

City Council Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2024

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwertfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Jason Booker, Mark Berner, Denise Hartman, Nathan Adams, and Sharon Haun also present were the City Administrator Nick Jones and City Attorney Molly Priest, Others attending were Jan Sciacca, Angie Schwertfeger, Pat Riordon, Karen Exon, Brett Waggoner, Fred Bammes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC HEARING: COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT APPLICATION – KATY DEPOT

1. Motion authorizing Mayor Schwertfeger to execute the Statement of Assurances and Certifications
2. Motion to adopt Resolution #101524-01. Certifying Legal Authority to Apply for the 2024 Kansas Small Cities CDBG Program from the KS Dept. of Commerce.
3. Motion to adopt Resolution #101524-02 assuring the KS Dept. of Commerce that funds will continuously be provided for the operation and maintenance of the improvements to be financed with CDBG funds.
4. Motion authorizing the Mayor Schwertfeger to execute the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.
5. Motion authorizing Mayor Schwertfeger to execute the Environmental Determination of Level of Review.
6. Motion authorizing Mayor Schwertfeger to execute the HUD Applicant/Recipient Disclosure Report.
7. Motion authorizing Mayor Schwertfeger to execute a letter of commitment of matching funds. Resolution #101524-03
8. Motion authorizing the Mayor Schwertfeger to execute the contract (contingent on grant award) with Western Consultants dba GAS for CDBG grant administration.
9. Opinion of Probable Cost/Floor Plan

Mayor Debi Schwertfeger read through all 8 of the application requirements and asked if anyone had any comments and with no comments from the public and no additional comments from the Council. Mayor Schwertfeger asked for a motion to allow her to sign all of the documents to apply for the CDBG grant. A motion was made by Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to allow Mayor Schwertfeger to sign the documents for the CDBG grant. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion carried 4 – 0 with 1 assentation Councilperson Hartman.

Administrator Nick Jones also informed the Council that the Young Foundation committed \$50,000 toward the match over a 3-year period.

Mayor Schwertfeger closed the hearing and proceeded to the Public Comment period.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

N/A

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Nathan Adams seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5 – 0 The consent agenda consisted of:

- October 1, 2024, Minutes
- October 1, 2024, to Current Appropriations.
- Cabin Transfers: D-1, E13-A
- Corporate Application for License to Sell Cereal Malt Beverages: Short Stop

OLD BUSINESS

• **Safe Routes to School: Update**

City Administrator Nick Jones told the Council that Bettis Construction has completed the portion of the 10ft sidewalk along the Flint Hills Trail State Park across from the High School. Starting this week, Bettis Construction will pour concrete from South and North Chautauqua to Hays Street.

• **Street Scape – KDOT TA Grant: Update**

City Administrator Nick Jones informed the Council that it was selected as 1 of the 31 grant recipients of the TA Grant funding in the amount of \$1,880,000 for the downtown streetscape project. Administrator Jones said there is no match with the TA grant as the project was awarded a match grant from the Highway Safety Improvement fund, which categorizes downtown as a Priority 1 corridor.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Council Grove Public Library Trustee Board Recommendation: Appointment of Matthew Gordan:**

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger read the recommendation from the Council Grove Public Library Trustee Board to appoint Matthew Gordan as a Trustee nominee for the board, If appointed, he will fill Cris Wilson's spot on the Board. Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to approve the appointment. Councilperson Sharon Haun made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Council Grove Public Library Board. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman. Motion carried 5 – 0

- **Police/Fire Committee Recommendation: Fire Department Grant: Steve Crichton:**

City Administrator Nick Jones read the recommendation from the Police and Fire Committee which recommends the Council approve the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe with 35,602 miles with the equipment listed below for \$39,000 to \$42,000 plus any selected optional equipment from the City of Cheney. Administrator Jones said the final purchase price is \$45,000 with the Stalker radar unit. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Police and Fire Committee to purchase the 2021 Chevy Tahoe from Cheney Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion carried 5 – 0

Lighting package (slick top)

¼ prisoner transport cage

Console with lighting switch package

Whelan siren

Door post spotlight

Stalker DSR 2X radar unit (optional) – New August of 2023 at a cost of \$3,624

Storage box (rear area) (optional-may be removed for new patrol unit)

(asking price-\$39,000-\$42,000) TBD by Cheney City Council

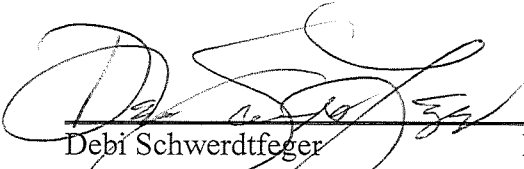
- **Executive Session – Attorney Client Privilege with Pat Riordan for City Lake**

Councilperson Denise Hartman made a motion to go into Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege with Pat Riordan regarding the City Lake to include the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator and City Attorneys for 20 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Upon return from Executive session Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to authorize the city administrator to present the settlement offer prepared by Pat Riordan to the leaseholders at the Council Grove City Lake, and to authorize Pat Riordan to prepare litigation to be filed against any leaseholder who does not wish to accept the city's settlement agreement in the agreed time. The motion was then read again by Mayor Schwerdtfeger. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sharon Haun. Motion carried 4 – 0 with 1 Assentation Councilperson Hartman.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – second everyone about Sethfest and SRTS. Excited about the streetscape grant to make the downtown safer and more accessible.
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – Seconded what Sharon. Thank you to the Sethfest committee.
- **Councilperson Denise Hartman** – Said Sethfest was exciting, good weather.
- **Councilperson Sean Honer** – Absent
- **Councilperson Nathan Adams** – Thanked everyone involved in Sethfest.
- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – Sethfest was a great event. Excited about the SRTS and the new grant with no match for Street Scape.
- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – said Sethfest was exciting, SRTS is good. Reminder folks not drive on the new sidewalk.
- **City Attorney Brian Henderson** – recommended Council attend League of Municipalities Conferences in the future.
- **Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – said the Washunga Days committee has asked the city to get bids to add more fence are the riverwalk for events.
- Mayor Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Denise Hartman made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Nathan Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0


Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST: 
Nick Jones City Administrator

