1 block of Robinson St., 1 block of Preston St., and 1 block of Stevens St. Leftover material will be used on 8th Street from Main St. to the Mobile Home Park. The City is only responsible for the material at a cost of \$18,000.00. After discussion Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to accept the recommendation at a cost of \$18,000.00. Payment from Infrastructure. Councilperson Jesse Knight seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor with Councilperson Jeff Blosser abstaining. Motion carried. 6-0

Councilperson Jeff Blosser noted there will be a meeting soon with KDOT. They will be walking the requested area for the KLINK program and determine the scope of the project.


- **Executive Sessions – Attorney Client Privilege – Discussing the Stella and City Lake**
Councilperson Jesse Knight made a motion to go into a 15 min. Executive Session – Attorney Client Privilege – to discuss the City Lake. Those to attend are the Full Council present, Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger, and City Attorney Randy Heilman. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.
Upon return Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger noted the City would like to have a meeting soon with the Lake Association to discuss extending water and sewer services to the City Lake.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS


- Councilperson Jesse Knight noted there will be a Washunga Days wrap up meeting soon and thanked the City crews for everything they did.
Councilperson Knight noted the City is currently working on the 4th of July Celebration.
- Councilperson Mark Berner inquired on the progress of the Elm Creek repair. Councilperson Jeff Blosser noted he needs to complete the scope of work to send out for bids.
Councilperson Berner thanked everyone who worked on and during Washunga Days.
- Councilperson Jeff Blosser noted he heard good things about the Washunga Days Weekend. Councilperson Blosser requested the Recreation Committee meet with the Road & Parks Superintendent Jeff Barbo at Ben I Smith Field to discuss the press box stairs. After discussion they decide to meet Wednesday June 20, 2018 at 4:00 P.M.
- Councilperson Mark Brooks thanked the City for their assistance with the Archaeological Dig.
- Councilperson Keith Wessel inquired on the progress for getting a commons area cleaned up at the City Lake. City Attorney Randy Heilman noted there is no progress.
- Councilperson Sharon Haun thanked the City crews for all there help during Washunga Days. Councilperson Haun noted there will be a Riverwalk Committee meeting soon to discuss grants.
- City Attorney Randy Heilman noted he worked the Washunga Days gate and felt he saw more out of town people then in the past.
- City Administrator Nick Jones thought Washunga Days went well.
- Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger felt it was a good weekend and was great to see lots of younger people.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Jesse Knight seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.


Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:


Nick Jones City Administrator

