

City Council Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2024

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger called the regular City Council Meeting to order. Council members present were Jason Booker, Mark Berner, Denise Hartman, Sean Honer, Nathan Adams, and Sharon Haun also present were the City Administrator Nick Jones and City Attorney Brian Henderson and Molly Priest, Others attending were Jan Sciacca, Josh Sciacca, Ryan McDonald, Angie Schwerdtfeger, Zoey Bond, Brian Foster, Renee Berner, Taylor Adams, Marty Wright

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Callahan McIver

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ashley Spaulding with the Elementary School PTO requested the use of the city property behind the Fire Station for Culpepper and Meriweather Circus as a fundraiser for the PTO. The circus would take place on September 11, 2024, with setup taking place on September 10th. The council agreed to allow the PTO to use the land and work with City Administrator Nick Jones on the details since the item was not on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilperson Mark Berner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented in the packet. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion. Motion Carried 6 – 0 The consent agenda consisted of:

- April 2, 2024, Minutes
- April 2, 2024, to Current Appropriations.

OLD BUSINESS

• **Brian Foster – Water/Sewer Funding:**

Brian Foster with BG Consultants spoke to the Council regarding the funding options for the proposed water and sewer replacement. Mr. Foster said KDHE funding request are at an all-time high for water and sewer projects. Projects will be ranked and not all of them will be funded this year. Foster said that KDHE anticipates a funding “cliff” in 2027 if additional funding is not provided to the program from EPA/Federal Government. Foster said Pre-Applications are due May 15, 2024. To maximize the KDHE loan forgiveness the project cost would need to be \$3.33M to receive a maximum of \$1M in forgiveness. Foster said the sewer project phases 1 & 2 opinion of project cost is \$3 million and is not eligible for loan forgiveness. Foster said next steps would be to submit a pre-application and for the funding and decide if the Council wanted the pre-application to include the whole scope of work for water and sewer. Foster said the city can choose to pay for the water and sewer design fees and be reimbursed from the KDHE and USDA funds if they choose to do so. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to move forward with submitting the pre-application for the water and sewer projects to KDHE. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Mark Berner. Motion carried 6 – 0

• **City Hall Deck Replacement: Quote Adams HomeStore**

Taylor Adams with Adams HomeStore was present to answer questions regarding a quote to replace the deck at City Hall. Adams HomeStore quoted the cost of \$9,800 to replace the deck with the following with the city do the demolition of the deck beforehand.

The following is a proposal to re-build, in the same layout/size, the existing 2nd floor deck off the CG City Hall building:

- demolition of existing deck and stairs and debris removal provided by others
- install new decorative black finish 4x4 post bases onto existing concrete stem walls
- all wood to be pressure treated: 4x4 structural posts, 2x10 joists, and 2x12 stock for stair stringer materials
- use butyl flashing tape otop of joists (beneath decking boards) for additional wood protection and longevity of deck system
- Westbury "Tuscany" series powder coated aluminum railing posts and handrail system, color: bronze
- 1x6 grooved composite decking by Trex, "ENHANCE" series in the color: "Beach Dune", hidden fastener clips used
- matching composite 11-1/4" fascia and stair riser trim to be used

After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the quote from Adams HomeStore to replace the deck at City Hall in the amount of \$9,800 with funds coming from infrastructure. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman. Motion carried 6 – 0

- **Update: Mill N Overlay – 4th Street to East City Limits**
City Administrator Nick Jones said the Shilling Construction has started the Mill N Overlay from 4th street to the east city limits and plans to have the project completed by May 1st. Administrator Jones said that there have been no traffic control issues.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Special/Community Events Application: Washunga Days**
Executive Director Zoey Bond with the Council Grove Area Trade & Tourism Association and Renee Berner chair of the Washunga Days Committee were present to answer questions about the events application submitted for Washunga Days to use the Riverwalk Park & Amphitheater. The event will take place starting on June 20th with the free community night from 5pm – 8pm and then on June 21st from 4pm – 12am and June 22nd from 9am to 12am. Cleaning will be performed each night following the event with a final clean up on Sunday. After discussion Councilperson Denise Hartman made a motion to approve the application request. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer. Motion carried 6 – 0

- **Sales Tax Grant Committee Recommendations:**
City Administrator Nick Jones read the recommendation from the Sales Tax Grant Committee to approve the requests of the following Sales Tax Grant Applications.

