

City Council Meeting Minutes
August 21, 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: Shandi Andres, Angie Schwerdtfeger, Aron Dody, Kay Hutchinson, Diane Wolfe, Building Inspector Larry Siegrist, Marcus Hernandez, and Megan Glotzbach.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD I

Aron Dody, representing USD 417, inquired what regulations were in place regarding shooting off fireworks (salute) upon touchdowns at home football games. Building Inspector Larry Siegrist noted the current Ordinance only allows fireworks to be shot off during certain days and a variance would be needed to allow fireworks during home games. After discussion Councilperson Jesse Knight made a motion to allow fireworks salutes during the home football games. Councilperson Mark Berner seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Shandi Andres, representing the Core Coalition, requested permission to use the Riverwalk for a storywalk on September 16, 2018 from 4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. and to place books along the Riverwalk (sections of books will be on Yard Signs to be read as someone moves along the Riverwalk.) After discussion Councilperson Jeff Blosser made a motion to allow the Core Coalition to use the Riverwalk on September 16, 2018 and place books along the Riverwalk as requested. Councilperson Keith Wessel seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Angie Schwerdtfeger, representing the Pride Committee, requested to work with the City for Fall Clean-up. Household items (not including tires, oil, rocks, paint, appliances, bricks, or rugs) clean-up dates will be September 17th – September 21st. Leaves and brush clean-up dates will be October 22nd – October 26th. Councilperson Mark Brooks noted the new Street Sweeper has the capability to vacuum up leaves. Councilperson Jeff Blosser suggested informing the County about the clean-up dates. After discussion Councilperson Jesse Knight made a motion to work with the Pride Committee on the Fall Clean-Up. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- July 31, 2018 Special Minutes.
- August 4, 2018 Minutes.
- August 4, 2018 to Current Appropriations.
 - Transfer: R-07 from Andrew & Sara Foster to Douglas Bradley Trust, Salina, KS.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- **Part-Time Employee Raises**

City Administrator Nick Jones reviewed the part-time employee raises as presented in the Packet. Councilperson Jesse Knight inquired about the Fire Run Pays. Payroll Clerk Megan Glotzbach noted a 2% increase for the Major Runs, Minor Runs, No Hose Pulled Runs, and Drills/Meetings would be \$0.43, \$0.82, \$0.39, and \$0.30 respectively for each run. After discussion Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to approve a 2% pay increase for all Part-Time Employees, Monthly Contractual Employees, and Fire Runs. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor with Councilperson Jeff Blosser abstaining. Motion carried. 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

- **Chamber – Candle Light Charm Request**

Diane Wolfe, Director of the Chamber of Commerce, noted Candle Light Charm will be on November 2, 2018. Diane Wolfe requested to have Not-For-Profit vendors sell consumables on the street and plug into the street lights. After discussion Councilperson Jeff Blosser made a motion to approve Not-For-Profit vendors set up along the street and use the

electricity from the Street Lights. Councilperson Keith Wessel seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

- **Water Conservation: Utilities Superintendent Derrick Craige**

Tabled until next Council meeting.

- **Fence Bids**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger noted there was one bid from Barrett Custom Fencing. The bid information follows.

- 4 ball fields – to remove existing fence fabric, rebuild two outfield frameworks, build two new 10 foot sides on two fields, and all new black fence fabric on four fields
 - Total Cost \$76,070.95.
- Remove existing fence fabric on Main St. Bridge and Elm Creek Bridge, and install new black fence fabric on two bridges.
 - Total Cost \$5,579.61
- Construct new 10ft black chain link fence with two walk gates and one 10x10 equipment gate at old Washington School Basketball Court.
 - Total Cost \$9,637.36

Councilperson Mark Brooks suggested applying for local grants. It was noted the Riverwalk Committee may want to discuss the Main Street Bridge, the Washington Court fencing may want to wait until the concrete is complete, and the Ben I Smith lighting will need to be replaced prior to moving the fencing back. After discussion Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to accept the bid for the ball field fencing but not moving the Ben I Smith Field fence back, up to \$76,000.00. Payment will come out of Infrastructure and the City will apply for grants to offset the cost. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-1 in favor with Councilperson Keith Wessel opposed. Motion carried. Councilperson Jesse Knight made a motion to reject the other bids until further discussion on the bridges and concrete is installed on the Basketball Court. Councilperson Keith Wessel seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

- **Recreation Building Batting Cages**

Councilperson Jeff Blosser noted the batting cages at the Recreation Building are no longer able to be used and a request has been made to use them for practice. Councilperson Blosser notes the Recreation Committee request approval to look for grants to replace and install two batting cages. Councilperson Jesse Knight suggested requesting assistance from the School. After discussion Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to approve the request to search for grants. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor with Councilperson Jeff Blosser abstaining. Motion carried. 6-0

- **Ball Field Complex Lights**

Councilperson Jeff Blosser noted an electrician will be looking at the Ball Field Complex Lights and give a recommendation for upgrading the lighting system.

- **Request to Submit TA Application**

Councilperson Jeff Blosser reviewed areas that could qualify for a TA Grant. Councilperson Blosser noted the City will have a better chance of getting yearly funding if they submit a phase 1 than a phase 2 and so on for the next few years. A TA Grant is from the Kansas Department of Transportation and it will be an 80/20 split. After discussion Councilperson Mark Brooks made a motion to apply for a phase 2 TA Grant for the NE Riverwalk Expansion and a phase 1 for multiple sidewalk options that qualify for the Grant. Councilperson Keith Wessel seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

- **Economic Development Committee Recommendation**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger appointed Kevin Leeper for an additional At Large Member of the Economic Development Committee. Councilperson Keith Wessel confirmed the appointment. Councilperson Jesse Knight seconded the confirmation and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

Councilperson Jesse Knight noted the Economic Development Committee recommends the Council do something about the Stella and not let it fall down.


- **Recommendation for Travis Richardson – Passed Wastewater Treatment Exam**
City Administrator Nick Jones reviewed the pay increase for Travis Richardson. Currently a Water Operator 2 w/BF @ \$14.61/hour. New position would be Water Operator 2 w/ WW1 & BF @ \$15.12/hour. Councilperson Jeff Blosser made a motion to approve the wage increase. Councilperson Keith Wessel seconded the motion and the Council voted 5-0 in favor with Councilperson Mark Brooks abstaining. Motion carried.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- Councilperson Jesse Knight reminded the Council about having a Work-Study on August 29, 2018.
- Councilperson Mark Berner - Nothing
- Councilperson Jeff Blosser noted there will be a Riverwalk and Street Committee group meeting tomorrow at 3:00 P.M. to discuss the sidewalks at the Riverwalk.
Councilperson Blosser noted there are bids out the Elm Creek and the Washington St. Court.
- Councilperson Mark Brooks noted he has been approached regarding UTV's and Golf Carts being on the Highways and request the Police Department keep an eye out.
- Councilperson Keith Wessel suggested getting information regarding water rights from the State.
- Councilperson Sharon Haun noted the Flint Hills Regional Council is putting together a survey to find out what they can do for Cities and Counties.
- City Attorney Randy Heilman - Nothing
- City Administrator Nick Jones - Nothing
- Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger requested to have a Work Study on August 29, 2018 discussion Projects. Councilperson Keith Wessel made a motion to have a Work Study at City Hall on August 29, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion and the Council voted 6-0 in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST:


Nick Jones City Administrator