- Friends of Kaw Heritage, Inc: \$2,000
- Friends of Kaw Heritage, Inc: \$600
- Community Arts Council: \$5,000
- Council Grove Area Trade & Tourism Association: \$25,000
- Washunga Days: \$20,000
- Morris County Historical Society: \$4,500

After discussion Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to approve the recommendations from the Sales Tax Grant Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Denise Hartman. Motion carried 5 – 0 with 1 assentation from Councilperson Jason Booker.

- **Mill N Overlay: Shilling Construction: Wood Street/Mission Street**
City Administrator Nick Jones presented the quote for overlay on Wood Street and Mill N Overlay on Mission Street. Administrator Nick Jones recommended the Council Overlay Wood Street for \$17,500 as the additional cost from \$14,650 because the quote did not go curb to curb and hold off on Mill N Overlay on Mission Street for \$123,925 sense the city is paying the 20% matching cost for Safe Routes to School. After discussion Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to approve the overlay of Wood Street at a cost of \$17,500. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Sean Honer. Motion carried 4 – 2 with Councilpersons Hartmand and Haun not voting in favor.

101 WOOD STREET OVERLAY	110 TONS	\$ 115.00	\$ 12,650.00
102 ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC CONTROL WOOD	1 LS	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL WOOD STREET			\$ 14,650.00
103 MISSION STREET 2" OVERLAY	825 TONS	\$ 115.00	\$ 94,875.00
104 MISSION STREET 2" MILLING	7500 SY	\$ 2.90	\$ 21,750.00
105 ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC CONTROL MISSION	1 LS	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,300.00
TOTAL MISSION STREET			\$ 123,925.00

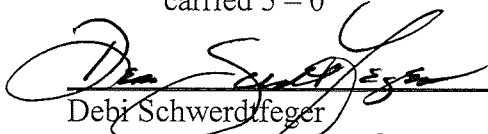
- **Executive Session Attorney Client Privilege – City Lake – Pat Riordan**
Councilperson Sean Honer made a motion to go in to Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege with Attorney Pat Riordan for 20 minutes to include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, and City Attorney’s. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Jason Booker. Motion carried 6 – 0. No action was taken.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

- **Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger** – N/A
- **Councilperson Mark Berner** – asked if the City Council work like to call a special work meeting to discuss real cost to taxpayers regarding the water and sewer projects.
- **Councilperson Denise Hartman** – Absent
- **Councilperson Sean Honer** – N/A
- **Councilperson Nathan Adams** – N/A

- **Councilperson Sharon Haun** – N/A
- **Councilperson Jason Booker** – said he received some concerns regarding some springs and if anything could be done with them. Administrator Jones said he would talk to Street and Parks Superintendent Jeff Barbo to see what we could possibly do.
- **City Attorney Brian Henderson** – N/A
- **Assistant City Attorney Molly Priest** – N/A
- **City Administrator Nick Jones** – said he will meet with Architect Ben Moore on Friday to take pictures of the inside of the Depot for the grant application in September. Jones also said that has been in talks with the Trade and Tourism Association about renting the Depot. Jones also said having a designated use for the building helps when applying for grants as most grants want to know what the use of the facility will be. The city should know in mid-May if it will receive grant funds from T-Mobile. Jones also brought up possibly getting a census done to qualify for CDBG grants that require low to moderate income be at 51% or higher to qualify. Jones said that Council Grove is currently around 46%, which makes them not eligible. Jones said he spoke with Stars and Stripes Fireworks Jason Zeigler about moving the 4th of July Fireworks show to Saturday June 29th to allow for more people to attend and not be in competition with the Wilsey and White City's shows.

Mayor Debi Schwerdtfeger asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Jason Booker made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Sharon Haun seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0


 Debi Schwerdtfeger Mayor

ATTEST: 
 Nick Jones City Administrator

